true story:

Lawmakers seeking to rewrite the MAEP, the state’s education funding law, contend that the current formula calls for an unrealistic investment. When we look at how our neighbors in surrounding states are investing in education, what is the true story?

Take Arkansas...

Our Delta neighbors to the northwest are second only to Mississippi in lowest median income in the nation. Yet, they invest 14% MORE in PUBLIC EDUCATION.

Resulting in a multi-million dollar workforce disadvantage...

In fact...

currently our neighbor states OUT-INVEST Mississippi by an average of more than $1200 PER STUDENT.

Even FULLY FUNDED the MAEP is REASONABLE, requiring $800 less per student than our neighbors provide their students.

Because our neighbor states out-invest us, Mississippi students have fewer resources and workforce training opportunities. Faced with preparing a workforce that is competitive with the rest of the Southeast, is it reasonable to suggest we fall further behind?

Source: National Center for Education Statistics