

Mississippi Minute

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We should be thankful for Mississippi's teachers.

Not only are they on the front lines in the classrooms every day, they are on the front lines of our future. They have a view of the promise and potential for our state that few ever have the opportunity to really see.

They look at the faces of our children and see what Mississippi can and will be.

What about a different point of view, one that turns the focus on the teachers and their promise and potential?

Once again, we are one of the top ten states for nationally board certified teachers. A total of 321 Mississippi teachers achieved their national board certification this year. This was the seventh highest number in the nation, and we rank sixth in the nation with a total of 1,459 board certified teachers.

These teachers and every teacher across our state have made a commitment to their profession, and I'm proud of the commitment we have made back to them through an aggressive pay package and a budget that puts our schools first.

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