
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR
FROM: RILEY
SUBJECT: SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS MEETING IN NEW ORLEANS:
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The Commission on Elementary and Middle Schools of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools accredits and jointly accredits over 7,500 elementary and middle schools. The Commission accredits more elementary schools than any other regional accreditation agency in the world.

The Commission on Elementary and Middle Schools is holding its annual meeting at the New Orleans Marriott this weekend. The theme of the meeting is "Educational Improvement: Triumphs and Challenges." Sessions will be organized around the following topic strands:

- SACS Accreditation and School Improvement Training
- Effective Strategies for Improving Schools
- Hot Topics for Educators (parent conferences, school volunteers, business partnerships, early childhood programs)
- Brain-Compatible Teaching and Learning
- Technology
- Closing the Achievement Gap

(* NOTE: SACS' Commission on Colleges will also be meeting in New Orleans, but that meeting will be held at the Hilton.)

You are the first of three keynote speakers and you speak at 4:30 Sunday afternoon. Dr. Lorraine Monroe, founder and Executive Director of the School Leadership Academy, will speak at 10:15 Monday morning. ABC news commentator George Will speaks at 10:30 Tuesday morning.

According to Mont Bush, the contact for this event, Rep. Leonard Morris suggested you as a speaker, but you accepted Dr. Steve Baker's invitation last May. Dr. Baker is a MSU professor and a Commission on Elementary and Middle Schools Commissioner.