
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR
FROM: RILEY
SUBJECT: USDE'S SUCCESS EXPRESS BUS TOUR: AUGUST 28 AND 29
DATE 6/29/00
CC: BOYD
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I spoke to Lindsay Patterson (202/205-9703) of the U.S. Department of Education on June 27. Lindsay is Mississippi's team leader for Secretary Riley's "America Goes Back to School Bus Tour" on board *The Success Express* bus, August 27-31, 2000. Secretary Riley will be in Mississippi the evening of Monday, August 28, and all day Tuesday, August 29.

Lindsay stated that Secretary Riley would like to have you ride on the bus with him while he is in Mississippi. She expects that Congressman Thompson will also be invited and she did not know if Dr. Richard Thompson would be invited. Bill Ferris has requested to attend. Secretary Riley would like you to make brief remarks regarding the topic highlighted at each stop (see itinerary). Lindsay said she'll provide us with confirmed topics and times ASAP. Below is the preliminary itinerary as of now:

Monday, August 28

4:30ish Meet the *Success Express* at the Greenville Welcome Center.

5:00 – 7:00 Community dinner - reading will be the highlighted topic. USDE is still looking for an elementary and a sponsor (food) for the dinner. Valley State's Choir has been invited to sing.

The USDE delegation is staying at the Fairfield Inn.

Tuesday, August 29

AM Travel to Hollandale - Bob Moses has been invited to conduct an Algebra Project (USDE hopes to broadcast simultaneously on ETV).

Lunch Undecided

Afternoon Elementary in Rosedale - Technology and/or AmeriCorps will be the highlighted topic(s).

Travel to Blues Museum in Clarksdale - After school programs will be the highlighted topic.

Lindsay has asked us to provide a list of local officials for each of the four sites (Greenville, Hollandale, Rosedale, Clarksdale) and any leads/ideas for resources (meals, etc.). I will work with Donna and Boyd on these matters.

I will keep you advised of developments.

(NOTE: Lindsay is married to Pat Patterson, the former director of the Mississippi Nature Conservancy. She expressed their congratulations to you on the election and your focus on education.)