

MEMO

TO: Peggy Howard, MEC
FROM: Kelly Riley, Policy Liaison
DATE: April 17, 2001
SUBJECT: Signature of Support for State Action for Education Leadership Project (SAELP)

As we discussed on the phone, I attended the consortium meeting yesterday for the Mississippi Department of Education's State Action for Education Leadership Project (SAELP). MDE is trying to obtain \$300,000 in Wallace Reader's Digest funds for the support and development of initiatives geared towards recruiting, preparing and retaining quality administrators (principals and superintendents).

SAELP consists of two phases – a design phase and an implementation phase. MDE is currently preparing to submit a proposal to receive \$50,000 for a design grant. If successful, the department will use these funds to assess the state's current leadership policies/structures/initiatives and to develop a proposal for a \$250,000 implementation grant. If awarded an implementation grant in November, MDE will then implement its proposal.

Your signature is requested on the enclosed two (2) sheets as indication of your support for MDE's efforts in this area.

Please call Cynthia McMinn, Director of Leadership Development and Enhancement for MDE, at 359-3506 after you have signed the enclosed sheets and she will pick them up.

Thanks!