
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR
FROM: RILEY
SUBJECT: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR MDE'S READING FIRST APPLICATION
DATE 5/17/02
CC: FILE

MDE is submitting the state's *Reading First* application to the U.S. Department of Education. USDE requires a letter of support from the applying state's governor. MDE provided a draft letter of support and I edited it to the attached version (they were a little too praising of "No Child Left Behind.").

The *Reading First* program centers on:

- improving the quality of classroom instruction;
- building instruction on scientific research proven to work in the teaching of reading;
- providing professional development in reading instruction for educators; and
- ensuring that educators have the resources and research to support the extraordinary initiative

Mississippi's anticipated FY 03 appropriation, if awarded, is \$12.3 million.

Please sign the attached letter of support or mark any changes that you want made. Thanks.