

In July 2001, Governor Musgrove signed legislation clearing the way for a historic teacher pay raise for Mississippi's teachers. His plan, when fully implemented, will raise the average teacher pay in the state from 49<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> in the nation. The *New York Times* praised the package, saying Mississippi had "put together the kind of package that continues to elude New York."

Governor Musgrove is also focusing on providing Mississippi's students with the tools necessary to compete in the economy of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. He created the Task Force on Classroom Technology, which will place an Internet-accessible computer in every public school classroom in the state by the end of 2002.