

NATIONAL RECESSION:

- The nation has been facing a recession for the past year and a half, affecting every state and every household.
- Mississippi has weathered this recession better than most states, keeping critical state services operating for the people of Mississippi without raising taxes or laying off employees.

EDUCATION:

- My budget backs up that priority and puts “Schools First,” with **62%** of the budget going toward education.
- Fully funds the **teacher pay raise**, restores the **Mississippi Adequate Education Program** to the 2004 funding level, and **replaces one time money** for adequate education.
- **\$200 million Brain Trust** to recruit and retain the best minds in Mississippi.
- **Education is priority number one.**

SAFETY:

- **\$20 Million** for the enforcement of **homeland security measures**, supporting the work of MEMA, the Department of Public Safety, the Health Department, and the Mississippi National Guard.

JOBS:

- Since January 2000, we grown Mississippi through:
 - More than **1,700** new and expanded facilities;
 - Over **47,000 new jobs**, 21,000 of them through expansions of existing industry;
 - **\$12.9 billion** invested in the state.
- **\$20 million** to improve infrastructure through **safe roads and bridges**

ADMINSTRATIVE

- **12.9 percent cut** for the administrative functions of our state.