

# Miss Education

State Representative  
John L. Kennedy  
Holly Springs, Miss.

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To the Members of the Mississippi Legislature

We, the Mississippi Association for Democratic Education, hereby commend you, the legislature of the state of Mississippi, for the fine work you have done in the past in helping the individual counties and communities of the state in building our fine school program. We certainly recognize and appreciate the hard and great amount of work which you have done. Too, we certainly believe that you will continue this fine work.

Now, with the deadline for the completion of the present organization program fast approaching and with less than half our counties reorganized and approved, it seems that the need of more time is essential. Also there is becoming an alarming state of unrest among the teachers because of the fact that many of the teachers do not know their status for another year's position to teach, since they do not know what the organization will do in regard to their present positions. We cannot afford to lose any more of our well trained teachers, many of whom have already left for other states.

To get this present program worked out more satisfactorily and to inform the general public better and to carry the people along with the program, we feel and insist that the present date of July 1, 1957, should be postponed until a later date. We believe that you can continue your fine work and strengthen the program by giving the people more time to work out their problems, problems which are most serious to them. It is most urgent that a special session of the legislature be called immediately.

With best wishes for our children in the state of Mississippi and for their welfare, we humbly and prayerfully submit our desires.

Respectfully yours,  
Mississippi Association for Democratic Ed.  
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