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PRESIDENTIAL TASK FORCE

FOR

JACKSON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

March 15, 1971



EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT  
AND  
RECOMMENDATIONS

PRESENTED TO  
  
PRESIDENTIAL TASK FORCE  
  
FOR  
  
JACKSON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI  
  
March 18, 1971



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EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Mr. Thron Riggs, Chairman

Mr. Perry Gautier, Member

Mr. George Howell, Member

Mr. Louis Fondren, Member

Mr. Clarence Wilkinson, Member



The primary purpose of the Education Committee of the Presidential Task Force for Jackson County, Mississippi has been to compile relevant data pertinent to the current and to the future (1971-1973) educational needs of Jackson County, Mississippi.

Located in Jackson County, Mississippi are the following four school districts:

Jackson County School District

Moss Point Municipal Separate School District

Ocean Springs Municipal Separate School District

Pascagoula Municipal Separate School District

The Education Committee has made a study of the educational programs and facilities of the four districts and has determined that there does exist an acute shortage of operational funds, as well as a shortage of facilities to house students in this impacted area. It is the view of this Committee that immediate action should be taken to increase the funding for operations and facilities in order that the school districts may meet minimum standards with the various accrediting commissions. The data in this report forms the basis for a specific plan of action by local, state, and federal government agencies, cooperatively working together to provide quality education for all children of the county, regardless of race, creed, or national origin.

Recent studies support the fact that the school districts of this county have had an annual increase in enrollment of 1,002





students per year for the past ten years. (See Table I)

It is the view of this Committee that this trend will not only continue, but will accelerate due to the extensive industrialization in Jackson County. The growth covering the 1971-1973 period would show an annual growth of 1,330. (See Table II)

The Education Committee Report that was presented to Honorable Robert Brown on January 18, 1971 indicated that there were thirty-four (34) rooms currently being occupied in the Jackson County School District, twenty-one (21) rooms currently being occupied in the Moss Point Municipal Separate School District, fifteen (15) rooms currently being occupied in the Ocean Springs Municipal Separate School District, and fourteen (14) rooms currently being occupied in the Pascagoula Municipal Separate School District which are substandard. Substandard construction includes those rooms provided in trailers, use of temporary facilities such as locker rooms and dressing rooms and work areas. In the same report, under the classification of "Unhoused Students," the Jackson County School District showed 500 students unhoused and Ocean Springs Municipal Separate School District showed 90 students unhoused in their respective districts. This means that in addition to substandard construction facilities being used, the class loads exceeded the number which is acceptable. (Overcrowding here means that the teacher load exceeded 30 and 35 students.)

Due to amendments in Public Law 874 and 815, the schools of the area have been adversely affected.



The Education Committee's recommendations to the Presidential Task Force for Jackson County, Mississippi are as follows:

1. That funds be requested to replace the 84 substandard rooms. It is felt by the Committee that it will cost \$20,000 per room, or a total of \$1,680,000.

2. The Committee recommends that applications for funds to construct permanent facilities, inclusive of land, equipment, and other services, to house 3,990 students at a cost of \$1,814.85 per student, which would equal \$7,241,251.50 covering the three year period. (See Table III)

3. The Committee is knowledgeable of the problem of adequately funding the school district for operational purposes. A report prepared by the Mississippi Economic Council on public education in Mississippi, entitled "Financial Support of Local Districts for the Session 1968-1969," which is the latest report available to the Committee, reveals that the four school districts of Jackson County rank in the upper third of the 149 school districts of the state in providing local financial support of education. The rank of these school districts is as follows:

| School District                  | State Rank in Local Support |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Pascagoula Municipal Separate    | 2nd                         |
| Ocean Springs Municipal Separate | 30th                        |
| Moss Point Municipal Separate    | 36th                        |
| Jackson County                   | 54th                        |



This indicates to the Committee that the local citizenry contributes a higher per cent support in behalf of education compared with other areas in the state.

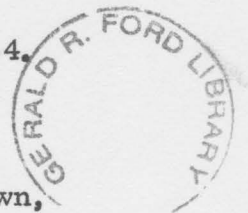
The Committee feels that additional revenue is needed and should be provided to assist the local school districts in meeting the challenge faced by the increase in student population. The operational support required by the school districts, other than local and state, are as follows:

|                                                  |                     |
|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Pascagoula Municipal Separate School District    | \$49.43 per student |
| Jackson County School District                   | \$69.15 per student |
| Ocean Springs Municipal Separate School District | \$69.88 per student |
| Moss Point Municipal Separate School District    | \$86.81 per student |

The basis for these figures is shown in Table IV attached hereto.

The above support is based on an ADA per pupil expenditure of \$500. The total expenditure per pupil statewide for 1969-1970 was \$459.80; the average for municipal separate school districts for that period was \$472.95, and the average for county units was \$448.64. For this reason, we feel that \$500 is a reasonable amount.

Based on the report submitted to Honorable Robert Brown, Item I showed the enrollment by year for the past ten years, which reflected 330 students average increase per year for the Jackson County District; 203 students average increase per year for the Moss Point Municipal Separate School District during the same period; 181 students average increase per year for the Ocean Springs





District during the same period, and 288 students average increase per year for the Pascagoula Municipal Separate School District during the same period, or a total of 1,002 students average increase per year for the four school districts of Jackson County.

Using this as a base, of the 1,330 annual increase in students, 439 would be enrolling in the Jackson County School District; 267 would be enrolling in the Moss Point Municipal Separate School District; 240 would be enrolling in the Ocean Springs Municipal Separate School District, and 384 would be enrolling in the Pascagoula Municipal Separate School District. (See Table V for projected enrollment by years, 1971-1973)

Funds for operation requested from federal sources for schools of Jackson County are as follows:

|                                                  |                |
|--------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Jackson County School District                   | \$1,314,610.65 |
| Moss Point Municipal Separate School District    | \$1,960,777.47 |
| Ocean Springs Municipal Separate School District | \$ 841,704.60  |
| Pascagoula Municipal Separate School District    | \$1,240,742.43 |
| (See Table VI for details)                       |                |

We respectfully submit this report and unless we are informed to the contrary, we shall consider our commission fulfilled.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE



TABLE I

ENROLLMENT - GRADES 1 THROUGH 12  
FOUR SCHOOL DISTRICTS OF JACKSON COUNTY

| Years                                                                                                                 | Jackson Co. | Ocean Springs | Moss Point | Pascagoula |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|---------------|------------|------------|
| 1970-71                                                                                                               | 5459        | 3535          | 6995       | 7599       |
| 1960-61                                                                                                               | - 2160      | - 1720        | - 4963     | - 4715     |
| Difference                                                                                                            | 3299        | 1815          | 2032       | 2884       |
| Divide the<br>above dif-<br>ferences by<br>10 would<br>show <sup>average</sup> increase<br>covering this<br>period as |             |               |            |            |
|                                                                                                                       | 330         | 181           | 203        | 288        |

TABLE II

PROJECTED GROWTH - STUDENT ENROLLMENT  
PER YEAR - 1971-1973

|                                                                                                            |          |       |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-------|
| 1. 1.3 of growth - 1960-1970                                                                               | 3 / 1002 | = 334 |
| 2. Estimated growth due to increase in<br>Housing Committee projection -<br>Report submitted March 4, 1971 |          | 953   |
| 3. Navy - 43 per year                                                                                      |          | 43    |
| Total .....                                                                                                |          | 1,330 |

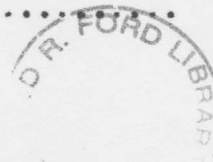


TABLE III

Based on construction costs on four attendance centers constructed in the Pascagoula Municipal Separate School District, as follows:

| Name of School          | Capacity @ 25<br>Students per<br>Room | Amount of Contract | Architects'<br>Cost | Equipment<br>Cost | Cost of Land<br>at<br>\$3,000 per acre |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Arlington Heights Elem. | 450                                   | \$514,993.00       | \$30,822.00         | \$ 76,000.00      | \$30,000.00                            |
| Cherokee Elem.          | 400                                   | \$509,180.00       | \$22,817.00         | \$ 70,000.00      | \$45,000.00                            |
| College Park Elem.      | 300                                   | \$487,565.00       | \$21,906.00         | \$ 70,000.00      | \$45,000.00                            |
| Gautier Jr. High Sch.   | 800                                   | \$836,324.92       | \$38,525.17         | \$106,000.00      | \$45,000.00                            |
| Totals                  | 1,950                                 | \$2,348,062.92     | \$114,070.17        | \$322,000.00      | \$165,000.00                           |

|                          |                        |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Contract Amounts         | \$2,348,062.92         |
| Architects' Costs        | 114,070.17             |
| Equipment Costs          | 322,000.00             |
| Cost of Land             | 165,000.00             |
| Todays Cost              | \$2,949,133.09 X 20% = |
| for                      | + 589,826.62           |
| 1,950 Students - - - - - | \$3,538,959.71         |

$1,950 / \$3,538,959.71 / \$1,814.85 = \text{Cost per student}$

$\$1,814.85 \times 3,990 \text{ students} = \$7,241,251.50$



TABLE IV

**OPERATIONAL SUPPORT REQUIRED PER STUDENT PER YEAR  
BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS OF JACKSON COUNTY, OTHER  
THAN LOCAL AND STATE SUPPORT**

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Pascagoula Municipal Separate School District

Based on first four months - 1970-71:

Membership - End of Fourth Month ..... 7630  
ADA for Four Month Period ..... 7249.19

(Average)

1st - 7352.10  
2nd - 7267.45  
3rd - 7204.35  
4th - 7172.85

$$28996.75 \div 4 = 7249.18$$

% ADA of Member = 95%

Allotment of Teachers 1970-71 based on first two  
months ADA =

|                                 |            |
|---------------------------------|------------|
|                                 | 271.00     |
| + 4 Vocational Teachers         | 4.00       |
| + 25 Special Education Teachers | <u>2.5</u> |
|                                 | 277.5      |

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Proposed 1971-72 Budget Based on Enrollment (Membership) of 8100

Membership ..... 8100  
ADA = 95% of Membership ..... 7695

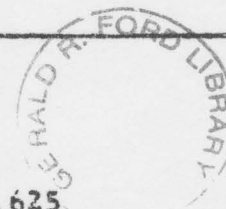
Allotment of Teachers - 1971-72 based on membership above . 285.00

|                                  |            |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| + 4 Vocational Teachers          | 4.00       |
| + 2.5 Special Education Teachers | <u>2.5</u> |
|                                  | 291.5      |

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1970-71 Allotment based on 277.5 Teacher Units:

|                                           |               |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------|
| 1. County Administration                  |               |
| 2. Local Administration - 277.5 x \$150 = | \$ 41,625     |
| 3. Teacher Salaries - INS-4 (2-1-71) =    | 1,477,738     |
| 4. Transportation =                       | 22,989        |
| 5. Other Current Cost - 277.5 X \$500 =   | 138,750       |
| 6. Social Security & Retirement =         | 137,466       |
| Incentive Grant - 277.5 X \$330 =         | <u>91,575</u> |
| Total .....                               | \$1,910,143   |





|                               |                |
|-------------------------------|----------------|
| Total (Brought Forward).....  | \$1,910,143    |
| Less Local Contribution ..... | <u>353,709</u> |
| State Contribution .....      | \$1,556,434    |

1971-72 Allotment based on 291.5 Teacher Units:

|                                           |                  |                   |
|-------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 1. County Administration                  |                  |                   |
| 2. Local Administration - 291.5 X \$150 = | \$               | 43,725.00         |
| 3. Teacher Salaries:                      |                  |                   |
| 1970-71                                   | \$1,477,738      |                   |
| + 140,415                                 |                  |                   |
| + 14 @ \$5400                             | <u>75,600</u>    |                   |
|                                           |                  | = \$1,693,753.00  |
| 4. Transportation (Same as 1970-71)       | = \$             | 22,989.00         |
| 5. Other Current Cost - 291.5 X \$550     | = \$             | 160,325.00        |
| 6. Social Security & Retirement:          |                  |                   |
| 1970-71                                   | \$137,466        |                   |
| + 3% + 5.2% on the following:             |                  |                   |
| \$ 75,600 - 14 added teachers             |                  |                   |
| 140,415 - 277.5 teachers                  |                  |                   |
| @ \$506.00                                |                  |                   |
| 14,575 - \$500 CC                         |                  |                   |
| 16,033 - \$55 Incentive                   |                  |                   |
| for 291.5 teachers                        |                  |                   |
| <u>\$246,623 X 8.2% =</u>                 | <u>\$ 20,223</u> |                   |
|                                           |                  | = \$ 157,689.00   |
| Incentive Grant - 291.5 X \$385.00        | = \$             | <u>112,228.00</u> |
| Total .....                               |                  | \$2,190,709.00    |
| Less Local Contribution .....             | \$               | <u>348,560.00</u> |
| State Contribution .....                  |                  | \$1,842,149.00    |



7695 ADA @ \$500 per pupil = \$3,847,500.00

Proposed Current Operation Budget Based on \$500 per pupil:

|             |                     |                                                                          |
|-------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Total ..... | \$3,847,500.00      |                                                                          |
| State ..... | <u>1,842,149.00</u> |                                                                          |
|             | \$2,005,351.00      | - Needed from local,<br>federal and other<br>sources other than<br>state |

Local Assessment @ \$65,000,000 X 25 M = \$1,625,000.000

|                     |
|---------------------|
| \$2,005,351.00      |
| <u>1,625,000.00</u> |
| \$ 380,351.00       |

7695 / \$380,351.00 / \$49.43 - Additional revenue needed per pupil  
from sources other than state and  
local - Pascagoula

Jackson County District

\$49.43 - Base  
4.72 - Difference per pupil expenditure - Jackson County  
and Pascagoula School Districts - 1969 Allowance  
15.00 - Difference in Transportation  
\$69.15 - Additional revenue needed per pupil from sources  
other than state and local

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Ocean Springs Municipal Separate School District

\$49.43 - Base  
20.45 - Difference per pupil expenditure - 1969 Allowance  
\$69.88 - Additional revenue needed per pupil from sources  
other than state and local

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Moss Point Municipal Separate School District

\$49.43 - Base  
37.38 - Difference per pupil expenditure - 1969 Allowance  
\$86.81 - Additional revenue needed per pupil from sources  
other than state and local

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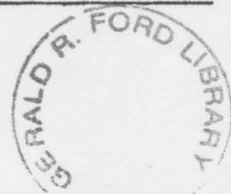


TABLE V

PROJECTED ENROLLMENT BY YEARS - GRADES 1 -12  
1971-1973

| Year    | Jackson<br>County<br>District | Moss Point<br>Mun. Sep.<br>District | Ocean Springs<br>Mun. Sep.<br>District | Pascagoula<br>Mun. Sep.<br>District |
|---------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1971-72 | 5898                          | 7262                                | 3775                                   | 7983                                |
| 1972-73 | 6337                          | 7529                                | 4015                                   | 8367                                |
| 1973-74 | 6776                          | 7796                                | 4255                                   | 8751                                |

TABLE VI

FUNDS FOR OPERATION REQUESTED FROM FEDERAL  
SOURCES FOR SCHOOLS OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

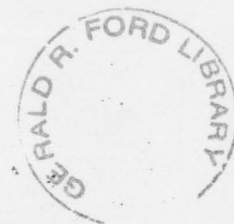
| Year                                                    | Projected Enrollment | Federal Support Requested | Total Federal Support Requested |
|---------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <u>Jackson County School District</u>                   |                      |                           |                                 |
| 1971-72                                                 | 5898                 | X \$69.15 per student     | = \$ 407,846.70                 |
| 1972-73                                                 | 6337                 | X \$69.15 per student     | = \$ 438,203.55                 |
| 1973-74                                                 | 6776                 | X \$69.15 per student     | = \$ 468,560.40                 |
| Federal Support Requested for Jackson County Dist.      |                      |                           | \$1,314,610.65                  |
| <u>Moss Point Municipal Separate School District</u>    |                      |                           |                                 |
| 1971-72                                                 | 7262                 | X \$86.81 per student     | = \$ 630,414.22                 |
| 1972-73                                                 | 7529                 | X \$86.81 per student     | = \$ 653,592.49                 |
| 1973-74                                                 | 7796                 | X \$86.81 per student     | = \$ 676,770.76                 |
| Federal Support Requested for Moss Point District       |                      |                           | \$1,960,777.47                  |
| <u>Ocean Springs Municipal Separate School District</u> |                      |                           |                                 |
| 1971-72                                                 | 3775                 | X \$69.88 per student     | = \$ 263,797.00                 |
| 1972-73                                                 | 4015                 | X \$69.88 per student     | = \$ 280,568.20                 |
| 1973-74                                                 | 4255                 | X \$69.88 per student     | = \$ 297,339.40                 |
| Federal Support Requested for Ocean Springs Dist.       |                      |                           | \$ 841,704.60                   |
| <u>Pascagoula Municipal Separate School District</u>    |                      |                           |                                 |
| 1971-72                                                 | 7983                 | X \$49.43 per student     | = \$ 394,599.69                 |
| 1972-73                                                 | 8367                 | X \$49.43 per student     | = \$ 413,580.81                 |
| 1973-74                                                 | 8751                 | X \$49.43 per student     | = \$ 432,561.93                 |
| Federal Support Requested for Pascagoula District       |                      |                           | \$1,240,742.43                  |





ADDENDUM  
TO  
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As an addendum to the report of the Education Committee of the Presidential Task Force for Jackson County, Mississippi the following is a presentation of the Community College needs from 1971-1973.

The Jackson County Campus of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Junior College is located four miles west of the new Litton Shipbuilding facility. There exists an acute shortage of college operational funds as well as a shortage of classroom, laboratories, and training facilities. This shortage will be compounded based upon the predictions made by the public schools enrollment projections.

Enrollments for the school year 1969-70 consisted of 1,685 academic related students; 858 vocational training related students; 4,515 industrial related students for a total of 7,019 on the Jackson County Campus. At the present time we are extremely overcrowded.

#### Operational Funds

The major portion of our operational funds come from local taxes, with the millage already at the limit; state appropriations based upon full-time students that are at least one year residents of the State of Mississippi; tuition fees which are presently the highest for the junior colleges of the state; and some federal funds which are catagorical in nature. Due to the limitations already existing on operational funds, as outlined above, it will be extremely difficult to absorb additional students beyond our present capacity unless we can secure additional funds.

Our per student expenditure for 1969-70 was \$1,200.00 per full-time student. Due to the predicted high school enrollments, we are expecting an additional 200 full-time and 2,000 industrial related students by year 1973-74. \$1,200.00 per full-time student times 200 additional students equals \$240,000.00 additional funds for operational expenditures that will be needed.



### Facility Additions

The addition of 200 full-time and 2,000 industrial related students will require the addition of the following facilities:

#### Library-Academic Building

To include new library, classrooms and faculty offices to meet increased enrollment and accreditation standards. \$ 790,000.00

#### Science Addition

Dictated by increased enrollment, advanced technology in field of science and accreditation standards. 200,000.00

#### Vocational-Technical Building

To include facilities for expansion of existing programs and additions of new programs. 1,200,000.00

Total \$2,390,000.00

Federal support requested for Jackson County Campus of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Junior College:

Operational Funds \$ 240,000.00

Facility Additions 2,390,000.00

Total \$2,630,000.00

