

Mississippi Association of School Administrators (MASA) Annual Conference
Monday, October 9, 2000
12:00 p.m.
Crowne Plaza Hotel, Jackson, MS

They have asked for brief remarks celebrating school administrators.

Opening

- Good Afternoon
- Thank Dewey Herring Ed. D. for his introduction
- Thank you for inviting me here today

Main Points

1. We look to educators to provide our children with a solid education
 - a. I commend all school administrators for their excellent job in teaching the children of Mississippi
 - b. You are providing students with life skills they will need to prosper
 - c. A solid education and good jobs go hand in hand

2. Preparing for economic growth

- a. The education our children receives will allow our state to grow and prosper
- b. A better quality of life for everyone depends on a solid education
- c. We have to provide the opportunities for our children after they have received their education

3. Advancements

- a. Computers in the classroom
 - i. The quick growth of technology, Mississippi must keep up (The number of websites now vs. 1993)
 - ii. Internet-accessible computer in every classroom by 2002
- b. Fast Forward Mississippi
 - i. Kids realize the world of career opportunities that await them
- c. Milken Awards for 3 teachers in MS being recognized for their outstanding work
- d. Strong leaders in our schools provide a positive role model for everyone, not just the students

e. The community benefits

f. The state benefits

g. It's a Win Win situation

Closing

1. Future is bright
2. It will take everyone working together to make Mississippi an even better place to live, work and visit
3. Commitment to the future – to our children