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Governor Musgrove Praises Appointment of Hattiesburg Educator to National Commission

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove said the appointment of Dr. James R. Davis to a national commission charged with studying the future of surveys done by the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) is further evidence of the respect in which the state’s educators are held. The 20-member commission was established by the National Assessment Governing Board (NAGB).

“We have worked hard to make education a priority in Mississippi, and our work is paying off through teacher raises, the installation of Internet-accessible computers in every classroom, strengthened testing and accountability standards, and especially through our commitment to fully fund education and fund it first,” said Musgrove. “The selection of Dr. Davis to this important commission will help us continue this work, as well as strengthen our nation’s educational future.”

The NAEP currently conducts samples of 12th graders in a broad range of academic subjects, such as science, math, reading, geography, history and writing. According to the NAGB press release, the commission will focus on issues such as the percentage of 12th graders ready for higher education, the percentage that may require remedial work, the percentage prepared for high-skill or low-skill employment, and the number who are ready for demanding roles in the military.

Dr. Davis is superintendent of Hattiesburg Public Schools. He will serve on the commission with national representatives from the military, business, K-12 education and higher education.

Musgrove is one of two governors currently serving on NAGB, and is a member of the Committee on Standards, Design and Methodology.

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