

MEMORANDUM

August 25, 2001

TO: Governor

FROM: John

RE: Education press conference, 8/27/01

The press conference is scheduled for 10:30am Monday morning, 2nd floor rotunda in the capitol. A media advisory will go out today.

I made calls to Chairman Capps and Senator Gordon, but wasn't able to talk with them. I left messages but haven't heard anything as of yet. I spoke with Steve Williams at the Department of Education; he will be there and is pleased that something is being said about IDEA. I sent him some information, and he was going to speak with Dr. Thompson. Steve will be there Monday and Dr. Thompson may be with him.

I also spoke with Ron Sellers at Jackson Public Schools. He and Dr. Sargent will try to be there.

I will be working on confirmation of who is attending and will have that to you Monday morning.

Attached is background information sent to us by the DNC. Your remarks are at the back of this packet. I didn't make the remarks too political – rather, I wrote them to reflect your position as lead governor on education and the need for Congress and the administration both to fully fund educational programs.