

TO: GOVERNOR
FROM: BOYD
SUBJECT: COMPUTERS IN THE CLASSROOM
DATE: JUNE 19, 2001

INSTALLATIONS:

GCSI, Inc., (the low bidder) has lost its financial backing to complete their share of the computer installations. GCSI has installed 250 computers to date. GCSI representatives have stated that DELL is prepared to make same (or better) computer and install the additional 750 computers.

We have asked GCSI to provide a letter describing their situation and abdicating the completion of their contract. It is my intention to have ITS send a to the other five vendors seeking their support for building and installing the 750 computers from GCSI at the same pricing that GCSI proposed. This should be done easily as three of the manufacturers are already installing systems better than their proposed bid.

Before anything goes out, I will get it to you for review and approval.

FINANCING:

With one-half of Year 1 nearly complete and fully funded, the department will need a total amount of :

\$2,711,337	Working Cash
<u>+174,000</u>	<u>ARC</u>
\$2,885,337	TOTAL

Mabel Murphree notified me Friday (6/15) that the ARC funds have been approved and will be in the SDE's account prior to June 30.

I spoke with SDE staff and they are ready when you are.

FUNDRAISING:

Stacie has set aside call time for you this week, specifically for you to call Sam Haskell and ask him to set up a large party for this effort. Please mention that you are working with the George Lucas Educational Foundation (Helen Soule serves on the board.) and the Riordan Foundation (Mayor Riordan and Mike Garrett with Mississippi Power).

Blake Wilson is also compiling a list for you to call during your call time this week and will get it to Stacie. **PLEASE DO NOT SKIP CALL TIME!** In fact you should take some time today.