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Governor Musgrove Rewards Reading with Riding

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove celebrated the reading accomplishments of students from the Pascagoula School District tonight, helping to give away bikes at the “Read n’ Ride Rally” to the top 600 readers in the district. Students read nearly 500,000 books as part of a challenge from the district.

“This challenge says a lot about these students,” Musgrove said. “They are willing to work, they appreciate the learning process, and they can take an obstacle and turn it into an opportunity. With those skills in place, they will have a tremendous impact on the future of Mississippi.”

The students were challenged by the school district to read 500,000 books over the course of the school year. Points were awarded to each student based on the difficulty level of the books, and 600 bikes were given away to the students with the most points.

“I want to build our future based on what our future can be, and with students like these, our future is bright,” said Musgrove. “They are going to be a key part of our work to build good schools, good jobs and good communities across the state.”

Education has been the key priority of the Musgrove administration. Over the past three years, a teacher pay plan has been implemented to raise salaries from 49th to 19th in the nation, an Internet-accessible computer has been placed in every public school classroom, and the state is one of the first in the nation to have its plan for the “No Child Left Behind” legislation approved by the federal government.

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