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Message: Governor Musgrove,

In light of the recent economic downfall I want to urge you not to cut higher edu cation anymore. In fact please don't cut any education at all. We've be en cut way too much already and education is the future of Mississippi. If we can 217;t provide adequate education to our people then how is Mississippi ever going to change? Our main problem here is that our people are poorly educated but the ones wh o do go to our Universities receive a high quality education.

Is their any possibility of closing or merging any school such as Valley State? Screw political correctness! Isn't having historically black schools just another form of segregation anyway? I'm not saying close all of them but its time for maybe one or two of them to go. I'm not racist; I just think African-Americans should go t o school with me rather than having a separate school. Valley is right next to Delta State. I don't understand this considering nobody lives in the Delta when com pared to the Coast and Hattiesburg which only has one University which I think is the way it should be anyway down here. Delta State is not that far from Valley, we need to cut schools not school budgets.

We need to trim the fat. Maybe we need to streamline other state institutions to make them more efficient economically. I don't want to see anyone loose his or he r job but education is the key. Delta State is not that far from Valley, we need to cut schools not school budgets.

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