
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: BOYD
FROM: RILEY
SUBJECT: SAFE AND DRUG FREE SCHOOL FUNDING
DATE: 8/25/2000
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I met with Joyce Vaughn and Mariea Banks of her staff this afternoon. The bottom line is that the U.S. Department of Education has allocated \$5,617,761 to Mississippi for FY 2000 Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act (SDFSCA) funds. \$4,494,209 of this went to Vaughn's office within MDE. The remaining \$1,123,552 went to the Division of Public Safety Planning. Chelley Barnes is the coordinator in that office.

As depicted on the attached documentation provided by Banks, \$4,089,741 of the \$4,494,209 went to local school districts. The remaining \$404,468 went to MDE for staff, materials and technical assistance to local districts. These funds are to support violence and drug prevention programs in schools at all grade levels. Programs are to meet the seventh National Education Goal. Of the \$4,089,741 made available to local school districts, 70% is distributed based on districts' share of enrolled students. The remaining 30% is awarded to districts with the greatest need as determined by a needs assessment survey developed by MDE and approved by USDE. Banks is to send me a copy of this assessment as well as the amount received by each district. According to Vaughn and Banks, there are no discretionary funds. Neither were familiar with the Southern Legislative Conference report.

Vaughn's program focuses on in-school programs while the Division of Public Safety Planning's program focus on after-school programs and works more with community action agencies and non-profits. I served on the review panel that reviewed proposals submitted in response to Public Safety Planning's RFP. I have attached a copy of the final recommended awards.