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**OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE  
PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** GOVERNOR  
TELL

**FROM:** RILEY

**SUBJECT:** JOBS FOR MISSISSIPPI GRADUATES: FUNDING

**DATE:** 10/31/01

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- Dr. Thompson approached us in summer of 2000 after the Legislature only appropriated \$243,000 to the Jobs for Mississippi Graduates program. JMG was facing a deficit of approximately \$550,000 to maintain operations at the state office and the 16 JMG programs at 15 sites.
- MDA provided \$100,000 and DHS provided \$500,000 via interagency agreements to MDE for JMG operations.
- Jim Lott of MDA also provided another \$45,000 in Workforce Investment Act funds to JMG this summer after they did not receive funding from the Hinds County Youth Workforce Investment Council to expand the program into the Jackson metro area.
- Joe Haynes budgeted \$1,365,083 of TANF revenues into his 2001/2002 JMG budget (see attached) prior to his being awarded these funds via DHS's competitive process. JMG's application received a score of 85, which was not high enough to receive TANF funding. Haynes says that Dr. French, DHS Auditor, assured him that he would receive these funds. Armerita and I have both explained to Dr. Haynes that the funds were granted via a competitive review process and that there was no guarantee that he would receive the funds.
- Dr. Richard Thompson, Judy Rhodes and Dr. Haynes have suggested that DHS provide funding for JMG via another interagency agreement with MDE.
- According to Haynes, if funding is not immediately secured, the programs on the attached page will be forced to close on November 15.
- Haynes wants the Governor to call a conference call of the JMG Board of Directors to discuss the funding crisis

**JMG programs that cannot be sustained without immediate funding**

1. Six high schools in the Jackson Public School District
  2. Broad Street High School – North Bolivar/Shelby
  3. Claiborne County High School – Port Gibson
  4. Clarksdale High School – Clarksdale
  5. Coahoma Agricultural High School – Clarksdale
  6. Duran High School – Durant
  7. Franklin County High School – Meadville
  8. Hancock County High School – Kiln
  9. Hinds Agricultural High School – Utica
  10. Humphreys County High School – Belzoni
  11. Jefferson County High School – Fayette
  12. Noxubee County High School – Macon
  13. Prentiss High School – Jefferson Davis
  14. Shaw High School – Bolivar County
  15. Simmons High School (2 programs) – Hollandale
  16. South Delta High School – Rolling Fork
  17. Vicksburg/Warren High School – Vicksburg
  18. West Bolivar High School – Rosedale
  19. Williams-Sullivan High School – Holmes County
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