

Dear Ms. Davis: Per Michael's away message on his email, I am forwarding this to you for your attention. FYI: NetDay has been working with several schools in the MS Delta for the past four years on technology challenges and I first met with Michael earlier this year to discuss that project. I was initially referred to Michael by our mutual good friend, Jim Barksdale.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions. Any help you can provide in getting news about this out to more Mississippi schools would be helpful. We are now up to over 80,000 students signed up to participate!

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**From:** Julie Evans [mailto:julie@netday.org]  
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**Cc:** Jim Barksdale  
**Subject:** NetDay Speak Up Day - October 29, 2003

Hi Michael: hope you are doing great. I want to make sure that you know about our new and exciting national initiative, NetDay Speak Up Day, that fits in so well with Governor Musgrove's education technology efforts.

### Make Sure Your Student Voices Are Heard on Speak Up Day

What do students in your K-12 schools think about using technology and the Internet to help with schoolwork? NetDay wants to find out and share those results with the education community, including the US Department of Education for their work with the new National Education Technology Plan. On Speak Up Day, 500,000 students will raise their voices during an online event hosted by NetDay, a national nonprofit organization. Schools can register to have their students participate by visiting [www.NetDay.org/speakupday.htm](http://www.NetDay.org/speakupday.htm)

As of this morning, we have **over 50,000 students** signed up to participate. The response has been fantastic nationwide. It is very important to our effort however that every school in every community in every state knows about Speak Up Day and has the opportunity to participate.

We are tracking state by state participation. **Unfortunately, right now, only 1 school in Mississippi is registered already.** Speak Up Day is a perfect follow on to all of the innovative work that was done in Mississippi last year to get every classroom connected - *let's now hear from the students about how they are using those connections!* This could be a great initiative for Governor Musgrove to get behind right now and to help us get the word to every school in Mississippi. And I would be happy to share Mississippi specific results with the Governor post October 29. Attached is our press release issued this week.

More information about Speak Up Day, including lesson plans and facilitation guides for teachers, information about our partners and donation opportunities are available on [www.NetDay.org](http://www.NetDay.org).

This is very exciting initiative and I would really like to make sure that the student voices from Mississippi are heard loud and clear all across the country. Can you help us get the word out to schools in Mississippi?

Thanks, Michael.

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