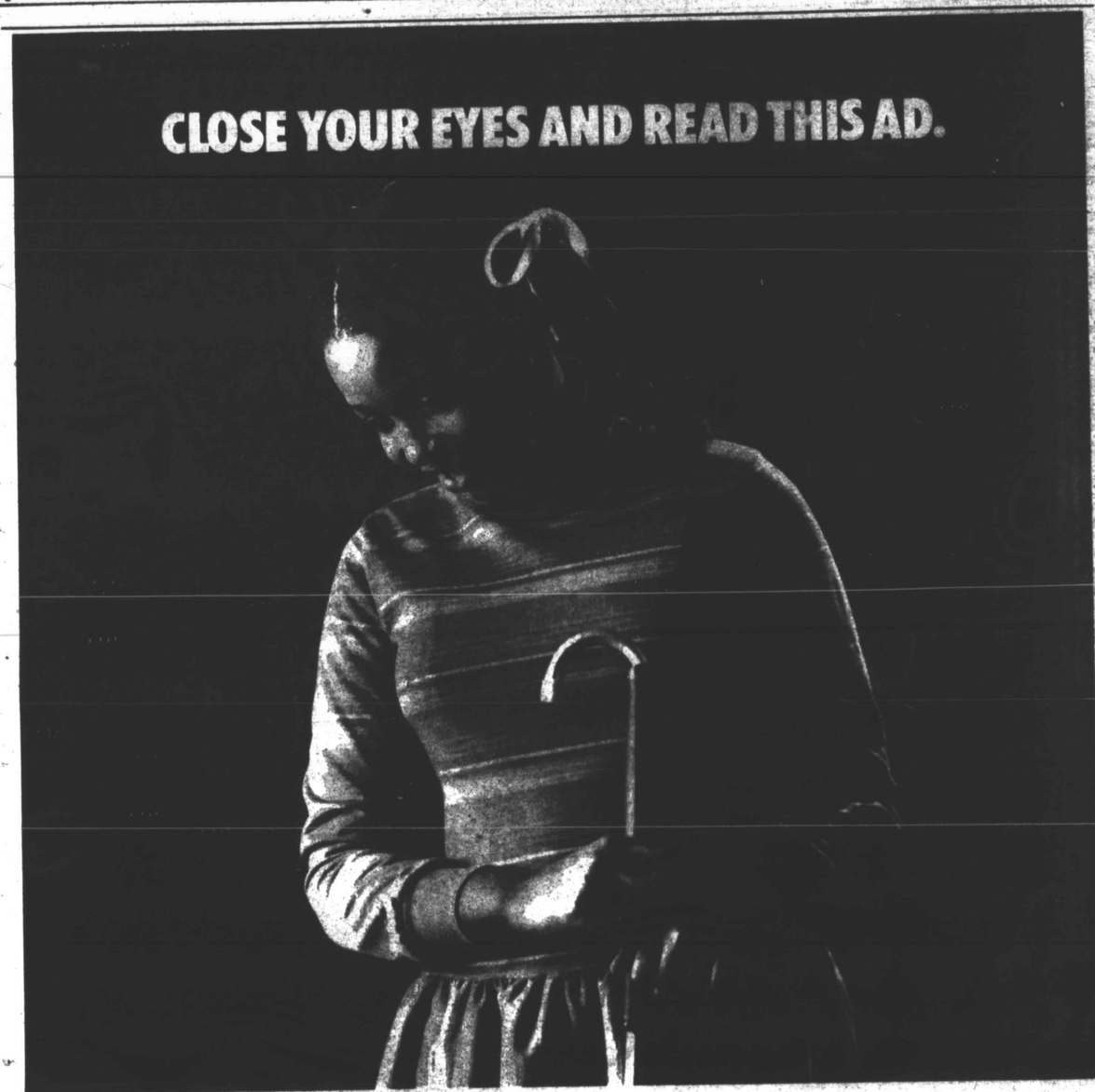
CLOSE YOUR EYES AND READ THIS AD.



You've just experienced a part of Tiesa's life. Tiesa's blind. She can't read newspapers, watch television or go to the movies. But with the training and education she receives from The Maryland School for the Blind, she leads a meaningful and productive life. The Maryland School for the Blind is just one of the educational institutions to receive financial assistance from the State Department of Education. In 1984, the General Fund will contribute over 811 million dollars in aid to the State Department of Education. The State General Fund continues to provide over 85% of the operating costs of The Maryland School for the Blind.

In 1984, the public education agencies will spend more than 35 cents of every General Fund dollar and almost 30 cents of every dollar appropriated. Sixty nine percent of these funds is budgeted to the State Department of Education to be used primarily for the support of elementary and secondary education.

Public higher education in Maryland is provided directly by the State at the University of Maryland, Morgan State University, the six state universities and colleges, and St Mary's College of Maryland.

We hope this opened your eyes to a part of what the General Fund contributes to public education in the State of Maryland.

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