

*Talking Points*  
*Weekend of August 15*  
*Indianapolis*

- Education
  - Mississippi is a recognized leader in education
  - In midst of national recession, when others are cutting school weeks/ releasing prisoners/ massive layoffs/ raising taxes, Mississippi is investing in education first
  - Historic and unprecedented action
  - Teacher pay raises
  - Computers in classroom
  - “No child left behind”
  - Public schools are cornerstones of our communities and key to the success of our economy
  
- Job creation
  - Over 2,300 new and expanded facilities
  - More than 54,000 new jobs
  - Capital investment of over \$15 billion
  - Mississippi is home to the only automobile manufacturing plant to open this year in the United States
  - We are aggressive about creating quality, high-paying jobs for our people
  - The best thing a child can see every morning on the way to school, is their parents on their way to a good job
  
- Health care
  - Healthy children are ready, willing, and better equipped to learn
  - Healthy adults are ready to work to provide for their families
  - Together we are building healthier families, happier communities, and an even better Mississippi
  
- New image of Mississippi is unlike anything anyone could ever have imagined
  - Image of a state moving faster than anyone else into the 21<sup>st</sup> century
  - Competing in global marketplace
  - Setting new standards in education and job creation
  - Good schools, good jobs, good communities