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OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE  
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** GOVERNOR  
**FROM:** RILEY  
**SUBJECT:** AGENDA FOR SREB ANNUAL MEETING IN AUSTIN IN JUNE  
**DATE** 4/23/03  
**CC:** FILE

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Mark Musick and I had a conference call this morning to discuss the attached agenda for SREB's Annual Meeting in Austin, TX, June 22-24. A few points:

- The first page presents the concepts that will be discussed during the meeting.
- In particular, Mark wants your approval of the format for the Plunkett Award r. Mark and his staff are proposing a scholarship for 2003-2004 to a person from Wirt County, West Virginia, to honor the men and women of the Armed Forces. Wirt County is Jessica Lynch's home county. Men and women of the armed services may utilize benefits of the service to attend college. This scholarship will honor them, while also recognizing that many young men and women of similar age are not able to attend college due to financial prohibitions. Mark is proposing that you present the award to Governor Wise on behalf of Wirt County and that we invite Governor Perdue to participate, in honor of Plunkett's service in the Georgia Senate. This would give a bi-partisan feel to the award. I think this will be a "feel good" mix of education/military/patriotism. Is this proposal okay with you?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_\_

- Darv Winick, NAGB Chairman, has written Secretary Paige a personal note encouraging him to accept the invitation to speak at SREB. Darv is going to see Paige next week and will also mention it to him then.
- The NAEP reading scores are scheduled for release June 19, which will be perfect timing for discussion at SREB. (We'll have copies of the report available.)
- Mark will provide you with a briefing book prior to the meeting that will give you the outline of a script/talking points for your role in the meeting. Of course, this will only serve as a guide and you may expound on his points as you wish. Mark has also crafted the agenda so that you will have several opportunities to highlight Mississippi accomplishments, particularly "Education First."

Please ok the agenda or mark any concerns/questions you might have. Thanks!