
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: TELL
FROM: RILEY
SUBJECT: 2/20 SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT: SPEAKING NOTES REGARDING PUBLIC SAFETY
PLANNING'S "SAFE AND DRUG FREE SCHOOLS" PROGRAM
DATE: 2/19/01
CC: WILLIAMS

- The Governor's Office works through the Department of Public Safety's Division of Public Safety Planning to promote drug-free and healthy lifestyles among our K-12 students so that they may carry these habits and this lifestyle with them to college.
- The federal Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act provided \$5,617,761 to Mississippi for Federal Fiscal Year 2001 activities. These funds are split, with 80% going to the State Education Agency and 20% going to the Governor.
- The Mississippi Department of Education received \$4,494,209 in FY 01 funds.
- The Division of Public Safety Planning, which administers the Governor's portion of the grant, received federal funds totaling \$1,123,552 on behalf of the Governor for Federal Fiscal Year 2001.
- The Division of Public Safety Planning may use a maximum of 5% (\$56,178) of these funds for administrative costs.
- The remaining \$1,067,374 was distributed to 9 law enforcement education partnerships and 43 community organizations throughout the state to implement Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities programs.
- These 9 law enforcement partnerships utilize the DARE curriculum to promote drug abstinence among elementary through high school students.
- The 43 community organizations promote drug and violence prevention and also provide mentoring and life skills to students
- The Division of Public Safety Planning distributes these funds through a competitive Request for Proposals process.
- You may contact Chelley Barnes at the Division of Public Safety Planning for more information (359-7880)