

65 % OF MS PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS -- 293,220 OF 503,018 -- ARE CHILDREN AT-RISK. THEIR EDUCATION MUST NOT BE SACRIFIED ON THE ALTAR OF THE STATE BUDGET.

WHEN MISSISSIPPI RE-EVALUATED THE MAEP FORMULA IN 2005 THE STATE'S EXPERT CONSULTANTS CONCLUDED THE MAEP FORMULA SHOULD PROVIDE AN ENHANCEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF 114 PERCENT ABOVE BASE STUDENT COST TO MEET THE REAL NEEDS OF CHILDREN AT-RISK. THE CURRENT FORMULA PROVIDES ONLY A 5 PERCENT INCREASE ABOVE BASE STUDENT COST. IT IS UNJUST TO DENY CHILDREN AT-RISK THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION TO WHICH THEY ARE ENTITLED.

HOW THIS MAP WORKS:

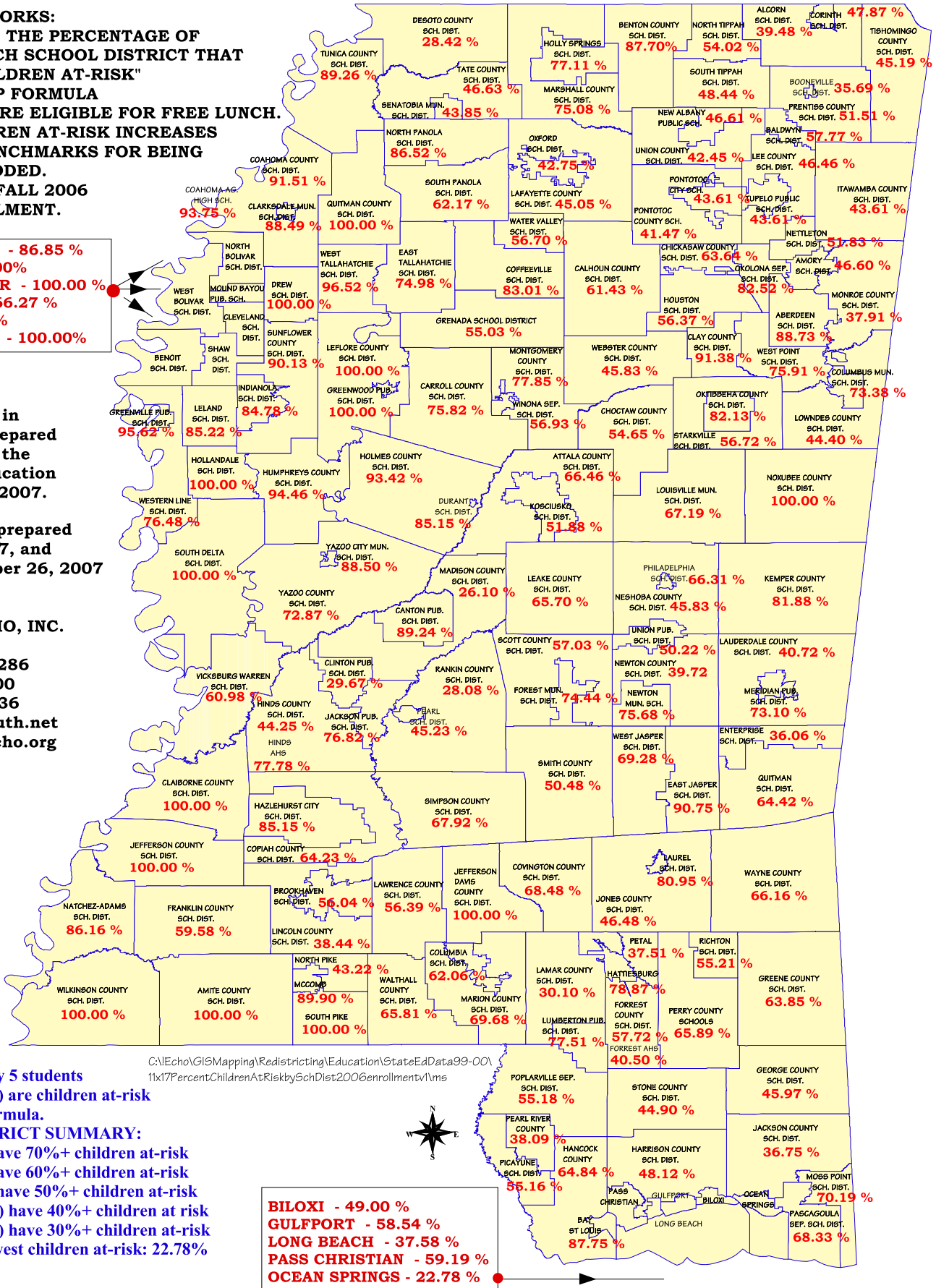
THIS MAP SHOWS THE PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS IN EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT QUALIFY AS "CHILDREN AT-RISK" UNDER THE MAEP FORMULA BECAUSE THEY ARE ELIGIBLE FOR FREE LUNCH. THE % OF CHILDREN AT-RISK INCREASES WHEN OTHER BENCHMARKS FOR BEING "AT-RISK" ARE ADDED. DATA BASED ON FALL 2006 STUDENT ENROLLMENT.

WEST BOLIVAR - 86.85 %
BENOIT - 100.00 %
NORTH BOLIVAR - 100.00 %
CLEVELAND - 66.27 %
SHAW - 95.22 %
MOUND BAYOU - 100.00 %

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PLEASE NOTE:

More than 3 of every 5 students (65% of all students) are children at-risk under the MAEP formula.

MS SCHOOL DISTRICT SUMMARY:

- 41% (63 districts) have 70%+ children at-risk
- 56% (85 districts) have 60%+ children at-risk
- 71% (108 districts) have 50%+ children at-risk
- 89.5% (136 districts) have 40%+ children at risk
- 96.7% (147 districts) have 30%+ children at-risk
- The district with fewest children at-risk: 22.78%

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BILOXI - 49.00 %
GULFPORT - 58.54 %
LONG BEACH - 37.58 %
PASS CHRISTIAN - 59.19 %
OCEAN SPRINGS - 22.78 %