

I am writing to you on behalf of Governor Musgrove. Thank you for your e-mail concerning Mississippi's educational system, particularly programs for gifted students. I would like to reemphasize that education is Governor Musgrove's top priority. The Governor's Task Force for Classroom Technology will place a computer in every classroom so that our teachers and our students may have the resources available via the Internet for their studies. We must ensure that our state provides adequate and effective programs to all of our students, including gifted students. State law does not allow state funds to be expended for gifted programs prior to the second grade. The Governor appreciates your sharing your thoughts regarding gifted programs with him and he will certainly keep your comments under advisement. Thank you again for your interest in our educational system and for sharing your concerns with Governor Musgrove.