
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR
FROM: RILEY
SUBJECT: MEC'S CHARACTER EDUCATION INITIATIVE
DATE: 8/8/01
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This memo is informational only:

Peggy Howard of the MEC phoned this morning to make sure that you are aware of MEC's character education initiative. Peggy said that they saw news reports of character education being discussed at the NGA meeting and she wanted to brief you on the MEC initiative.

MEC's Swayzee Foundation funded the development of the character education curriculum. Mississippi teachers developed the curriculum, which targets middle school students, and it was the first character education curriculum approved by the State Board of Education. MEC collaborated with MDE on the character education grant that the department was just awarded for three years. Wendy Tucker is MDE's liaison on this matter.

MEC provides the curriculum at a school's request. Meridian is piloting the curriculum this year.

Please advise as to if you wish additional information or future action on this matter.