

August 23, 2001

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Dear «Title» «Last»:

I am writing to invite you to join me and your fellow business community members of the Steering Committee of the Higher Education Leadership Summit for lunch at the Governor's Mansion on Monday, September 24, from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to ensure that you have full input into the summit process and the Public Agenda for Higher Education in Mississippi that AGB's Center for Public Higher Education Trusteeship and Governance is drafting for review in October. I realize that the largeness of the full steering committee sometimes does not always allow for the time and attention to all ideas and concerns. I want to assure you that private sector input into this project and its outcomes are critical, and that any ideas or suggestions that you wish to raise are welcome. I have asked the AGB facilitators to join us for the meeting.

I remind us all that the goal of this process has been to identify what higher education can and should do to advance the competitiveness of our State and to improve the quality of life of our citizens. These "priorities" for higher education will comprise our final product, the Public Agenda for Higher Education. We must always keep this primary goal in mind as we move forward. Aubrey Patterson and I believe that we have made substantial progress thus far, but we realize that we have some way to go before this is concluded by the end of the year.

I look forward to seeing you on September 24<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Kelly Riley (601-359-2528) in my office if you cannot attend.

Very truly yours,

RONNIE MUSGROVE