

BellSouth Press Conference with John McCullouch  
Monday, May 14, 2001  
8:30 a.m.  
Harrison Central High School Auditorium

### **Talking Points**

- Good Morning
- Technology does help all students achieve in school.
- Technology that does not advance our children's learning has little value in the classroom.
- Thanks to the BellSouth Foundation, students and educators across the State have better access to computers and training.
- BellSouth edu.pwr3 focuses on improving and advancing leading, teaching and learning in regards to technology.
- With the announcement of today's grant to Harrison Central, more students have better access to this technology.

- Technology that is essential in our world – technology that is ever changing.
- Access to new methods and hardware is essential or our children will fall behind in the global marketplace.
- We must stay ahead!
- We have started the momentum – We are seeing changes and improvements – We cannot turn back the clocks.
- The use of technology in schools allows teachers to do a better job in today’s challenging environment.
- They can motivate students in new ways. The use of the World Wide Web excites and motivates even the youngest of children.
- Technology “taps” into their natural curiosity.
- Students with different learning styles and special needs students can learn with their peers in the same classrooms.

- Partnerships such as this one with BellSouth are helping to make a better life for our children.
- They will have the opportunity for an even better quality of life.
- They will have the ability to live, work and raise their families here in Mississippi.
- I do not want my children to have to leave our great state for better opportunities.
- I want them to stay in Mississippi, if they so choose.
- Thank you to BellSouth, John McCullouch and everyone involved in this \$\_\_\_ grant to Harrison Central High School.
- It is exciting to hear of more great things happening in our state for our children.