



GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE

Plan for Mississippi – State of State

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In 2000, Governor Musgrove proposed a comprehensive plan to move Mississippi forward by investing in education and creating quality jobs for the people of this state.

The Governor's vision stands on three main premises:

- Good Schools
- Good Jobs
- Good Communities

GOOD SCHOOLS

- Test scores are up - Princeton Review - Mississippi testing program 6th best in nation.
- More high school students are going to college – SREB: 62% or 6th highest in nation.
- Quality teachers – Mississippi is in the top ten in number of board certified teachers.
- Teacher pay raise – moving Mississippi from 49th to 19th.
- Computers in the Classroom – NGA certified – Mississippi first state in the nation to provide an internet-accessible computer in every classroom (30,000+)

New initiatives:

- **Schools First Funding at 62%**
- **Summer Start**
- **Support our Schools (SOS)**
- **Mississippi Brain Trust**

GOOD JOBS

- Advantage Mississippi Program
 - 49,000 new jobs
 - 23,000 from expansion of existing industry
 - Over \$13.5 billion invested
- Nissan – Total investment \$1.5 billion and more than 5,000 new direct jobs
- Top ten in the nation for small business survival
- Civil Justice Reform
- CDBG, ARC, and DRA grants to communities

New Initiatives:

- **Mississippi Rural Economic Impact Authority**



GOOD COMMUNITIES

- Medical Malpractice Reform
- Medicaid Flexibility
- West Nile Response
- Children's Health Insurance Program
- Domestic Preparedness and Homeland Security in Mississippi
- DUI .08
- Amber Alert in Mississippi
- Prison Accreditation
- Bridge Program/State Aid Roads

New Initiatives:

- **Mississippi Compensation Fund**
- **Flexibility and funding for Human Services and Corrections**