

MEMORANDUM

November 5, 2001

TO: Governor

FROM: John

RE: Southeastern Council of Foundations 2001 Annual Meeting

You will be speaking twice at this event. First, you are scheduled to offer welcoming remarks at approximately 2:10 p.m. These only need to be about 10 minutes. You will be introduced by Tom Wacaster of the Hardin Foundation (Meridian).

The second time will be during a round-table discussion. You will be participating in this session along with Robin Costa and Dr. Terry Crane of AOL. The discussion will focus on the "Computers in the Classroom" initiative. I spoke with Boyd, and he said it will be a rather informal discussion (about 50-75 people expected).

Robin Costa will discuss the funding for the project, and Dr. Crane will discuss AOL's role. Boyd said you should discuss the overall idea, how it came about, and how you have built support for the project through the public-private partnership. Total speaking time will probably be 10-15 minutes. Boyd will also have complete packets on hand explaining the project.

You should mention:

- The total investment in terms of teacher training, computers and software will be about \$30 million.
- There have been over 100 contributors in terms of cash and computers.
- The Public Education Forum is covering overhead costs.