
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR
FROM: RILEY
SUBJECT: ETS: *MISSISSIPPI WRITES* STATUS REPORT
DATE 7/3/03
CC: FILE

This memo is for informational purposes only.

You'll remember that I checked with you this past Monday as to if you and Kurt Landgraf, President and CEO of ETS, had discussed funding options other than Nissan for the *Mississippi Writes* project during y'all's phone conversation last Friday morning. You said y'all hadn't. You'll remember that ETS said it needed a purchase order submitted by close of business Monday if the project were to be implemented at the estimated \$2 million cost and if the Canton pilot site were to be up and running by September.

I spoke to Chuck Cascio with ETS late Monday afternoon and explained that the state did not have any funds at this time for the project and that our office did not have the authority to submit a purchase order. He understood. He said that he is going to be a little more aggressive with Nissan and see if he can't seek an earlier commitment from them. He said that he is going to do his best to keep the cost as close as possible to the \$2 million estimate that ETS has given us. He said that ETS is committed to making *Mississippi Writes* the first statewide project to be implemented as a result of the Computers in the Classroom initiative.

I also spoke to Donna Davis. She said that she had explained to Cascio that the state didn't have any funding and that ETS would have to work out a deal with Nissan. She is very appreciative of your support.

I'll let you know when I hear from ETS as to any developments with Nissan.