



The Mississippi Department of Education recently announced budget cuts that will greatly impact all non-public, accredited schools. This includes St. James Catholic School, as well as all other parish schools within the Diocese of Biloxi.

The Mississippi Department of Education has alerted all non-public, accredited schools that they will not be given the funds used to purchase textbooks for the 2017-2018 school year, while textbook funds for public schools will not be affected.

**These funds are derived from sales taxes paid by every citizen of the state.**

We are asking that you please consider contacting your Mississippi state representatives to voice your opinion about the state revoking these vital funds from our school, and every school under the auspices of the Diocese of Biloxi.

Thank You.

**CONTACT YOUR  
REPRESENTATIVES**

