

Agenda: Governor, Thompson (education perspective), Huggins (law enforcement perspective)

#### Talking Points for Dr. Thompson

- I would like to thank Governor Musgrove and Commissioner Huggins of the Mississippi Department of Public Safety for helping to create the Crisis Response Box.
- Together, we have created “The Box” which is an easy 1, 2, 3 approach to crisis planning and prevention.
- I urge teachers, administrators and local authorities throughout the state of Mississippi to work together to embrace this plan and take the steps to be prepared.
- With “The Box” in place, school administrators will be able to work with local authorities to prevent or control a crisis situation.
- As Governor Musgrove said,
- Students deserve the opportunity to learn in a safe environment,
- And, a crisis **can** happen—at any school—at any time.
- It is our goal to provide a safe and nurturing environment for students, to help them realize their full potential **without** the worry of violence in the classroom.
- I expect that each school will take action as quickly as possible, once they have received a Crisis Response Box.
- We need to take the steps to prepare ourselves for a crisis situation **NOW** so we will be in control if we are ever again faced with another situation such as the tragedy in Pearl or Columbine.