

Governor Musgrove has created the Governor's Task Force for Classroom Technology in order to accomplish his goal of placing an Internet-accessible computer in every public elementary and secondary classroom in Mississippi by the end of 2002. This is the first step in Governor Musgrove's plan to place a computer on every child's desk. The task force is comprised of representatives of teachers, state agencies, private foundations and interests, and professional associations.

The task force is charged with supporting legislative initiatives to fund the project, raising private sector awareness and financial support of the project, and executing the initiative. Through its planning, the task force must determine the most cost-effective method for providing Internet accessible connections to every classroom, identify financial resources for the project, and complete an inventory of classroom computers. The task force will also be responsible for raising private sector funds to match public dollars appropriated by the Legislature.