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Mississippi is now the first state in the nation to have an Internet-accessible computer in every public school classroom, a fact confirmed by the National Governors Association. More than 32,000 classrooms, from kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, are wired and connected to the Internet.

Any student, regardless of location or economic status, can now log on to the web and have immediate access to the greatest resource of information the world has ever known. The impact on their learning will be incredible.

One of the keys to the success of this initiative was the partnership we made between public and private entities. We were able to pull resources together and work toward a common goal.

I'm extremely proud of the hard work done by hundreds of students across the state on this project as well. Since June, nearly 6,000 computers were built from scratch by students and distributed to classrooms. I had the opportunity to watch these students, on several occasions, as they put the computers together. Watching them build, knowing they were honing their own technological skills while they were contributing to the future of thousands of students, was one of the greatest feelings I've ever known.