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**TO:** GOVERNOR  
**FROM:** RILEY  
**SUBJECT:** SCHOOL-TO-CAREERS “EDUCATED WORKFORCE CONFERENCE” – APRIL 23, 2001  
**DATE** 1/4/01  
**CC:** DAVIS  
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Mississippi’s School-to-Careers Partnership is developing plans for its spring “educated workforce” conference. As discussed in my August memo to you on this matter, the Public Education Forum, a School-to-Careers Partner, developed the idea for this conference 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 Partnership will be mailing conference information and registration materials in February to superintendents, community and junior Colleges administrators, IHL administrators, private industry leaders, and governmental leaders. The MEC is assisting us in identifying critical private sector industry leaders.

Johnny Franklin has booked Dr. Willard Daggett to serve as facilitator for the conference. Dr. Daggett is President of the International Center for Leadership in Education, which was established in 1991 with a mission of ensuring that all students have the benefit of a rigorous and relevant education. Dr. Daggett is known worldwide for his efforts to move the education system towards more rigorous and relevant skills and knowledge for all students. He is also well known as the designer of the Application Model, which provides a framework to determine the relevance of curriculum and assessment to real-world situations.

The conference will be held on Monday, April 23, at the Hilton on County Line Road. You indicated your approval and support of the conference on my August memo to you. The conference will consist of general sessions in the morning, with break out sessions that afternoon. The School-to-Careers Partnership would like to invite you to attend as much of the conference as your schedule allows. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.