
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR
FROM: RILEY
SUBJECT: CONTACT INFORMATION FOR ROD PAIGE, , PRESIDENT-ELECT BUSH'S SELECTION FOR SECRETARY OF EDUCATION
DATE 1/8/01
CC: SIMMONS

According to Jamie Bray, Dr. Thompson's assistant, the following is contact information for Rod Paige:

Dr. Rod Paige, Superintendent
Houston Independent School District
3830 Richmond Avenue
Houston, TX 77027
713-892-6300 (Dr. Paige's assistant)

Dr. Thompson sent Dr. Paige a congratulatory letter last week. I have attached a draft letter to Dr. Paige for your consideration. **Please sign the attached letter or mark desired changes and I will get a final letter back to you for your signature.**

Do you want to send Dr. Paige a "Mississippi item" for his office in Washington?

January 8, 2001

Dr. Rod Paige, Superintendent
Houston Independent School District
3830 Richmond Avenue
Houston, TX 77027

Dear Dr. Paige:

On behalf of the citizens of Mississippi, congratulations on your selection as President-elect Bush's Secretary of Education! Your dedication to and experience in the field of education will be a great benefit to President-elect Bush's administration and to our country. We in Mississippi are extremely proud to see one of our native sons have the opportunity to positively affect the lives of so many in such a profound way.

The State of Mississippi is making great strides in advancing its public education system. The 1999 Student Achievement Improvement Act and 2000 legislation mandating new accountability standards will move our state into a new realm of student achievement. As Governor of the State of Mississippi, I have committed much time and energy to public education. Our teachers and administrators are committed to excellence and my administration is committed to supporting public education in Mississippi.

Congratulations again on your accomplishment! I look forward to working with you to ensure a quality education for Mississippi's greatest resource, our children. Together we can set unprecedented goals and achieve unparalleled progress.

Very truly yours,

RONNIE MUSGROVE

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