## Want to fix your schools? First you have to fix your leadership

schools. That means that 90% of the state's workforce, voters, parents, and leaders come from public schools. More has struggled to improve its than 60,000 teachers and support staff work in Mississippi's public schools, and Mississippi state government spends more than \$2 billion a year on public education. In addition, local taxpayers spend untold millions

More than 90% of all Mis- more. Is it any wonder that the lege unprepared for the chalsissippi kids attend public subject of public education is always at the forefront for most Mississippians?

> It is no secret that Mississippi public school performance. No need to go through the statistics. We have some great public schools, but too many are failing or inadequate for the needs of their students. Too many kids go into the workforce or to col-

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to Louisiana and Mississippi includes the cost incurred during development, construction, and operation of the project. In addition, the indirect, induced and fiscal impact of \$1.8 billion are

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a result of additional economic activities resulting from the Project.

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lenges they will face.

Each year the legislature, the

Governor, the State Department

of Education, and various public

interest groups propose ideas to

improve educational outcomes.

Some ideas work around the

margins, and others make no ap-

preciable difference. Few have

resulted in significant improve-

Most often the debate is about

The study found the project would generate annual average property tax payments of approximately \$14.7 million, including \$6.5 million in Louisiana and \$8.2 million in Mississippi each year — totaling \$441 million in property taxes

the level of funding and the and every classroom a qualified enough. If the board that apmethod of distribution of dollars teacher, we will not improve the among competing education interests and school districts. And much we spend. It will not hap-

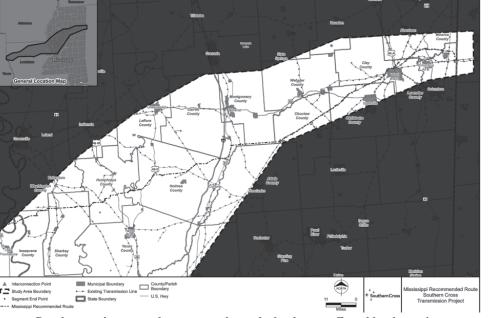
lack of adequate funds remains a problem in most districts. But there is really only one fix for a broken school or school district good leadership

and community support.

Until we figure out a way to give every school district a top notch superintendent, every school a competent principal,

in both states over 30 years. An executive summary of the report is posted on the Southern Cross Transmission website at www. southerncrosstransmission.com.

The project is expected to start construction in 2018 and begin delivering power in 2021. Project employment during the peak of the construction phase is anticipated to exceed 650 jobs.



Pattern Development's proposed route map shows the land areas affected by the project, crossing the Mississippi River through the state and Holmes County, until reaching the converter station in Lowndes County. The Holmes County Board of Supervisors unanimously consented to the project's portion through the county. (Courtesy Photo)

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This year the legislature began the process of making every school superintendent position an appointed one. The

argument is that moving from elected superintendents to appointments widens the pool of qualified applicants. That may be a good first step, but it is not

Southern Cross Transmission will hire locally whenever possible. Pattern Development has held vendor fairs in Louisiana and Mississippi to identify local vendors and contractors that are interested in participating. Pattern Development has extensive experience in developing innovative solutions to complex transmission problems. Pattern Development's team of transmission experts has developed previous transmission projects, including the Trans Bay Cable project under San Francisco Bay.

The Trans Bay Cable project is a groundbreaking submarine HVDC transmission line that was completed in 2010 and is presently serving up to 40% of San Francisco's and the northern peninsula's peak energy needs.

About Pattern Development, Pattern Development is a leader in developing renewable energy and transmission assets. With a long history in wind energy, Pattern Development's highlyexperienced team has developed, financed and placed into operation more than 4,500 MW of wind and solar power projects. A strong commitment to promoting environmental stewardship drives the company's dedication in working closely with communities to create renewable energy projects. Pattern Development has offices in San Francisco, San Diego, Houston, New York, Toronto, Mexico City, Santiago, Chile, and Tokyo, Japan. For more information, visit www.patterndev.com.

points the superintendent is incompetent or too political, they will not make a wise choice. And a bad superintendent is likely to make poor choices of principals and teachers.

In Mississippi we have both appointed and elected superintendents who are great leaders and run exemplary districts and both elected and appointed superintendents who are poor leaders who lead failing districts. In the end, just making all superintendents appointed will make little difference in overall educational performance. We must insure that all school boards are careful in their selections, support their appointees, hire only competent teachers, manage their budgets effectively and are responsive the needs of the community. To do that we have to have parents and taxpayers who demand better schools in their districts.

In the end, whether they are appointed or elected, putting qualified, committed people in charge is the only way to insure that high quality teaching and learning are going on in our classrooms. And that effort can only come from within our communities. There are no classrooms in the state capitol. School employees are local employees. They do not work for the state. They work for the taxpayers of the local school districts.

Want to fix your schools? First you have to fix your leadership. No amount of money or Common Core or 3rd grade gate or charter schools or vouchers or merit pay or any other top down program can fix a broken system. Just wanting better schools is not enough. Just like successful cities require competent mayors and council members, successful school districts require competent superintendents and board members. Parents and taxpayers have to demand success from school leadership, or subpar schools will continue to produce subpar results.

Cecil Brown is the former Chairman of House Education Committee and resides is Jackson

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10. Barium	N	2015*	.0102	.00290102	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
13. Chromium	N	2015*	6.5	1.1 - 6.5	ppb	100	100	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits
14. Copper	N	2012/14*	.1	0	ppm	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
16. Fluoride	N	2015*	.107	No Range	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
17. Lead	N	2012/14*	1	0	ppb	0	AL=15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits

## Disinfection By-Products

81. HAA5	N	2014*	16	No Range	ppb	0	60	By-Product of drinking water disinfection.
82. TTHM [Total trihalomethanes]	N	2014*	19.1	No Range	ppb	0	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination.
Chlorine	N	2016	1.7	.5 – 1.9	mg/l	0	MRDL = 4	Water additive used to control microbes

\* Most recent sample. No sample required for 2016.

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Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL) – The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that add of a disinfectant is necessary to control microbial contaminants.

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