
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR
FROM: RILEY
SUBJECT: SIGNATURE OF SUPPORT FOR STATE ACTION FOR EDUCATION LEADERSHIP PROJECT
(SAELP)
DATE 4/17/01
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MDE has facilitated a consortium of state entities to support the department's efforts in obtaining \$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).

I attended the consortium's meeting on behalf of this office. NGA is a member of the national consortium. In addition to this office, the State Board of Education, the Superintendent of Education and the Legislature are required to be members of a state consortium in order for the state to receive funding. Other members of the state consortium include MEC, the MS Association of School Superintendents, IHL, the PTA, the MS Association of School Administrators and the Educational Leadership Program Council.

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 attached two (2) sheets** as indication of your support for MDE's efforts in this area.