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OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE  
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** GOVERNOR  
**FROM:** RILEY  
**SUBJECT:** MIKE WALTERS: EDUCATIONAL ASPECT OF MS/AL COMPACT  
**DATE** 6/18/03  
**CC:** HALE

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I ran into Mike Walters of JBHM Education Group yesterday at the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the Millsaps College Principals' Institute (run in conjunction with MDE). Mike asked me to let you know that they have just hired 5 new consultants for Alabama to focus on school quality/improvement. He said that officials in Alabama aren't even thinking school improvement right now because they are all just thinking about proposed revamping of the tax system and education funding.

Mike wanted you to know about this due to the announcement of the MS/AL compact. He said two things: 1) the compact is a wonderful initiative – congratulations for your leadership on it; and 2) you get it about good schools = good jobs = good communities. He just wanted you to know that JBHM would be interested in working on any educational aspects of the compact. I'm copying this memo to Steve so that he is aware of this, as well. I have Mike's contact info if either of you should need it.

I also ran into Ronnie McGehee and he said to tell you hello and to let him know whatever he can do to help this year.