
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR
FROM: KELLY RILEY
SUBJECT: INVITATION TO ATTEND ACHIEVE'S 2001 NATIONAL EDUCATION SUMMIT
DATE 8/1/01
CC: RENICK
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You have received an invitation from Governor Engler, ACHIEVE Chairman, and Governor Davis, ACHIEVE Vice-Chair, to attend the 2001 National Educational Summit on October 9 and 10 in Palisades, New York. Governors Engler and Davis are encouraging all other governors to attend the summit. The Summit will provide a forum for governors, top business leaders and educators to identify common challenges, share best practices and set forth a collaborative action plan. New accountability and standards, as well as what works in turning around low performance schools, will be discussed in detail.

The 2001 Summit is a follow up to the 1996 National Education Summit, which led to the creation of academic standards and testing systems in nearly every state, including many that never before had them. In 1999, education leaders joined governors and corporate CEOs for another Summit to examine the capacity of schools and school systems to deliver on the promise of high standards for all children. That Summit produced an unprecedented set of commitments across the states to improve the quality of teaching, provide supports to struggling students and tighten accountability systems so that no children are left behind.

According to ACHIEVE's web page, the 2001 Summit is being held because all of the work is not done. While there are examples and schools that are turning things around, the goal of high standards for all has not yet been met. The President and Congress are poised to enact legislation that will accelerate the pace of these reforms. States will be challenged to expand their testing and accountability systems, to intervene in chronically low performing schools and to close the achievement gap that continues to separate the advantaged and disadvantaged.

You are scheduled to be at a DGA fund raiser in Sea Island, GA, October 7 and 8. The Summit begins at 2:30 p.m on the 9th and adjourns at 3:00 p.m on the 10th. The calendar shows (in the shaded part) that you have been invited to have dinner with Jimmy McDowell of the All American Football Foundation the evening of the 9, but it does reflect that you have accepted this offer. The letter from Governors Engler and Davis stated that they looked forward to discussing the summit with you at the NGA annual meeting.

Do you want to attend the 2001 Education Summit?

Yes _____

No _____