

As I have been traveling around the state the past month, I have been talking about the importance of education and jobs.

Almost two weeks ago, I signed into law the historic education funding bills that helps every school and community across the state. Education is the foundation to attract good jobs and good jobs build good communities.

Rural areas have been hit hard by the national recession and NAFTA. We have to deal with the impact here in Mississippi. Our people must be protected in the short term and prepared for the long term.

In my State of the State I proposed a jobs program directed at rural Mississippi. The Mississippi Rural Economic Impact Authority is designed to help those communities hit hardest.

We will provide assistance to new businesses as well as existing businesses and provide training to those who have lost their jobs.

Remember, good schools attract good jobs and good jobs build good communities.

I'm Ronnie Musgrove, and this has been the Mississippi Minute. Thanks for listening.