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OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE  
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** GOVERNOR  
**FROM:** RILEY  
**SUBJECT:** NAGB MEETING  
**DATE** 5/19/03  
**CC:** FILE

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I attended the NAGB meeting on your behalf in Kansas City this past Friday and Saturday. Nothing out of the unusual came up for discussion, but I did want to pass along the following:

- Regional Meetings: Darv Winnick, Chairman, and Charles Smith, Executive Director, are going to have the first of regional meetings in California on June 11. The purpose of these regional meetings is to educate policy makers, educators and the public on NAGB and NAEP. Although subsequent meetings have not been scheduled, I conveyed to Charles that we would be interested in exploring hosting one in Mississippi, as you are one of 2 governors to serve on the board and you are also SREB chairman. We could invite Louisiana, Arkansas, Tennessee and Alabama to participate in the regional meeting. Charles said that he'd be in touch when they have firmer ideas on future meetings. This could be great PR for you here this summer.
- 2002 Reading and Writing Assessments: Peggy Carr of NCES briefed us on these results. Reading will be released June 19 and writing will be released on July 10. Mark Musick is incorporating the reading results in the SREB meeting. As for Mississippi, we will see scientifically significant increases in reading in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade, but we are still below the national level. The 4<sup>th</sup> grade basically remained the same. The same applies to the writing scores, as well. I took notes on the powerpoint handout, not knowing that they were embargoed and we had to turn them in at the end of the briefing, so I can't convey a lot of details to you. But, 8<sup>th</sup> grade will be positive. THE RESULTS ARE CONFIDENTIAL AND EMBARGOED – DO NOT CONVEY THIS INFO TO ANYONE.
- Nominations to Board: You'll remember that we nominated several people for upcoming Board appointments. After review, scoring and slating by the Nominations Committee, Dr. Henry Johnson and Dr. Bonita Coleman Potter both will be submitted to Secretary Paige for his consideration. New appointments are to be made in order for new members to attend the November meeting. The following current members' terms are expiring and August will be their last meeting:

1. Dan Domenech, Superintendent of the Fairfax County Schools

2. Deborah Voltz, University of Louisville
3. Tom Fisher, Florida Department of Education
4. Michael Nettles (Michael has already resigned to accept another job. You sent a note.)
5. Ed Haertel, Stanford University
6. Mark Musick, SREB
7. Juanita Haugen, Pleasanton, CA, school board
8. Mike Ward, North Carolina State Superintendent
9. Marilyn Whirry, Mira Costa High School, Manhattan Beach, CA

Dan and Mike are both eligible for reappointment and their names are being submitted. As Mike has already announced that he won't be running again for State Superintendent, we don't think he'll be reappointed.

I'm guessing that you will not be able to attend the August meeting, as it is the weekend before the primary. If this is the case, I'll suggest that you drop each of the above a note sometime before September 30, when their terms expire, thanking them for the opportunity to serve with them.

- SREB in Austin: Mark mentioned to me that Secretary Paige will be in Ireland for the International Special Olympics when SREB is meeting in Austin, so he has had to decline the invitation to speak. However, Governor Perry will be there.

Marilyn Whirry, John Stevens, Ed Donley and Jo Ann Pottorff all specifically asked about you and asked me to give you their best regards.