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Governor Musgrove Speaks to the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove welcomed the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards to Mississippi today and discussed important topics pertaining to education and Mississippi’s movement to better education in the state. The National Board is an independent, nonprofit organization governed by a 63-member board of directors that mainly consists of classroom teachers.

“I am pleased to serve on this organization’s board,” said Musgrove. “The National Board aims to better our schools by preparing teachers for the twenty-first century, and I feel that equipping our teachers is the only way to guarantee that our children have skilled individuals to educate them.”

Mississippi is ranked 6th in the nation with a total of 1,459 National Board Certified Teachers. It was also one of the first states to offer a financial incentive package for teachers to complete the certification process.

“We are serious about education in this state,” said Musgrove. “The only way to move forward is through taking steps, and we are moving to action in Mississippi.”

The World Class Teaching Program was created in 1996 to support the National Board of Certified Teachers. The program offers mentoring for teachers pursuing National Board certification and provides professional development in areas such as standards and assessment.

The World Class Teaching program operates at Mississippi State University, University of Southern Mississippi, USM/Gulf Coast, University of Mississippi, Delta State University, and Jackson State University. The program operates on the principle that “the best teacher of a teacher is another teacher,” and it has improved teachers’ chances of certifying.

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