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Re: “positive number” request

1. Assume you have “captured” the Quality Counts data from Education Week in 2002 and 2003 reports. The Quality Counts reports on assessment, for example, rated Mississippi in the top 10.
2. You have the National Board Certified Teacher information.
3. You know that your 2003-2004 teacher salary raises will be one of the largest percentage pay raises in the United States. We believe it will be the largest percentage increase when all of the information is reported.
4. Mississippi has maintained the gains in reading as measured by the National Assessment of Education Progress (The Nation’s Report Card) for fourth graders. Those gains in the last NAEP reading report showed Mississippi with the second largest increase for fourth graders (tied with Kentucky and North Carolina). Only Connecticut had a larger increase than Mississippi, Kentucky or North Carolina. The soon-to-be-released 2002 NAEP reading results will show that these previous gains were maintained by the new class of fourth graders.
5. Mississippi comprehensive reading program with the Barksdale Institute is the largest privately –publicly sponsored reading initiative in America.
6. Mississippi was the first southern state to have its state plan for No Child Left Behind to be approved by the U.S. Department of Education.
7. Higher education enrollment increases in Mississippi in U.S. Top 10. Mississippi’s increase in college enrollment in the most recent reports from the U.S. Department of Education show that Mississippi had the sixth highest percentage increase in the nation and second highest in the South. The increases in enrollment by African-American students were the fourth highest in America and the second highest in the South (enrollment reports 1994-2000).