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**OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE**  
**INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** SCHEDULING

**FROM:** RILEY  
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**SUBJECT:** REQUEST FOR GOVERNOR TO PRESENT GOVERNOR'S AWARDS FOR OUTSTANDING SCHOOL-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

**DATE** 8/18/03

**CC:** FILE

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The Mississippi Association of Partners in Education will once again be presenting its Governor's Awards for Outstanding School-Community Partnerships on Monday, October 27, 2003, at the Jackson Hilton. The awards will be presented during the luncheon.

This event is 8 days out from the election, but MAPE would love to have the Governor present the awards again this year. MAPE approached our office 3 years ago with the idea of the Governor's awards and Governor Musgrove endorsed it. He is the only governor to ever recognize the partnerships between the private sector and schools with an award. A representative of our office serves on the review committee that selects the awards. Kelly served on the Committee this year and this year's 4 winners are from throughout the state.

Approximately 500 guests have attended the luncheon each of the last 3 years, including prominent business people and educators from all over the state. The luncheon is typically covered by 2 of the 3 local tv channels. 17 partnerships from around the state were nominated this year. Each of the 17 partnerships will have a contingency present to be recognized. This will be a strong statewide education event in front of cameras if the Governor needs such an event the week before the election.

We strongly recommend that the Governor attend the luncheon and present the awards on Monday, October 27, at the Hilton. Please let us know if you need any other info.