
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR MUSGROVE
FROM: SHANTA E. DAVIS
SUBJECT: SREB LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE MEETING ON APRIL 27—29
DATE: 4-21-03
CC: BOYD, RILEY

SREB Leadership Initiative

Some Mississippi school districts are ready to tap leaders for Summer 2003

The Yazoo City School District (Dr. Daniel Watkins, Superintendent) and the Canton School District (Mr. Reuben Myers, Superintendent) are ready to send teachers to this leadership program Summer 2003.

Jackson Public School District local school board has not approved the memorandum of understanding due to issue with funding support. Dr. Watkins, Supt., is also a participant for the JSU/SREB Leadership Development Network advisory board and does support this leadership program with the approval of JPS school board.

University Leadership Development Network design team members have obtained a approved course of study for Masters of Science Degree (M.S.Ed.) in Educational Administration and Supervision. The total required credits for completion is 39. Cost is \$201.00 per hour.

Governor, Dr. LaVerne Allen mentioned that you are willing to help with funding this program. Dr. LaVerne Allen is asking for assistance in funding this program. The first cohort candidates will begin Summer 2003 at Jackson State University.

The three initial school districts do not have plans to use the Mississippi School Administrator Sabbatical program, due to the increase need for more teachers in the classroom.

Yazoo City School District and Canton Public School District will try to use Title funds to support the candidate while they are still working in the district.

The Jackson Public School District board attorney has some legal reservation to offer gifts of tuition to any candidate.

University Leadership Development Network design team members will be attending SREB Leadership Initiative meeting on April 27—29, 2003 at the Atlanta Airport Hilton Hotel. The design team will present the leadership development module. These materials might include, but not limited to, the following:

- Memo of agreement between university and district (s)
- Conceptual & structural frameworks
- Written description of leadership curriculum redesign

- New course syllabi
- Tapping criteria
- Mentor selection
- Plans, instruments and tools development/ identified for evaluation the impact of the new program on participants and eventually impact on school performance and student achievement; and
- Any other material that related to redesign.

Dr. Sidney McLaurin, Interim Chair for Educational Foundation and Leadership, offered the Office of Governor representative an opportunity to accompany the group to the SREB Leadership Initiative meeting on April 27—29.

The next JSU/SREB Leadership Development Network advisory board meeting will be held Monday, May 12, 2003 at 4:00pm. in the School of Education. To complete the selection process and candidate will enroll in JSU May 27, 2003 in order to begin classes on June 9, 2003.

Will there be a response for funding? _____

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Universities invited to participate in SREB's University Leadership Development Network

Appalachian State University (North Carolina)	Auburn University (Alabama)
Clemson University (South Carolina)	East Tennessee State University
Jackson State University (Mississippi)	Jacksonville State University (Alabama)
Oklahoma State University	Old Dominion University (Virginia)
Towson University (Maryland)	University of Louisiana at Lafayette
University of North Texas	Western Kentucky University

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