

Tweets from Initiative 42 Public Forums

Cleveland Public Forum

August 27

Rana Mitchell speaks on behalf of Initiative 42 supporters:

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools 21h21 hours ago [Mississippi, USA](#)

Rana Mitchell of Eupora begins her opening remarks in favor of [#Init42](#). Parent, not a lawyer, not a lobbyist. I'm Mom of two boys.

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools 21h21 hours ago [Mississippi, USA](#)

Rana: [#msleg](#) passed MAEP to adequately fund MS K-12, but hasn't kept its promise except 2x. Your local property taxes have gone up.

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools 21h21 hours ago [Mississippi, USA](#)

Rana: We had to borrow buses from a neighbor district, when two of ours broke down in Carroll Cnty. [#Init42](#)

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools 21h21 hours ago [Mississippi, USA](#)

Rana: [#Init42](#) a bipartisan, people's movement - underfunding schools damages our state's economy and our children.

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools Aug 27 [Mississippi, USA](#)

Rana: [#Init42](#) would NOT require raising taxes or cutting state budget, PERIOD!! Phase-in plan on every petition last year.

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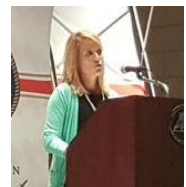
Rana: It's time to start funding our schools, do you agree? [#Init42](#) (Applause from audience)

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools Aug 27 [Mississippi, USA](#)

Rana: You can decide to increase \$\$ for schools or let the [#msleg](#) continue to under-fund. You have that choice. [#Init42](#)

Leeson Taylor @LeesonTaylor Aug 27 [Cleveland, MS](#)

A parent passionately speaking for our schools! Come add your voices to this topic! [#Init42](#)



Russ Latino speaks on behalf of Initiative opponents:

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools Aug 27 [Mississippi, USA](#)

Latino: I agree a lot with what Ms. Mitchell says. Everybody wants our schools to be better. Being No. 50 or 48 isn't good. [#Init42](#)

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Latino: "This education problem is more than a money problem or a political problem." [#Init42](#)

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Latino: Freaking out because [#Init42](#) says "state" shall provide free public schools. (Really, isn't [#msleg](#) part of the "state"?)

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools Aug 27 [Mississippi, USA](#)
Latino: You will hear 42-A (42-Ain't for schools) is a dirty trick. [#Init42](#)

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools Aug 27 [Mississippi, USA](#)
Latino: If there are schools with leaky roofs, no crayons, we should be addressing this. (Well, get on board [#Init42](#)!)

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools Aug 27
Latino: Not as simple as throwing money at problem ([#msleg](#) never thrown money at education, Russ. They just want adequate funds.) [#Init42](#)

Rana Mitchell speaks against Initiative 42A (the legislative alternative designed to kill Initiative 42):

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools Aug 27
Rana: (Against 42-A) Invites him to Benoit to consider how much money is needed for our schools. [#Init42](#)

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools Aug 27 [Mississippi, USA](#)
Rana: When he says court will make decisions, pre-supposes [#msleg](#) continues not to follow the law. Judge never has to be involved. [#Init42](#)

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools Aug 27 [Mississippi, USA](#)
Rana: I haven't heard what was so good about 42-A. This didn't happen until 200K people said they wanted K-12 funding. [#Init42](#)

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools Aug 27 [Mississippi, USA](#)
Rana: 42-A is to divide us to kill [#Init42](#). Don't fall for it. Constitution needs to be changed - [#msleg](#) has zero accountability for schl \$\$

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools Aug 27 [Mississippi, USA](#)
Rana: Author of 42-A admits he did it to split the vote and kill both. [#msleg](#) thumbs its nose at [#Init42](#) petition signers.

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools Aug 27 [Mississippi, USA](#)
Rana: Only [#Init42](#) will hold [#msleg](#) accountable. Lawmakers, lobbyists will tell you some tall tales. Don't believe them!

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools Aug 27 [Mississippi, USA](#)
Rana: [#msleg](#) is not following its own law. Phase-in makes it possible. Education is not their priority. [#Init42](#)

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools Aug 27 [Mississippi, USA](#)
Rana: Why would [#msleg](#), lobbyists spend so much money/time on fighting [#Init42](#)? Scared to lose control and power.

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools Aug 27 [Mississippi, USA](#)
Rana: Nov. 3, take back control for your schools. Vote for [#Init42](#).
Public comments begin:

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools Aug 27 [Mississippi, USA](#)
Public comment period begins. Joyce Helmick, MAE president, to speak for [#Init42](#)

Leeson Taylor @LeesonTaylor Aug 27 [Cleveland, MS](#)
37 years of dedication speaking in support of Initiative 42. [#Init42](#)

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools Aug 27 [Mississippi, USA](#)
Helmick: Only way [#msleg](#) forced to fund our public schools will be with [#Initiative42](#). (Tells horror stories ab local schools) [#Init42](#)

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Helmick: Today, saw a storage room being cleaned out to use for a classroom bec they don't have any more room. [#Init42](#)

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Dr. Detra Bishop, Durant: She's a local pastor. Grew up in Wayne County. Went from GED to PhD because ed was so important. [#Init42](#)

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Bishop: Education is critical. Children a gift to us from God. We must do everything to make sure they are well cared for. [#Init42](#)

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Billy Ferguson: (Carroll Cnty superintendent) About \$5K/child state spends in MAEP. In Carroll, state pays about \$4K per child. [#Init42](#)

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools Aug 27 [Mississippi, USA](#)
MS university faculty, staff: Don't believe those [#msleg](#) scare tactics about budget cuts. [#Init42](#) offers a phase-in plan for K-12 funding.

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools Aug 27 [Mississippi, USA](#)
Ferguson: Let me tell you about the "near death" of Carroll Cnty Schools. Prayed for a miracle. Want one to vote for [#Init42](#)

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools Aug 27 [Mississippi, USA](#)
Ferguson: Talks about myriad of financial difficulties in Carroll Cnty Schools. Urges support for [#Init42](#)

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools Aug 27 [Mississippi, USA](#)
Ferguson: I wrote the governor, thought somebody would respond. He hasn't chosen to do that. [#Init42](#)

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Ferguson: I've been robbed, our children have been robbed. [#msleg](#) leadership has neglected us. Support [#Init42](#)

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Dr. Leeson Taylor: (Greenville superintendent) I know the potential that district has. \$25M underfunded. [#Init42](#) will impact our futures.

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools Aug 27 [Mississippi, USA](#)
Taylor: I'm fed up with being 50th. (Applause) Latino put down NJ schools. (Taylor reads off NJ great ratings from iPhone). Huh? [#Init42](#)



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Suzanne Smith, Grenada teacher: I love public education in MS. Breaks my heart to know our [#msleg](#) don't feel the same way. [#Init42](#)

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools Aug 27 [Mississippi, USA](#)

Smith: Urging you to support [#Init42](#) - our only chance at getting full funding. We're not getting it now! Got to do something. This is it!

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools Aug 27 [Mississippi, USA](#)

Smith: Stand up and tell [#msleg](#) we want [#Init42](#) to fully fund our schools so our students can be the best they can be.

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools Aug 27 [Mississippi, USA](#)

Lisa Kennedy Perkins: Spoke in Meridian forum. I've got to get up and do what scares me, speaking in public [#Init42](#)

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Perkins: If we don't vote [#Init42](#) in, it will be like going back to the 1960s. We've got to join together. Get busy, spread the word ab 42.

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools Aug 27 [Mississippi, USA](#)

Perkins: It's time to take away the [#msleg](#)'s discretionary control and vote for [#Init42](#). All children deserve a great free public education.

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools Aug 27 [Mississippi, USA](#)

Weaver: Next forum in Hattiesburg, then Gulfport. [#Init42](#)

Meridian Public Forum

August 20, 2014

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Rana takes the podium: Parent, not a lawyer, not a politician or lobbyist - I'm a mother of the two most important reasons I support [#Init42](#)

Kelly Riley @KRileyMPE

Rana Mitchell, Dep Supt in Carroll Co SD, to speak for 42. Rep. Greg Snowden to speak for 42A.

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools Rana: Reminds crowd [#msleg](#) passed school \$\$ law but hasn't funded it but 2x since passed in 1997. Lists problems that caused. [#Init42](#)

Kelly Riley @KRileyMPE

Mitchell: adequate ed means more college prep classes, safe buses, smaller class sizes, and current textbooks

Kelly Riley @KRileyMPE

Mitchell: underfunding hurts ability to attract and keep good paying jobs.

Kelly Riley @KRileyMPE

Mitchell: 42 will help every school in our state.

Kelly Riley @KRileyMPE

Mitchell: avg revenue increase of 5% each year over last 10 yrs. 1/4 of this = \$37.5M/year. Can fully fund in 7 years.

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Rana: Every 2014 petition signed by 200K shows a phase-in to full funding. It's time we started giving every child good education. #Init42

Kelly Riley @KRileyMPE

Mitchell: judge will only require legislature to adequately fund education under their own law.

Kelly Riley @KRileyMPE

Mitchell: study the facts. Visit 42 website to see how much your Dst has been underfunded. Then check your tax bill. The 2 are related.

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Rana: You can decide to increase \$\$ for pub ed or to allow #msleg to continue to underfund our schools. Growth for MS. Vote for #Init42



becky glover @bglover4MS

Thanks for knocking it outta the park @ranamitchell !

Jennifer Davis @jddavismusic Aug 20

@ranamitchell super work! Passionate, clear, and straightforward! @42ForBtrSchools

Kelly Riley @KRileyMPE

Mitchell gets standing ovation.

Kelly Riley @KRileyMPE

Rep Snowden speaks against 42. Has represented his leg Dst for 16 years. Product of public schools.

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools Snowden: Admits MAEP was funded only twice, but says shouldn't have happened first time in 2003. #Init42 2007 wasn't mistake, he says.

becky glover @bglover4MS

Yay! Greg Snowden not only learned these #s from my flip charts last summer, he used them tonight & confirmed them!

Chad Everett @dcseverett

@42ForBtrSchools so #msleg accidentally funded schools? You can't make this stuff up. #MSedchat

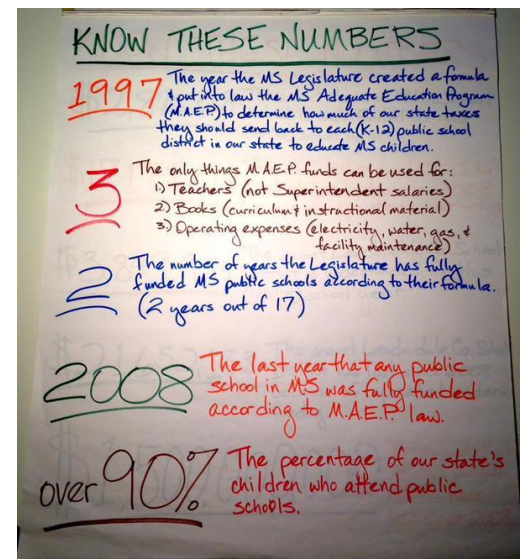
Lisa Karmacharya @Masa4ms

Snowden msleg brought forth alternative to 42 to shine light on differences.

Shannon Eubanks @Shannon_Eubanks

Basically, we ain't giving y'all any more money MT

@42ForBtrSchools: Snowden threatens other K-12 spending cuts, if #Init42 passes Nov. 3.



Kelly Riley @KRileyMPE Aug 20 [Meridian, MS](#)

Snowden threatens that neighbors who work in local mental health hospitals will lose jobs.

Rana Mitchell speaks against Initiative 42A (the legislative alternative designed to kill Initiative 42):

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Rana back to podium: (To oppose 42-Ain't) All of these "words," I'm tired of words ... done us no good for decades. We need action. [#Init42](#)

Kelly Riley @KRileyMPE Aug 20 [Meridian, MS](#)

Mitchell: scare tactics aren't in Constitution. Trying to pit K-12 against CCs and now apparently pit K-12? against its own teachers.

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Rana: We gave them a road-map to funding. If they have a better idea to fully fund K-12, we're all for it. [#Init42](#)

Kelly Riley @KRileyMPE Aug 20 [Meridian, MS](#)

Mitchell: leg alt never before, only when 200,000 citizens spoke. It's a trick to split vote so 42 loses.

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools Aug 20 [Mississippi, USA](#)

Rana: Never has [#msleg](#) placed an alternative on the ballot (Applause). Not until 200K signed to say [#msleg](#) will obey their own law. [#Init42](#)

Kelly Riley @KRileyMPE Aug 20 [Meridian, MS](#)

Mitchell: voters who want better public schools should vote for 42. My kids even know 42A stands for 42 against education.

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Mitchell: 42A allows legislature to continue to underfund our schools. Does nothing to improve our schools. 42 holds leg accountable.

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Rana: It's matter of priorities. [#msleg](#) wasted money ... millions on projects that have gone bust. \$\$ should have gone to schools. [#Init42](#)

Kelly Riley @KRileyMPE Aug 20 [Meridian, MS](#)

Mitchell: you have chance on 11/3 to hold politicians accountable to their law and their promise.

Public comment period begins:

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Hosemann announces public comments and calls his deputy to oversee this section if forum

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Warren Woodrow, W. Jasper supt.: Probably take 5 hours to refute misinformation I heard (Snowden) tonight. [#Init42](#)

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Woodrow: We are a poor district. I'm a conservative. Must refute some things. Hate to ask for more money. #Init42

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Woodrow: Know you're winning when the other team has to cheat. Why did #msleg create 42-A to destroy #Init42?

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Woodrow: Facts are stubborn things. Not sure what my politics are. I just care about children.

Lisa Karmacharya @Masa4ms Aug 20

Woodrow Superintendent, West Jasper if 42 passes I won't have to ask my people for more money. The state will fund MAEP.

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools Aug 20 [Mississippi, USA](#)

Woodrow: 42-A is massive, organized misinformation campaign to hurt our school districts. Fact are for #Init42, doesn't hurt budgets.

Kelly Riley @KRileyMPE Aug 20 [Meridian, MS](#)

Woodrow: 42A only designed to confuse voters. Insult to voters.

Lisa Karmacharya @Masa4ms Aug 20

Woodrow rocks the truth! Awesome job!

Kelly Riley @KRileyMPE Aug 20 [Meridian, MS](#)

Elliott: we need Econ devt through strong K-university system.

Kelly Riley @KRileyMPE Aug 20 [Meridian, MS](#)

Richard Coleman of Meridian & 2-term councilman, speaks for 42. Sad we've heard lies tonight. They fund penal systems top \$, but not Ed.

Kelly Riley @KRileyMPE Aug 20 [Meridian, MS](#)

Coleman: if we don't have quality Ed system for all kids, we are going to rot away @ core.

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Camille Lessing, Meridian: #Init42 holds our #msleg accountable for adequately funded schools. That's what it's about.

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools Aug 20 [Mississippi, USA](#)

Lessing: #msleg, including some of our own members, has attempted to obstruct this process. Vote to pass #Init42 on Nov. 3.

Shannon Eubanks @Shannon_Eubanks Aug 20

So far, only comment against #Init42 is CC president who supports K-12 but seemingly is terrified of cuts and lack of funds.

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Lessing, a Meridian HS teacher: How far can my students travel if we have 2 books per 120 students? No doors on bathrooms? #Init42

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Lessing: Why hasn't #msleg spent the past 18 years creating new formula or funding our schools? You've passed alternative to hurt #Init42!



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Lessing: Why do I have to forestall starting a family or buying a house when I have to buy paper and supplies for my students? #Init42

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Lundy Brantley, Union City Supt.: Education is not a political party issue. Education is for everybody. #Init42

Kelly Riley @KRileyMPE Aug 20 [Meridian, MS](#)

Lundy Brantley (MPE member) speaks for 42. No one complained about judge when judge dismissed Musgrove lawsuit. Amendments work.

Lisa Karmacharya @Masa4ms Aug 20

Lundy Brantley speaking passionately in favor of 42!

Union Public Schools @UnionPublic Aug 20

UPSD Superintendent Dr. Lundy Brantley speaking in favor of Initiative 42 at the public forum tonight in Meridian. <http://fb.me/7qoJJbfNb>



42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools Aug 20 [Mississippi, USA](#)

Brantley: Only state w/out judicial enforcement for public education. Time for a change in control - vote for #Init42.

Shannon Eubanks @Shannon_Eubanks Aug 20

My boi! RT @42ForBtrSchools: Lundy Brantley, Union City Supt.: Education is not a political party issue. Education is for everybody. #Init42

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Brantley: Administrative costs come out of local funds, not part of MAEP. Includes insurance, fringes, retirement, worker's comp. #Init42

Kelly Riley @KRileyMPE Aug 20 [Meridian, MS](#)

Brantley: more \$\$? I could add honors/dual credit/1-1 initiative for my students. Empower & ALEC trying to kill so can make \$\$

Kelly Riley @KRileyMPE Aug 20 [Meridian, MS](#)

Brantley: admin costs incl insurance, business office, workers comp ... you have to do those things. Unfunded mandates from Capitol.

Ben Alexander @bena13 Aug 20

@LundyBrantley Superb job tonight in taking up for our state's schoolchildren. Very impressive.

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools Aug 20 [Mississippi, USA](#)

Sally Gray, Meridian: Lived in 6 different communities. Helped gathered signatures for #Init42. Time for a well-educated workforce.

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Gray: MS dead last in overall childhood well-being. 35% of our children live in poverty. We know it takes more \$\$ to help them. #Init42

2ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools Aug 20 [Mississippi, USA](#)

Gray: Biz/industry look at this data. We must have seismic shift in our thinking - that MS will invest in all our children. #Init42

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Gray: [#msleg](#) has chosen consistently to turn its back on our children and cozy up to the lobbyists. I'm fed up with being 50th. [#Init42](#)

Kelly Riley @KRileyMPE Aug 20 [Meridian, MS](#)

Gray: time for seismic shift in thinking and priorities for our state. Don't believe the Dons of Doom and their scare tactics.

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Gray: Chronic, shameful underfunding affects our schools and educational achievement. The voters must show them the way. [#Init42](#)

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Randy Hodges, Collinsville: 1997, MAEP passed bec it was necessary, bec all children weren't given the same opportunities. [#Init42](#)

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Hodges, Lauderdale supt.: We've let our children down, let our teachers down. We should have had this discussion years ago. [#Init42](#)

Lisa Karmacharya @Masa4ms Aug 20

Superintendent Randy Hodges. MAEP designed to support equity but only funded twice. We have let our children and teachers down.

Kelly Riley @KRileyMPE Aug 20 [Meridian, MS](#)

Hodges: Laud Co could have put our \$21m in classroom. We let teachers down. We waited too long for this debate.

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools Aug 20 [Mississippi, USA](#)

Hodges: MS pays less than any neighboring state to educate our children. Lauderdale is \$21M short on [#msleg](#) funding. [#Init42](#)

Kelly Riley @KRileyMPE Aug 20 [Meridian, MS](#)

Hodges: learn from past and from Gov Winter w/ 82 reform. Join us for 42 so we can make difference like Gov Winter did.

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Hodges: When Gov. Winter worked to pass EdReformAct'82, first kindergartens made huge difference. Let's fight for [#Init42](#)!

Kelly Riley @KRileyMPE Aug 20 [Meridian, MS](#)

Michael VanVeckhoven, Meridian father and school Brd member, speaks for 42. Public schools lovingly welcome kids every day.

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Michael VanVeckhoven, Meridian: Business owner, on Meridian School Board, dad of 2 students. Takes \$\$ to educate children. #Init42

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VanVeckhoven: #msleg broke its promise, it's a law for K-12 funding. They've broken the law. Politicians declared war on public ed. #Init42

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools Aug 20 [Mississippi, USA](#)
VanVeckhoven: News for governor - kids are wonderful at Meridian High, our elementary schools, region's schools. How about a visit?

becky glover @bglover4MS Aug 20 [Meridian, MS](#)
My friend @mstiger12 saying it takes real money 2 educate every single child that walks through schl doors #Init42

Lundy Brantley @LundyBrantley Aug 20
@mstiger12 Doing a super job supporting 42! Great job!

Fed Up with 50th @FedUpwith50th Aug 20
There is a lot of bad info being spread about 42 and MAEP. Knowledge is power so please retweet to all your friends!

Lundy Brantley @LundyBrantley Aug 20
Lundy Brantley retweeted 42ForBetterSchools
Amen!

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools
VanVeckhoven: News for governor - kids are wonderful at Meridian High, our elementary schools, region's schools. How about a visit? #Init42

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools Aug 20 [Mississippi, USA](#)
Alvin Taylor, Meridian supt.: Since 2008, our district short-changed by \$21M+. Real fact - average bldg over 60 years old. #Init42

Kelly Riley @KRileyMPE Aug 20 [Meridian, MS](#)
Alvin Taylor, supt of Meridian, speaks for 42: it's time to stop this snow job. Hold legis acct. vote for 42 on 11/3.

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools Aug 20 [Mississippi, USA](#)
Taylor: You just heard Snowden say if #Init42 passes, they will have to cut IHL. But MCC press says he's been getting cut all along. #Init42

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools Aug 20 [Mississippi, USA](#)
Taylor: They tell us, "We can do more with less." Only hear that about education and children. #Init42

Kelly Riley @KRileyMPE Aug 20 [Meridian, MS](#)



William Tucker, teacher from Meridian: let's talk reality. Holds up book he uses - had same book when he grad 1996

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools Aug 20 [Mississippi, USA](#)
William Tucker, Meridian: Reality (holds old textbook). MHS 2006, had this same book when I was in the 9th grade here. #Init42

Lisa Karmacharya @Masa4ms Aug 20
Passionate speaker from Meridian High School talking reality!

MS Educators for 42 @Educatorsfor42
William Tucker, Assn of Meridian Educators, speaks truth about public education reality. MAE Editorials in Clarion... <http://fb.me/BbMjoc6e>



42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools Aug 20 [Mississippi, USA](#)
Tucker: (Snowden is back) Teachers don't do it for the money - that is completely insulting, Mr. Snowden. Don't say \$\$ isn't there. #Init42

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Tucker: Don't say money isn't there. You've been caught with hand in cookie jar. Enough's enough. #Init42

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools Aug 20 [Mississippi, USA](#)
Lisa Perkins, Philadelphia: Says she's nervous, has prayed about it. Community cannot prosper w/out #Init42. We must fight for all.

becky glover @bglover4MS Aug 20
My dear friend, Lisa Kennedy Perkins, telling the crowd that's she's never spoken in public before tonight. She's... <http://fb.me/6Nscj7hlo>

Kelly Riley @KRileyMPE Aug 20 [Meridian, MS](#)
Lisa Perkins from Philadelphia speaks for 42: legislators afraid they will lose their power. Schools need counsellors, buses, smaller classes

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools Aug 20 [Mississippi, USA](#)
Lisa: We need new buses. Other day saw one I rode on in the 1970s. I'm not kidding. Need smaller classes. A big deal. #Init42

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools Aug 20 [Mississippi, USA](#)
Lisa: #msleg scared they will lose their control. All children deserve opportunity for free, quality education. #Init42

Kelly Riley @KRileyMPE Aug 20 [Meridian, MS](#)
Lisa: teachers should not have to send wish lists home for supplies shouldn't have to buy anything pertaining to classrooms.

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools Aug 20 [Mississippi, USA](#)
Lisa: Teachers must buy own books because none are in the library. Children are suffering, they are our future. Sick and tired. #Init42

Kelly Riley @KRileyMPE Aug 20 [Meridian, MS](#)
Lisa: I'm sick and tired of being 50th.

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools Aug 20 [Mississippi, USA](#)

Young: Your [#msleg](#) leadership said tonight, MAEP will be circumvented. Meridian has old books, old tools. We need opportunities. [#Init42](#)

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools Aug 20 [Mississippi, USA](#)

Young: [#msleg](#) House leadership knew 42-A would pass in Senate. Ballot will be designed to confuse you. Watch it happen. [#Init42](#)

Kelly Riley @KRileyMPE Aug 20 [Meridian, MS](#)

Becky Glover of Meridian speaks for 42; bipartisan effort to increase qual of life for all MS, not just those w/ kids in schools

Lisa Karmacharya @Masa4ms Aug 20

Becky Glover supporting 42 as a way to improve lives for everyone! Education is the strongest tool in our toolbox to fix poverty.

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools Aug 20 [Mississippi, USA](#)

Glover: Poverty is MS' greatest challenge. MS more economically dependent on other than anywhere else in U.S. [#Init42](#)

Kelly Riley @KRileyMPE Aug 20 [Meridian, MS](#)

Glover: I support 42 b/c I have no prob w/ court requiring legislature to uphold law.

Lundy Brantley @LundyBrantley Aug 20

[@bglover4MS](#) Thank you for your unwavering support for public education! Great job tonight!

Heather Wainwright @hwainwright70 Aug 20

[@42ForBtrSchools](#) Go [@bglover4MS](#) !!! [#Init42](#) [#FedUpWith50th](#)

Kelly Riley @KRileyMPE Aug 20 [Meridian, MS](#)

Robert Turnage of Philadelphia speaks for 42: passed bus from 1996 on way here. We don't get break on cost of bus b/c we're underfunded.

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools Aug 20 [Mississippi, USA](#) Robert Turnage, Philadelphia:

Passed a school bus tonite, number started with "98." Means that's the year it was purchased. [#Init42](#)

Michael VanVeckhoven @mstiger12 Aug 20

My former Principal, Robert Turnage, speaking in favor of [#Init42](#) tonight.

Kelly Riley @KRileyMPE Aug 20 [Meridian, MS](#)

Turnage: we're talking about OUR kids, not yours or mine, when we underfund our schools.



42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools Aug 20 [Mississippi, USA](#)

Turnage: Did they [#msleg](#) ask agencies about cuts when they got ready to pass that big tax cut? (Answer: No) [#Init42](#)

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools Aug 20 [Mississippi, USA](#)

Weston Lindeman, Meridian: Born 1997, year MAEP passed. My entire education has been underfunded. Not a good thing. [#Init42](#)

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Lindeman: We're 50th in so many categories, but #msleg won't do anything to fix it. Many #msleg's schools go to private schools. #Init42

Kelly Riley @KRileyMPE Aug 20 [Meridian, MS](#)

Rep Johnny Stringer speaks for 42: House and Senate budget increased by 22% (\$5M) in last 4 years. We have new laptops.

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Stringer: House and Senate budgets have gone up 22% (\$5M). Nice trips to Alaska, nice new laptops - could have bought books instead. #Init42

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools Aug 20 [Mississippi, USA](#)

Stringer: Only way to fund education is through #Init42 - I can tell you that. The ONLY way.

Lisa Karmacharya @Masa4ms Aug 20

Rep Stringer only way we will fund our schools is through 42! Go out and support it.

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools Aug 20 [Mississippi, USA](#)

Stringer: Guarantee if #Init42 doesn't pass, all your taxes are going up. Schools will be funded at local level, not Jackson. Support it.

Kelly Riley @KRileyMPE Aug 20 [Meridian, MS](#)

PSC Commissioner Brandon Presley speaks for 42. 42 is not about 2015; it's about 2035 and 2055 - future generations.

Kelly Riley @KRileyMPE Aug 20 [Meridian, MS](#)

Presley: the unelected people are sovereign in MS. Why people have right to have voice heard.

Kelly Riley @KRileyMPE Aug 20 [Meridian, MS](#)

Presley: Parents pedaling school fundraisers instead of studying w/ their kids.

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Presley: Kids in Nettleton becoming peddlers - selling anything to try to raise money for their schools. Time on homework, instead. #Init42

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Presley: Can't we find the will to make sure our kids come before steak dinners for lobbyists. Vote for #Init42

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools Aug 20 [Mississippi, USA](#)

Presley: Our job is to tell the story of child on bus for school. That's what this is about. Not politics. It's about the children. #Init42

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools Aug 20 [Mississippi, USA](#)

Brandon: Comments over. Nearly 1K people have attended these forums. Next is Cleveland.

Rana Tabb Mitchell @ranamitchell Aug 20

@bglover4MS Thank YOU Becky! Thank you and all the other great supporters who spoke tonight! Meridian/Lauderdale Co has AWESOME support!

Karen Tabb @walthalltabb Aug 20

@LundyBrantley @jddavismusic thank you for your support tonight @ranamitchell proud of you awesome job #retired teacher #proud mom #Init42

Shannon Eubanks @Shannon_Eubanks Aug 20

Overwhelmingly for #Init42 RT @42ForBtrSchools: Brandon: Comments over. Nearly 1K people have attended these forums. Next is Cleveland.

Tupelo Public Forum

August 17, 2015

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools 22h22 hours ago [Mississippi, USA](#)

We've got at least 250 people for [#Initiative42](#) in Tupelo tonight. Forum about to get started - [#Init42](#)

Nancy Loom @ParentsCampaign 22h22 hours ago

Very large crowd of [#Init42](#) supporters in [#Tupelo](#) tonight!

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools 22h22 hours ago [Mississippi, USA](#)

[#Hosemann](#) says we'll hear from "both" sides. Seems like [#RussLatino](#) has yet to truly speak FOR [#msleg](#) decoy 42-A. Maybe tonight? [#Init42](#)

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools [Mississippi, USA](#)

Merrill Nordstrom: Honored to stand here as one of nearly 200K MSippians who signed 42 petitions last year. [#Init42](#)

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools [Mississippi, USA](#)

Merrill: Since 1997, lawmakers have broken their own law and severely underfunded our schools. [#Init42](#)

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools [Mississippi, USA](#)

Merrill: In Lee County, schools short-changed \$57M since 2008. Enough money for 165 new teachers for 10 years! [#Init42](#)

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools [Mississippi, USA](#)

Merrill: Our moral obligation to demand that our elected officials do better for our children. We can have a better future. [#Init42](#)

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools [Mississippi, USA](#)

Merrill: 42 petitions offer road-map for how [#msleg](#) can keep its law to fund our schools. [#Init42](#)

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools [Mississippi, USA](#)

Merrill: We are at a crucial moment - we must reclaim the promise of public education. 42 is an investment in our children, state. [#Init42](#)

Kelly Riley @KRileyMPE 22h22 hours ago [Tupelo, MS](#)

Nordstrom: MS spends more to incarcerate prisoner than to educate a student.

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools [Mississippi, USA](#)

Merrill: Our school, kids, economy have been short-changed. It's our time to make a difference. [#Init42](#) (LOUD, WILD APPLAUSE. SRO!!)

Kelly Riley @KRileyMPE 22h22 hours ago [Tupelo, MS](#)
Lengthy applause and standing ovation for Merrill Nordstrom.

Nancy Loom @ParentsCampaign 22h22 hours ago
Long standing ovation for Merrill Nordstrom speaking for [#Init42!](#) [#msedchat](#)

Jason Shelton @jasonfortupelo 22h22 hours ago
My friend Merrill Nordstrom is absolutely killing it at the public education forum in [#tupelo](#) We need...
https://instagram.com/p/6gKJf_g0cH/

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools [Mississippi, USA](#)
Russell Latino will speak "for 42-A." Good to see such a balanced crowd tonight, he says he's teasing. [#Init42](#)

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools [Mississippi, USA](#)
Latino: Jxn attorney. Former law partner to Speaker Philip Gunn. [#msleg](#) [#Init42](#)

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools [Mississippi, USA](#)
Latino: 50th or 48th is not good enough. I'm invested. (So why does he oppose [#Init42?](#))

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools [Mississippi, USA](#)
Latino opposed 42 on first round, now he opposes it again. When will he speak FOR 42-A? [#Init42](#)

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools [Mississippi, USA](#)
Latino: 42-A was "entirely appropriate." (So, why has he said he will vote no on both initiatives?) [#Init42](#)

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools [Mississippi, USA](#)
Latino: Disingenuous to say [#msleg](#) is "slashing and burning schools." [#Init42](#)

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools [Mississippi, USA](#)
Latino: Vote no on both 42 and 42A [#Init42](#)

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools [Mississippi, USA](#)
Merrill: Responds to funding numbers. This year K-12 smallest % of state bgt in history. [#Init42](#)

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools [Mississippi, USA](#)
Merrill: Reason we are here, reason for [#Init42](#) is for your children, your grandchildren. Are you satisfied with their schools? NO? Vote 42.

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools [Mississippi, USA](#)
Merrill: MAEP is already in state law, why not in amendment. [#Init42](#)

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools [Mississippi, USA](#)
Merrill: Latino says words matter. I say action matters - and we haven't seen any since 1997! [#Init42](#)

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools [Mississippi, USA](#)
Merrill: 42A on ballot one reason - to divide public ed supporters and kill [#Init42](#). It is a trick. Do not fall for it!

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools [Mississippi, USA](#)

Merrill: Voters who want better schools should vote for [#Init42](#), not 42-A... "against" adequate education. 42A doesn't improve our schools.

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools [Mississippi, USA](#)

Merrill: The money is there for our schools w/out tax increases or cutting state budgets. Scare tactics based on fear. [#Init42](#)

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools [Mississippi, USA](#)

Merrill: Take back control of your schools Nov. 3 by voting for [#Init42](#). You can hold politicians accountable. Yes, to the one true choice.

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools [Mississippi, USA](#)

[#Hosemann](#) opens public comments period. [#Init42](#)

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McNeece - If we're going to get our state off the bottom, we've got to educate our kids. [#Init42](#)

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McNeece - How did they [#msleg](#) think they could cut taxes but not fund MAEP? [#Init42](#)

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McNeece - Some of our [#msleg](#) go to Jackson and don't do what they said they were going to do for education. [#Init42](#)

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Joe Babb - CPA, on Tupelo School Board. Our bond issue for repairs, buses and roofs. Forced to borrow bec lack of state funds. [#Init42](#)

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Babb - Our community stepped up for us. Maybe we could have lowered local taxes, if [#msleg](#) had done its job. [#Init42](#)

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Babb - What about those communities that aren't so fortunate? (Notes state agency \$\$ increases, not schools.) [#Init42](#)

AmandaKoonlaba, M.Ed @AKoonlaba Aug 17

Love to hear [@joebabb](#) TPSD board member speak about public schools! Go Mr. Babb!!

Nancy Loome @ParentsCampaign Aug 17

This year, the percent of state budget going to K-12 is at historic low of 21%, down from 28% in '08, 23% last year. We need [#Init42](#)

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Babb - Remember all those tax cuts [#msleg](#) voted for? 42-A meant to distract us. Support [#Init42](#)

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June Geddy - Opposed to changing constitution, "our foundation." [#Init42](#)

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Grant Sowell - Tupelo Tea Party leader. Remembers Bibles being passed out in schools. We don't have that in America any more. [#Init42](#)

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Charles Penson: MS House candidate. Gathered signatures for [#Init42](#). I support [#Init42](#). For our children.

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Penson: I am tired of being 50th of education! Vote for [#Init42](#)

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools 21h21 hours ago [Mississippi, USA](#)
Andrew Whitaker, Baldwyn: Opposed. Teacher at Ole Miss. Everyone supports public education [#Init42](#)

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools [Mississippi, USA](#)
Whitaker: Talking about Magna Carta. Centralized power will lead to abuses. [#Init42](#)

Nancy Loomer @ParentsCampaign Aug 17
Scott Reed for [#Init42](#): if educated, our children are our greatest asset, if uneducated, our greatest liability.

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools [Mississippi, USA](#)
Scott Reed: Businessman, parent. Few days go by w/out talking about the importance of an educated workforce. [#Init42](#)

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Reed: afraid without [#Init42](#), ed funds will end up like Healthcare Trust Fund. [#msleg](#) spent on other things.

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Reed: Lucky our schools above-average. But we could be so much more. Hard to believe other schools don't have that opportunity. [#Init42](#)

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools [Mississippi, USA](#)
Reed: Know Tate Reeves, favors 42-A. But we disagree. We've found \$\$ to do what we want to do.

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Reed: Courts do have their place. Ours is better than most. But MS hasn't done what it should in many ways. [#Init42](#)

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Reed: afraid without [#Init42](#), ed funds will end up like Healthcare Trust Fund. [#msleg](#) spent on other things.

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Reed: W/out accountability, our ed \$\$ many end up like our health \$\$\$. I support [#Init42](#)

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Cal Smith: Opposed. For 42-A. Young mom told him she was afraid to send her kids to school. Worried about "fuzzy math." [#Init42](#)

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Amanda Koonlaba: Saltillo teacher. I care about this state, want to make a difference. We don't have enough \$\$ to do our job. [#Init42](#)

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Koonlaba: My job to stand up for students. Our state leaders want to shut down our schools for privatization. [#Init42](#)

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Teacher Koonlaba speaking for [#Init42](#): vote yes and remind [#msleg](#) they work for us, not lobbyists.

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Koonlaba: Send message that we want our public schools to remain public and fully funded. [#msleg](#) works for us, not lobbyists, corps. [#Init42](#)

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Fred Pitts: Former Tupelo councilman. I'm confused ab talk tonight, except one: Our teachers/schools aren't funded to ed our kids. [#Init42](#)

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Pitts: Fund our schools, fund pre-K. Make it mandatory. All studies show pre-K kids are ready to learn.

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Pitts: No telling how many outside corporations turn away from MS because we don't support our public schools. [#Init42](#)

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Pitts: turnout for [#Init42](#). Put future of our city, state first for public schools

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Clint Gannon, Mooreville: House candidate. Wife teachers. Const amends gave women the vote and abolished slavery. Pretty good! [#Init42](#)

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Gannon: This not a party issue, this is a moral issue. If you want better jobs, we've got to have better schools. [#Init42](#)

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Gannon: Vote yes for [#Init42](#), to stand up without hesitation, for our children.

AmandaKoonlaba, M.Ed @AKoonlaba

.[@clintgannon](#) nailing it in his support of Initiative 42 pic.twitter.com/D36lCYmcVm

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools [Mississippi, USA](#)

Adrian Shipman: Oxford mom. [#Init42](#) only way [#msleg](#) will be held accountable for fund our public schools. 42-A to cloud issue.

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools [Mississippi, USA](#)

Shipman: We must educate our neighbors/friends about [#Init42](#). We can't hope it will pass, we must work to make that happen.

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Shipman: [#Init42](#) only way to hold [#msleg](#) accountable for fully funding schools. We must all work to make that happen. MS kids deserve that.

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools [Mississippi, USA](#)

Ray Hill: Oxford dad. Why would certain politicians from Jxn oppose [#Init42](#). Do research on who gives them money?

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools [Mississippi, USA](#)

Hill: EmpowerMS funds them, supports private charter schools. Funded by out-of-state billionaires. To line their own pockets. [#Init42](#)

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Hill, citing Empower PAC buying candidates: you wonder why we want [#msleg](#) out of education.

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Hill: [#Init42](#) opponents funded by Empower PAC - want to privatize schools. Calling out [#msleg](#) funded by Empower. PAC buying elections.

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Hill: Follow the money trail. Who is EmpowerMS giving \$\$ to? (listed \$\$ to political figures) [#Init42](#)

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools [Mississippi, USA](#)

Hill: They want your money, your tax dollars in their pockets. To go to their for-profit schools. We cannot allow that. [#Init42](#)

Kelly Riley @KRileyMPE 20h20 hours ago [Tupelo, MS](#)

Hill: follow \$\$ Trail of Empower: Sen Tollison, Lt Gov Reeves and Steve Hopkins. Bringing \$\$ to north MS to privatize our schools.

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools [Mississippi, USA](#)

Hill: EmpowerMS will bring that money all over North MS until they can privatize our public schools. Stop them? [#Init42](#) is the way to do it.

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools [Mississippi, USA](#)

Chuck Garrett: Ex-New Albany supt. Explains phase-in plan to fully fund MAEP. [#Init42](#)

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Garrett: [#msleg](#) has been in charge of ed funding for 200 years and we're 50th. (Applause) [#Init42](#)

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Chuck Garrett for [#Init42](#): [#msleg](#) has been in charge of education for 200 years & we are 50th.

Kelly Riley @KRileyMPE

Garrett: leg in charge of Ed for 200 years & we're 50th. If prop poor dsts only get state \$\$, they get less than 1/2 TPSD per pupil \$

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Garrett: Tupelo pays 1/2 student costs. Imagine those place who don't get any local money. Why I'm supporting [#Init42](#)

Kelly Riley @KRileyMPE

Chuck Garrett of New Albany: we're asking for 1/4 of 3% increase in revenue until fully funded.

Kelly Riley @KRileyMPE

Garrett: we have lots of teachers if we can just keep them here. 62% budget goes to Ed myth includes cmnty colleges and IHL.

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Garrett: [#msleg](#) will still pass edu laws but citizens will have redress; citizens don't have that now.

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Garrett: [#Init42](#) was proposed by nearly 200K people. 42-A was proposed by about half-dozen [#msleg](#).

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Michelle McCarver: Parent shows child's textbook, wrapped in duct tape. Support [#Init42](#)

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Jack Reed Jr.: Former Tupelo mayor. Poverty MS's biggest challenge. Public education is our greatest weapon. Support [#Init42](#)

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Jack Reed Jr for [#Init42](#): poverty MS's greatest challenge, edu is greatest weapon against poverty. Tell [#msleg](#) long enough is long enough.

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Jack Jr.: [#msleg](#), long enough is long enough. [#Init42](#)

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Charlie Buckley: We're in a pitched battle. Foes purposefully undermining MS public education. Now, we the people have risen up. [#Init42](#)

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Buckley: [#msleg](#) attempting to defund & ultimately destroy pub schls. We shall overcome shenanigans being played with process & pass [#Init42](#)

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Buckley: Trading our children's education for their incarceration. We must work to pass [#Init42](#), overcome political sabotage of 42-A.

Kelly Riley @KRileyMPE

Charlie Buckley of Tupelo: take heed and have hope that we can overcome legislative tricks.

Amber Buckley @nicholsbuckley Aug 17

Amber Buckley retweeted 42ForBetterSchools

So proud of Charlie for his words at the public forum! We stand with 42! [@42ForBtrSchools](#)

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools [Mississippi, USA](#)

Doyce Deas: Here we continue to fight for public education. It's absurd. Obvious, our public officials aren't going to support it. [#Init42](#)

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Kelly Riley @KRileyMPE

Deas: fought for pub Ed @ cap in early 80s. Horrible we are still fighting. We continue to shoot ourself in foot & will cont to be 50th

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Jason Shelton, Tupelo mayor: Honor to stand with Dems, GOP from all over our state to support [#Init42](#) for our schools.

Kelly Riley @KRileyMPE

Jason Shelton, Mayor of Tupelo, speaks for 42: Proud to stand w/ Republicans & Democrats in support of 42.

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Shelton: Public education is about economic development. They won't come without a strong workforce. [#Init42](#)

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Mayor Jason Shelton: notion that one judge will decide anything is nonsense. [#msleg](#) must break the law again before going before judge.

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Shelton: W/out that investment in public ed, we won't be successful for jobs. They're not coming. [#Init42](#)

Kelly Riley @KRileyMPE

Shelton: it's an Econ devt and quality of life issue. I'm fed up w/ 50th. Let's vote 42.

Nancy Loomer @ParentsCampaign Aug 17

Shelton: Hope folks will join me in being [#FedUpWith50th](#) & support [#Init42](#)

Kelly Riley @KRileyMPE

Shelton: Thank you to teachers for making a difference in our state.

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Dr. Ed Holliday: Opposed. Failed congressional candidate. Talking about his dad and a chain saw [#Init42](#)

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Holliday: Reads from U.S. Constitution. Claims [#Init42](#) will subvert representative democracy.

Kelly Riley @KRileyMPE

Ed Holiday, Tupelo dentist, speaks against 42: diminishes your right to vote. We can't control a judge.

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Joey Grist: "A recovering legislator." Voted for MAEP, don't want my child to be adequate. You need to vote, send some people home. [#Init42](#)

Kelly Riley @KRileyMPE

Joey Grist, former House member: I don't teach my child to be adequate. You need to send some people home now. Ridiculous to beg for \$\$.

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Grist: What's wrong w/MS is when good men, good women do nothing. [#Init42](#) isn't the answer, but folks, you've got to start somewhere!

Kelly Riley @KRileyMPE

Grist: what's wrong w/ MS? Good folks doing nothing. 42 not answer to everything, but have to start somewhere.

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Grist: Amazed, tell me we don't need a const amendment for our children? Let's pass [#Init42](#) and get past it.

Nancy Loome @ParentsCampaign

Grist (former [#msleg](#)): many [#msleg](#) need to be sent home; ridiculous that we have to beg for \$ for our schools. Vote for [#Init42](#)!

Jonathan Compretta @jcompretta

Not grassroots? Not bipartisan? J Shelton (D) & J Reed, Jr. (R). Tupelo Mayors past and present for [#Init42](#)

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Grist: This is our chance - support [#Init42](#). We need something for our children! 90% of MS children go to public schools. Time to stand up.

Kelly Riley @KRileyMPE

Grist: we ought to be ashamed that only 30% voted. Exercise your right. 90% of MS go to pub schools. Some parents are D, some R, some Ind.

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Grist: Folks, this is it! It's time. Stand up and support your teachers, children. Send a message. Vote for [#Init42](#) (Applause!)

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Bryan: Recent [#msleg](#) tax breaks are for shopping centers in 4 counties. Took tax money and gave it to businesses. [#Init42](#)

Nancy Loome @ParentsCampaign

Bryan: [#msleg](#) voted against adding \$25M to schools in morning (said no \$), then voted for \$550M tax cut that afternoon.

Kelly Riley @KRileyMPE [S](#)

Senator Hob Bryan from Amory speaks for 42. Offered amendment for addtl \$25M for MAEP, but told no \$\$\$\$. After lunch, senate talked tax cuts

Kelly Riley @KRileyMPE

Senator Bryan: legislature giving tax cuts to shopping centers and reimbursing corporations for their inventory taxes.

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Bryan: One morning, didn't have \$25M for schools, but they offered \$550M tax cut. What? [#Init42](#)
Nobody asked LBO how this would work.

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Bryan: [#msleg](#) voted against adding \$25M to schools in morning (said no \$), then voted for \$550M tax cut that afternoon.

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Sen Hob Bryan (author of MAEP): can fully fund schools & incr \$ for Univ & CC without raising taxes.

Nancy Loomer @ParentsCampaign

Bryan: many #msleg don't vote how constituents want them to, many don't vote the way they want to vote, Empower PAC \$ has too much influence

Kelly Riley @KRileyMPE

Senator Bryan: huge % of legis not voting how constituents want them to vote...or how they themselves want to vote

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Bryan: So much \$\$ to take money away from public schools to give to private education businesses. [#Init42](#)

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Bryan: What's happened with [#Init42](#), political sides split, stopped tax cuts. Don't believe 42-A votes are voting way their people want.

Jason Shelton @jasonfortupelo

Thank you Senator Hob Bryan for fighting for our public schools!!! [#tupelo](#) [#mississippi](#)
<https://instagram.com/p/6gVInIlg0ep/>

Kelly Riley @KRileyMPE

James Malone, 41-year educator: opponents say just vote your legis out. Senator Bryan is my senator! I want to keep him!

Nancy Loomer @ParentsCampaign

Malone: MAEP should be called MS inadequate edu program cause never fund it. [#Init42](#)

Kelly Riley @KRileyMPE

Malone: Ed did have Minimum Prog. We've worked our way up to adequate. Should be MS Inadequate Prog b/c they never funded.

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Malone: Should be MS Inadequate Ed Program because it's never been funded. [#Init42](#)

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James Malone: 41 years educator. Gone from "minimum" program to "adequate" program. Lawfully, reasonably sufficient. [#Init42](#)

Kelly Riley @KRileyMPE

Lost track of my for/against count, but crowd overwhelmingly spoke in support of 42. Next forum is Thurs PM in Meridian.

Jonathan Compretta @jcompretta

It seems the only Mississippians against [#Init42](#) are the politicians in Jackson & the lobbyists trying to curry favor with them

42ForBetterSchools @42ForBtrSchools Strong support for [#Init42](#) at Tupelo forum: Most forum speakers favor amendment - Daily Journal <http://djournal.com/news/initiative-42-debated-majority-of-forum-speakers-favor-amendment/#.VdMk7hIC20Y.twitter> ...