

As I have been traveling around the state the past month, people have talked to me about the importance of education and jobs.

Almost two weeks ago, I signed into law the historic education funding bills that help every community across the state. Education is the foundation to attract good jobs and good jobs build good communities.

Rural areas have been hit hard by the national recession and NAFTA. We have to deal with the impact here in Mississippi. Our people must be protected in the short term and prepared for the long term.

The Mississippi Rural Economic Impact Authority is designed to help those communities hit hardest by job losses.

The Rural Economic Impact Authority will provide assistance to new businesses as well as existing businesses and provide training to those who have lost their jobs.

Remember, good schools attract good jobs and good jobs build good communities.

I'm Ronnie Musgrove, and this has been the Mississippi Minute. Thanks for listening.