

BellSouth Press Conference with John McCullouch
Monday, May 14, 2001
8:30 a.m.
Harrison Central High School Auditorium

Talking Points

- Today's economy is seamless, borderless, and it is global.
- No longer is technology taught in schools as an elective.
- It is now seen as core curriculum because technology is the key to the future.
- Students who walk out of the twelfth grade must have exceptional skills in technology to successfully enter the workforce or to continue their education.
- Congratulations to Harrison Central High School!!!!
- This school has been chosen to receive this outstanding grant from BellSouth because of the leadership shown by the administrators and teachers of this school.

- They know and understand the value of technology in the classroom and in the workforce of tomorrow.
- With the announcement of today's grant to Harrison Central, more students will have access to this technology.
- Technology that is essential in our world – technology that is ever changing.
- The use of technology in schools gives our teachers access to new ways of teaching and to more teaching resources.
- Computers and the Internet can motivate students in new ways. The use of the World Wide Web excites and motivates even the youngest of children.
- Technology “taps” into their natural curiosity, and opens the doors to new ways of learning.
- My thanks to the BellSouth Foundation, and my thanks to John McCullouch, President of BellSouth.

- John, both you and BellSouth have shown your continued commitment to our students, to technology and to education.
- BellSouth has been a committed partner in our efforts to place an Internet-accessible computer in every classroom in the state of Mississippi by the end of the year 2002, which is another reason we are on the Gulf Coast this morning.
- Our “computers in the classroom initiative” is similar to BellSouth’s program because it involves a wide spectrum of support from within the school and the community as a whole.
- It takes all of us, working together to strengthen education in the State of Mississippi, and today, we are one step closer.
- You and I both know that the future of our children – of these students – begins and ends with their education.
- Partnerships such as this one with BellSouth are helping to make learning opportunities better for our children.

- It is exciting to be here today and to be a part of more great things happening in our state for our children and for education.