

The members of the House Black Caucus have endorsed Governor Musgroves plan to fund education and are requesting the opportunity to vote on the bill this week. The Governor, in his State of the State address, called on the legislature to pass the education appropriation in one bill, at 62% of the budget and in the first month of the session. By funding education first and fully, we will prove our commitment to our children and to their future.

The Caucuses represents areas that have been hardest hit by the national recession and we recognize that education is essential to economic development and creating jobs. We have seen time and time again that those communities that have strong schools are more likely to attract good jobs. The Governors plan will help us to reach our full potential by ensuring that all our school children have the tools they need to learn and succeed.

By passing the education appropriation now our schools will not be forced to compete for funding and we will take the politics out of our schools.

We call on all members of the legislature to join with the Governor and us as we fight for funding for education.