
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: BOYD
FROM: RILEY
SUBJECT: STATUS OF PROJECTS
DATE 9/29/00
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Per your request, the following are the projects I am currently working on and the status of each:

Early Childhood Health Conference: We have one more slot on the 10-member team to fill and are awaiting a response from Barbara Bealieu, Executive Director of MUW's Early Childhood Center. I have been working with Donna on this. I will be conducting a planning meeting for our state team on Monday, October 9th, at 1:00 in the conference room on the 20th floor of the Sillers Building to begin addressing the questions presented in the conference materials. I am not attending the conference, but Donna is and will provide me with note.

Flag Commission: The Advisory Commission has held 2 meetings, with its next meeting scheduled for October 18. Per the Governor's approval, I have confirmed the sites and dates for the five public hearings (each hearing will be scheduled for 7:00-10:00 p.m.):

October 19th: Itawamba Community College, Tupelo Branch
October 26th: Meridian Community College, Meridian
November 2nd: Mississippi Delta Community College, Moorhead
Thursday, November 9th: Gulf Coast Community College, Jeff Davis Campus
November 13th: Millsaps College, Jackson

I'm also reading the mail to make sure there are no threats and to file each according to its comments (don't change, support new flag, petition, design, etc.). I mailed letters from the Advisory Commission to all superintendents and high school principals (public, private and parochial) this week.

NGA November Visit: I'm compiling a summary memo for Dane Linn of current programmatic activities/services in each of the following areas: Early Childhood, social workers as counselors, school nurses, class size reduction, after-school programs and federal resources (this section of memo to be completed). This memo also identifies MDE's priorities (this section of memo completed). I have started reviewing the early

childhood info off of NGA site for model programs from other states. I told Dane I'd have the memo to him by October 20th.

North Carolina educational initiatives: I have compiled notebook of initiatives, but I haven't completed a summary memo of them.

School-to-Careers: I'm facilitating monthly meetings. This will be an area that I assume I'll hand off to the new education advisor/liaison. The Governor conducted the press conference Wednesday morning announcing "Fast Forward Mississippi," the web site and marketing campaign for the School-to-Careers Initiative. I have completed my six site visits to local partnerships.

I'm scheduled to attend the National Conference in DC October 10th-13th, but given the workload here, especially if you miss 4 days, I may not go or may cut the trip down to 2 days (Tues and Wed) – **please advise**. I think the conference would be very beneficial and informative, but I think it more important that I be here working on Senior Summit, Flag Commission, etc. I know that other state partners are considering the same thing – not going or shorter trip. However, I don't want to reflect negatively on the Governor's office.

Senior Summit: I'll get together with you as soon as I get back from Roanoke for "things to do" list on this.

These are the big projects other than regular correspondence and phone calls.