
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR
FROM: BOYD
SUBJECT: CLASSROOM TECHNOLOGY TASK FORCE & POWERUP
DATE: MAY 23, 2000
CC: FILE

FYI...and review.

Felicia Gibbs compiled the attached notebook of information on the PowerUP: Bridging the Digital Divide initiative. This group reportedly has 50,000 computers for free national distribution to help bridge the digital divide in underserved communities. This foundation's board includes Steve Case of the America Online and the Case Foundation. I have asked Tom Pittman to check this out.

Marsha Kelly with the Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Service is coordinating a grant group to apply for federal funding to create Americorps service teams that will work to wire classrooms in underserved areas. Kelly Riley will attend Meeks' meeting on May 25. Meeks has also scheduled a meeting for May 30 with SDE, Simmons, and me to discuss this grant and its importance to Mississippi's schools.