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**TO:** GOVERNOR  
**FROM:** RILEY  
**SUBJECT:** NGA: EXTRA LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES (ELO'S)  
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I can think of many different levels of involvement for Governor Musgrove and you, depending on the Governor's current and future priorities:

1. He could, by executive order, establish a task force or commission to work on the issue. The order could identify certain tasks for the task force, much like the Illinois resolution. This might or might not entail someone from the Governor's office being a part of the group.
2. He could, as part of such an executive order, or without it, designate someone state Superintendent, Executive Dir. of Human Services, Director of Office for Children & Youth to be the lead (or coleads, depending on politics and how well people get along) of an ELO (or afterschool, etc.) initiative. Since the states will be getting a lot of money eventually, with the devolution of 21st CCLC to the states, it makes most sense for the dept. of ed. to be in some sort of leadership position. However, there are already a lot of child care dollars being used for afterschool programs in MS. I heard this from someone at NCSL, but don't know any details.
3. If a policymaker other than the Governor takes the lead on his or her own Attorney General, Superintendent, the Governor could still be a supporter (most likely with words alone, in these economic times) of the work, although I suspect it might be politically difficult to do so. If advocates take the lead in organizing, providing assistance to after-school program providers, etc., it would not be bad it just wouldn't be comprehensive. And of course advocates only have certain purposes and hold so much power to get things done.

I also want you to be aware that the Mott Foundation, the US Dept of ED, and the Council of Chief State School Officers are holding a meeting at the end of November to basically educate state depts of education and prepare them for their upcoming role in administering 21st CCLC. Along w/ two people from the dept of ed (I know Bonita Potter is one of the people going), 2 other people from the state have been invited, as

afterschool 'experts'. I will be involved as a speaker at this meeting and will debrief you if you want, postmeeting.