
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR
FROM: BOYD
SUBJECT: COMPUTERS IN SCHOOLS
DATE: OCTOBER 10, 2002
CC: RENICK

We have received approximately 2/3rds of our updated survey from schools for the computer initiative. GOOD NEWS—It appears that we will have some 2,300 computers more than we need to complete the project. Explornet is under contract to build 5,900 computers.

Under Phase I of the initiative, the state has obligations left with only DELL and BCI Computers. We have completed purchases from HOWARD, COMPAQ, and BULL. As you will recall we have extended the contracts each quarter; however for the last quarter of the year, we will discontinue the completed contracts and I RECOMMEND THAT WE DISCONTINUE THE DELL AND BCI CONTRACT.

Under the contract provisions, the state may cancel the contract if funds are not available. The Public Education Forum has a balance of \$75,599.77, not nearly enough to meet the \$454,000 needed to complete the contract.

You will be able to announce following the December 4th build in Jackson that initiative is complete and a great success.