

Talking Points

- Campaigned for governor on education
- Important to set priorities in state budget
 - No greater priority than education
- Wanted to bring MS teacher pay to southeastern average
 - Signed legislation in 2000 session to do that
 - Opposed 5% provision at the time
 - Have worked since to remove it
- Today's vote historic
 - Made commitment to MS teachers
 - Today commitment was kept

