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In October 1967, six months before he was assassinated in Memphis, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., spoke to a group of junior high school students. He posed a simple question to the students gathered around him that day – what is your life’s blueprint?

Dr. King offered two points he believed should be part of any blueprint. First, have a deep belief in your own dignity, in your own worth. Second, you must have the determination to achieve excellence.

Thirty-five years later, Dr. King’s question to those students still challenges us, both as individuals and as a state. What is our blueprint?

I believe our blueprint for Mississippi is founded on the basis of education. The stronger our commitment to education, the stronger our investment, the stronger our foundation for growing Mississippi.

It’s all part of our work to build good schools, good jobs and good communities.

Are we up to the challenge Dr. King presented 35 years ago? I believe we are. I believe we should be ready to try new and bold things. I believe it’s time for us to say “we can.”

I’m Ronnie Musgrove, and this has been the Mississippi Minute. Thanks for listening.