
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR
FROM: RILEY
SUBJECT: REQUEST FROM DR. BILLIE ORR OF EDUCATION LEADERS COUNCIL TO MEET WITH YOU
DATE 9/9/03
CC: GROSS

Dr. Billie Orr, Executive Director of the Education Leaders Council, has called and requested a meeting with you. I offered to meet with her due to your schedule, explained that you are pretty well booked through September and into October, but she was adamant about wanting to meet with you. She is willing to fly in from Washington for a breakfast or lunch meeting with you. She wants to brief you on the American Board's Passport to Teaching program. The American Board was founded by the Education Leaders Council and the National Council on Teacher Quality in September 2001.

Dr. Orr and Dr. Kathleen Madigan, President of the American Board, presented a PowerPoint briefing to the State Board of Education at its August meeting. The American Board is seeking to have its *Passport to Teaching* program approved by the State Board as an alternate route for teachers to be deemed highly qualified in accordance with NCLB. You'll remember that the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards contacted us several months ago out of concern that our State Board was going to approve the American Board's Master Teacher certification program. The standards for this program are still being developed and our State Board did not approve the program.

As I stated above, the American Board is seeking to have its *Passport to Teaching* program approved for alternate route. The standards for this program are complete. According to Daphne Buckley at MDE, the American Board will have to work through MDE's process for such approval, which involves the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development recommending adoption of the program for approval by the State Board of Education.

Do you want me to find a time for a breakfast or lunch meeting with Dr. Orr to meet with you?

Yes _____

No _____

Thanks.