

MEMORANDUM

November 29, 2001

TO: Governor

FROM: John

RE: New Albany Visit

Remember that in the economic development aspects of your remarks to the Rotary Club, we talked today about focusing on economic development and the importance of investing in human capital. I will try to get some information on specific projects/businesses from MDA before the speech and relay it to you through Kelly.

Late this afternoon, I received an event sheet for the visit to New Albany High School. Following your visit with Dr. Charles Garrett, you are scheduled to speak to the faculty. You will have about 15 minutes.

Points to make should include:

- Your commitment to them through the teacher pay raise; pay them as the professionals they are.
- Thank them for their commitment and dedication.
- They have three teachers who just passed National Board Certification. The names were cut off the event sheet, but I will get them to Kelly before you get to the event. These teachers need to be recognized.
 - Mississippi is sixth in the nation as far as nationally certified teachers.
 - Mississippi was the first state to offer more pay for certified teachers.
- Remind them you are there for them, you appreciate them, and you won't allow the budget to be balanced by cutting education.