

MEMORANDUM

October 30, 2002

TO: Governor

FROM: John

RE: Early childhood press conference

This event will take place on the playground of the Galloway Children's Center at Galloway United Methodist Church. We will have the podium there so the media can get good audio, and a class of about 15 4-year-olds will also be on the playground at that time.

Bentley will have the big check for you to present to Claiborne Barksdale. Dr. Esther Howard from the Early Childhood Institute at MSU will be attending; she was invited to speak after Claiborne Barksdale, but has chosen not to.

We have invited Steve Renfro (Chevron Texaco), members of the MS Early Childhood Association, representatives from DHS, Tymple Lymberis of ETV, Jane Boykin, Dr. Bonita Potter from MDE, Joe Fahner and Dr. Amy from the Health Department, and Louise Davis from MSU's Cooperative Extension Service. Others invited include Laura Beth Hebbler, Head Start Coordinator; Dr. Wayne Stonecypher; and Dr. Tom Layzell (who has a previous engagement and probably will not attend).

Invited legislators include Rep. Eloise Scott, Sen. Debbie Dawkins, Sen. Gloria Williamson, Sen. Alice Harden, and Rep. Joe Warren.