VICKSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOLS LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – October 8, 2010

On September 29, the state legislature passed the EduJobs distribution plan (HB 5872) which was then forwarded to the Governor for her signature. Vicksburg's Foundation Allowance for 2010-11 under the one-time funding plan will be \$7,362 per pupil. That amount is \$200 more than the final 2009-10 Foundation Allowance. The details of the enhanced school funding are:

\$7,316	2008-09 Minimum Foundation Allowance
<u>-165</u>	2009-10 Foundation cut
\$7,151	
<u>+11</u>	2010-11 Foundation cut restoration
\$7,162	
+154	HB 5872 (S-5) Ed. Jobs Act Foundation cut restoration
\$7,316	
<u>+46</u>	2X addition for Minimum Foundation districts
<u>\$7,362</u>	2010-11 per pupil Minimum Foundation Allowance

Simultaneously, the Office of Retirement Services (ORS) announced that the retirement

rate charged to districts would increase from the current 16.94% to 19.41% on October 1, and then a month later, on November 1, would jump to 20.66% of salary. This 22% increase will cost Vicksburg about \$170-175 per pupil, resulting in a net gain to Vicksburg for the 2010-2011 school year of only \$25-30 per student.