
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR
FROM: RILEY
SUBJECT: TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION AT COMMUNITY COLLEGE PRESIDENTS' LUNCH
DATE 8/26/03
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1. Next 2 years are critical to locking in investing in education first. You'll continue to fight for this and you need their support and cooperation.
2. Additional funds Community Colleges would have received if Governor's budget adopted for FY 02 and FY 03 (spreadsheet attached)
3. Regarding article in Saturday's *Clarion Ledger* stating that Mississippi's summit on higher education never got off of the ground and that the recommendations were "put on the back burner:"
 - We are preparing an update of activities relative to implementing the recommendations that we will share with NASA (sponsor of Olon Ray's work and the regional forums)
 - We've spoken to *Clarion Ledger*
 - Examples of initiatives include:
 - Invest in education first (builds public support for education and heightens the value of education)
 - Early childhood education finance study being conducted via partnership with Barksdale Reading Institute and DHS
 - Mississippi Brain Trust introduced by you in your State of the State address, but not adopted by the Legislature
 - Public Education Forum's Task Force on Teacher Quality: recommendations released in January 2003
 - Coordination of efforts by SBCJC, MDE and IHL to address workforce training, graduation rates and ACT scores