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OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE  
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** FORTENBERRY  
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**FROM:** RILEY

**SUBJECT:** CALLS TO NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFIED TEACHERS ON 1/6/03 PER GOVERNOR

**DATE** 1/5/04

**CC:** FILE

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The Governor has invited all of Mississippi's 301 recently National Board Certified teachers (they were certified in November) to his joint address to the Legislature and a reception which will be held at the capitol on Wednesday, January 7. We sent the teachers' invitations (see attached example) to their superintendents last Wednesday (December 31) and asked the superintendents to deliver them to the teachers today. (In case you are asked, we had to send them via the superintendents b/c we only had "district" info on each of them and the National Board office was closed.) We asked them to fax the attached RSVP form back to us by 5:00 tomorrow indicating whether or not they can attend.

Anyway, the Governor wants to follow up with a personal phone call to each teacher. I've divided the list up among y'all. I've marked responses for those that we received the RSVP forms back from today. Please call the teacher's school (work number) and ask to speak to the teacher, if possible. If you have to leave a message, just say you are calling on the Governor's behalf to make sure they received the invitation and ask if they could fax the RSVP form back to us by 5:00 tomorrow afternoon OR they can call and leave either a voicemail message for you at your number or leave a message with Angelica at the main number.

The teachers should be at the Governor's 3<sup>rd</sup> office in the capitol between 12:00-12:30 to receive recognition from the Governor, plan to attend the joint session at 1:00 and stay for the reception at 1:30.

I'm at the capitol at 9-3153 working on other stuff for tomorrow if you need me or have any questions. Bentley is calling all of the superintendents. Please fax your list with teachers' responses denoted to me at the capitol (9-3022) by 4:00 tomorrow afternoon so that I can try to get some idea of a headcount. I'll get the faxed RSVP forms directly from Angelica.

The Governor said that this gets priority, so please start making calls as soon as possible Tuesday morning.

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!!!!