

Accomplishments:

- “Computers in the Classroom,” which will place an Internet-accessible computer in every public school classroom in the state. The National Governors Association has confirmed that Mississippi will be the first state in the nation to accomplish this when the program is completed in December 2002.
- Teacher pay: 49<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>/New York Times editorial
- Leadership Summit on Higher Education (January 2002) - Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges - six priorities for education in Mississippi, ranging from early childhood education to adult learning.
- As a member of the National Governors Association Executive Committee, Musgrove was one of two governors chosen to lead the NGA effort regarding the “No Child Left Behind” legislation recently passed by Congress.
- Governor Musgrove co-chaired NGA/Council of Chief State School Officers joint working group that developed policy recommendations for Congress regarding the reauthorization of IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act).
- Princeton ranked our testing and accountability system 6<sup>th</sup> strongest in the nation

Current:

- In his executive budget recommendation for the 2004 fiscal year, Musgrove puts “Schools First” with a budget that spends 62 percent on education. Included in his budget is a \$200 million “brain trust,” a commitment of \$20 million a year over 10 years, to be used to recruit and retain the best minds for research and development at Mississippi’s institutions of higher learning.
- Following the Leader: Mississippi is also one of six states to participate in a pilot program on the implementation of NCLB.
- LeadershipPlenty Mississippi: Initiative for communities develop grassroot leaders. MS is first state selected to take it statewide.
- Early childhood: DHS partnership with Barksdale Reading Institute to fund 18-month needs assessment conducted by Dr. Lynn Kagan.
- SREB (chairman), NAGB, NBPTS