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SUBJECT: SREB DOCUMENT: NO. 1 IN THE SOUTH

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The attached document was prepared by staff of the Southern Regional Education Board in response to a Senator's questioning why his state would be aiming to be just as good as or better than other Southern states. He asked, "Why would we want to be first among the worst?"

The attached shows that times have changed. There was a time just a couple of generations ago when being first in the South could mean being last in America. There was a time when no one in America would have suggested that being No. 1 in the South in education would have meant being a national leader. The challenge is to build on this momentum and progress without losing sight of just how much more needs to be done.

SREB staff encouraged us to share this document via speeches or media outlets. The Governor has a copy as well.

Thanks!