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Governor Ronnie Musgrove Announces Four Schools To Receive Computer Labs From NASA

(Jackson, Ms) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove said today that NASA's Digital Earth Virtual Environment & Learning Outreach Project's (DEVELOP) donation of four computer labs to Verona Elementary, Jefferson County Elementary, Sebastopol Attendance Center and Stringer Attendance Center is another step forward in providing technology for Mississippi's students.

"I am pleased that NASA/Project DEVELOP chose the great state of Mississippi to be the recipients of these computer labs," said Musgrove. "The computer labs located in each of Mississippi's four Congressional Districts will aid and enhance these students potential learning and productivity in the classroom and make Mississippi's future brighter."

The purpose of DEVELOP is to demonstrate the importance and benefits of Earth science applications to communities by using the students to conduct projects for communities or states. Along with the computers, NASA and Project DEVELOP will also provide teachers with NASA Earth science resources to use in their classrooms.

Under Governor Ronnie Musgrove, Mississippi became the first state in the country to have Internet-accessible computers in every public school classroom in February of 2003. The initiative originally launched in February of 2000 culminated in 32,354 classrooms being equipped with Internet-accessible computers.

"Mississippi continues to make strides in the areas of education and technology in an effort to put our children and our schools first by providing them with the technology and the resources they need to succeed in school and later in the work force," said Musgrove.

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