
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR
FROM: RILEY
SUBJECT: SCHOOL-TO-CAREERS “EDUCATED WORKFORCE CONFERENCE” – APRIL 23, 2001
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As discussed in earlier memos, Mississippi’s School-to-Careers Partnership is developing plans for its spring “educated workforce” conference. The purpose of the conference is to create a dialogue between government, business and educational leaders in order to eliminate the “disconnect” between business and educational entities in ensuring Mississippi’s educated workforce. This conference will bring all parties to the table with the anticipated outcome of a united and coordinated effort in preparing our students, especially those who are dropping out of high school, community college or four-year universities, to enter the workforce with the needed skills

The conference workgroup consists of Johnny Franklin, Public Ed Forum; Dr. Bill McHenry and Pete Walley, IHL; Dr. David Sheppard, MS Association of School Superintendents; Fred Westcott, U.S. Department of Labor; Suzanne Ulmer, School-to-Careers State Director; and, myself. The workgroup has requested that a cover letter from you inviting leaders to the conference accompany the registration materials. We feel that your invitation will incite leaders in business, education and government to participate. I have attached a draft letter for your approval. I have also attached a draft agenda and registration materials for your reference.

You have indicated your approval and support of the conference in my prior memos to you and it is on your calendar. The workgroup would like to request that you give the keynote address at the conference luncheon.

Please advise as to your approval of the letter of invitation and of your giving the keynote address.

Thanks!