

*Talking points for  
CAVS, Canton  
December 15, 2003*

- Recognize
  - Gov.- elect Haley Barbour
  - Rep. Billy McCoy
  - Steve Hale and his MDA Staff
  - Dr. Charles Lee, President, MSU
  - Emil Hassan, Dave Boyer, Galen Medlin  
and other Nissan officials
  
- We are here today to celebrate the opening  
of the CAVS center here in Canton.
  
- CAVS center means **one** thing to the people  
of Mississippi – **JOBS**
  
- here today because we made investments in  
education

- By investing in education
  - provided the foundation to bring the number one economic development project in the nation to our state
  - we did it **together**
  
- Carlos Ghosn and Nissan recognized what we have accomplished
  - and are continuing to accomplish
  - when they selected Mississippi as the site for their newest and most technologically advanced auto plant in the nation
  
- \$4 million facility is part of the Nissan package

- Last week, opened the CAVS center in Starkville at MSU
- These two centers impact Mississippi's economy
- Provide opportunity right here for Mississippians
- This center and the Nissan plant
  - would have not been possible without the advancements we have made in education

- For the past two weeks
  - touring schools across Mississippi
  - to congratulate the administration and students on their outstanding successes this year
  
- At one stop, toured the technology center
  - saw our high school kids
  - learning to design and build buildings, cars and yes,
  - automobile parts on their computers
  
- One of those teenagers in that classroom, has a strong possibility
  - of working here one day
  - researching and developing some of the best vehicles in the world.

- These children are 1/3 of our population, but make up all of our future
- We **must** continue to **invest** in our children which is **our future**
- This year, we took the **historic** action of funding **education first**
- Teachers are paid like the professionals they are;
  - students have access to the most updated knowledge with computers in every classroom; and

- Mississippi's students are proving
  - they can compete with anyone, anytime and anywhere
  - in the nation or the world for that matter, for the best jobs that are offered
- Closing