

State Board of Education  
Talking Points

- Good Morning
- I am pleased to be here this morning at Michel Jr. High in Biloxi, Mississippi to announce our two appointments to the State Board of Education.
- Claude Hartley is representing the 3<sup>rd</sup> Supreme Court District, filling the unexpired term of Cheryl Tidwell, ending July 1, 2003.
- Claude is a former member, and President, of the Tupelo School Board.
- During that time he served as Vice Chairman of the State Council on Vocational Education and was elected President of the State School Boards Association.
- Claude is a businessman and is the Director of the Mississippi Furniture Market facility in Tupelo.
- - Pause -

- Sondra Parker Caillavet is filling the teacher (at-large) position on the Board with a term ending July 1, 2009.
- Sondra is a mathematics teacher here at Michel Junior High, and has been teaching in the Biloxi Public School System for 27 years.
- She was the 1998 Biloxi Teacher of the Year; the recipient of the Beverly Briscoe Award, given by the Biloxi Rotary; and she is the Mississippi Air Force Association's Teacher of the Year for 2000.
- Sondra has served on the Mississippi State Mathematics Curriculum Revision Team, and serves as a seven-year team leader on the Knight Foundation Collaboration between the University of Southern Mississippi and Biloxi Schools.
- She has also made numerous local, state and national level presentations for the National Council for Teachers of Mathematics, and is listed in Who's Who of America's Teachers.

- Both Claude and Sondra have a passion for education, and both share my vision to move Mississippi's educational standards and expectations to new heights.
- I would like to thank Claude and Sondra for accepting their positions to the State Board of Education, and I know they will both be assets to the Board.
- (Shake hands with both)
- Ask them individually to say a few words.
- Thank you, and we will be glad to take any questions you may have.