

MEMORANDUM

July 16, 2002

TO: Governor

FROM: John

RE: Mississippi Association of School Supervisors

CC: Richard

At this event, you will be introduced by Jayne Sargent. Dr. Henry Johnson will be at the event, and your remarks refer to him. We found out today that Dr. Richard Thompson *will* be attending this event, despite the efforts of David Watkins. At this time, there are no references to him in your remarks.

A press release on Dr. Johnson and a copy of the agenda for the convention are attached.

Your remarks also include an announcement of an ExplorNet project to build nearly 6,000 computers by the end of the year for the "Computers in the Classroom" initiative. The computers are being built by Mississippi students. The project is supported through a \$4 million grant from MDA. Individuals from ExplorNet, along with a student from Moss Point, will be present and need to be recognized.

Information on this effort is attached.

Finally, you will also be announcing a new initiative from America Online that will be made available, free of charge, to schools statewide. The [AOL@SCHOOL](#) program provides six different education "portals" on the Internet, which ensure students are using sites on the Internet with educational content. The sites are selected by education experts.

Information on [AOL@SCHOOL](#) is also attached.

Finally, Kelly mentioned two other things you may want to refer to in your remarks: the IDEA policy group and your position with NAGB. The remarks do not specifically refer to these.