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**OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE**  
**INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** GOVERNOR  
**FROM:** RILEY  
**SUBJECT:** UPDATE ON NGA'S IDEA WORKGROUP THAT YOU ARE CO-CHAIRING  
**DATE** 1/8/02  
**CC:** ZEYTOONJIAN

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Given gubernatorial staff concerns of having adequate time to solicit comments/input on the proposed IDEA policy/principles being developed jointly by NGA and the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO), NGA (Ray Scheppach) has foregone the idea of having the principles drafted by the Winter Meeting.

Workgroup staff will now meet in Washington for three meetings, during which we will hear testimony from experts and draft language for the principles. As a reminder, NGA and the CCSSO agree that the following four principles should be addressed in the joint policy: 1) accountability/individual assessment, 2) unified system of quality services, 3) discipline, and 4) funding. At the conclusion of these three meetings, staff will release a draft document to advocates for written comments. Scheppach said that this is a common approach/process utilized by NGA when trying to solicit comments without associating governors with any formal position.

The following governors are serving on the workgroup on behalf of NGA: you (co-chair), Patton, Engler, Sundquist, O'Bannon, Guinn, Bush and Davis).

Chief State School Officers from the following states will represent the CCSSO: Suellen Reed (Indiana, co-chair), New York, Maryland, Utah, Oklahoma, Rhode Island and possibly Virginia.

Fred and I will keep you posted as to developments.