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## **Governor Musgrove Announces Restoring Funds to Education**

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove today announced the restoration of approximately \$12.9 million to minimum education.

“We must invest in our children. By investing in our local schools, we are demonstrating our commitment to communities that we put education first,” Musgrove said. “This will not only help our children, it will also continue our efforts to improve the quality of life for all Mississippians.”

“This announcement today by Governor Musgrove is great news for Mississippi school districts. These funds bring the total restoration to school districts for this fiscal year to \$50.1 million,” said State Superintendent of Education Dr. Richard L. Thompson. “We are very pleased that districts will not have to begin the new year with any further shortfalls.”

“Public schools in Mississippi will be very grateful. This money will go a long way to help restore the cuts that we have experienced,” said Henry Arledge, Superintendent of the Harrison County School District. “The Governor is to be commended. He has said that education is a priority and he is clearly demonstrating that to us. Without his leadership, this State will not progress and move forward.”

Governor Musgrove has the authority to use \$50 million from the working cash stabilization fund each fiscal year. This \$12 million is the balance of the Governor’s FY 2002 \$50 million.

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