

Secretary Riley's
America Back To School
Bus Tour
Monday, August 28, 2000

Speech Points

- In Mississippi we realize the importance of education.
- 92% of our children are educated in public schools.
- That means we must do all that we can to make sure we have the best public schools possible.
 - Top notch teachers
 - Raising teacher pay to the Southeastern Average
 - Recruiting students to enter the teaching profession

Computers in every classroom

Internet-accessible

Placing the world at the fingertips of
our children

- We are preparing our children to graduate from the 12th grade and successfully enter the workforce.
 - They are the employees of tomorrow
 - They are the employers of tomorrow

- We are in a world of Technology
 - We can gain the competitive edge
 - We must change and adapt to remain competitive

- Training and re-training for good paying jobs
 - Must provide them with the basic skills that will give them a good foundation for the future.
 - Education is a lifelong process