
**OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

TO: GOVERNOR
FROM: RILEY
SUBJECT: MDE REQUEST FOR LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR GRANT
DATE 7/31/01
CC: FILE

Dr. Richard Thompson has requested your signature on the attached letter of support. MDE is submitting a grant proposal to the USDE that, if awarded, will provide \$1 million over three years to improve high schools in our state. The grant will enable schools to restructure their curriculum, focus on technological and workplace needs, and prepare students for the global economy. According to Thompson, the grant will also provide funding to continue Mississippi's progress in new initiatives to improve high schools and student achievement.