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OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE  
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**TO:** GOVERNOR  
**FROM:** RILEY  
**SUBJECT:** DR. SHIRLEY NEELEY TO SPEAK AT CLOSING THE GAPS CONFERENCE  
**DATE** 7/28/03  
**CC:** FILE

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You'll remember that you instructed me at the SREB meeting in Austin to work with Dr. Johnson in getting Dr. Shirley Neeley, Superintendent of the Galena Park Independent School District in Houston, Texas, to speak to our superintendents. Dr. Neeley served on a panel Monday morning at SREB and made references to her leadership style as to getting rid of principals that didn't perform to that of a football coach.

Dr. Neeley will serve as keynote speaker at MDE's first annual *Closing the Achievement Gaps* conference on November 18 and 19<sup>th</sup>. She will speak on the 18<sup>th</sup>. The conference is for superintendents, principals, lead teachers and teachers. It will be here in Jackson.

I'll keep you posted as to additional info.