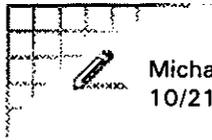


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Education - America Reads



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Subject: America Reads and testing stuff : read before POTUS briefing

1. Andy Blocker, Bob Shireman and I agree that we should discourage the President from seriously engaging with Goodling on either America Reads or testing--he is rapidly becoming irrelevant on the testing, and may be bypassed by the appropriators on the reading initiative as well. This is not the time to make him into more of a player, when he is doing so well at reducing his influence.

2. There is a lot of "tea-leaf reading" about where Goodling is and what he wants. Best reading to date: he doesn't want to move a literacy bill because he can't put one together that he will like and that has enough support from his right and from the education groups to go anyplace.

We don't yet know what Goodling is going to do tomorrow when he marks-up a literacy bill, but we continue to presume that he will include a provision that prohibits the tests. (This may be a tactic that makes it easier for him to lose the appropriations battle on the tests--he will still have another game going)

3. The bill we had been working with him on was basically ok . It had a decent balance between teacher training and tutoring; would enable teachers to be trained in proven practices like Reading Recovery.

We and the education groups had one big problem with it, pertaining to a requirement that schools identify approved tutors, let parents pick from the approved list, and then the school pays the tutors for their tutoring services. We view it as administratively unworkable; the ed groups also view it as a voucher plan. However, this is the bill that isn't going anyplace.

4. We don't yet have clear agreement within the Administration over how to proceed on America Reads--whether to keep trying to get a bill, or work with the appropriators to find a way to fund what we want through existing authority. This is partly because we can't yet assess the likelihood of getting a decent bill in the House. If we thought we could get one, we'd prefer that to using existing programs. If we can't get something in the House, there is much greater interest in using existing programs. No one has yet thought of a strategy that begins with the Senate, and gets the House to take what the Senate creates.]

PRESIDENT CLINTON'S AMERICA READS WORK-STUDY CHALLENGE

October 21, 1997

Forty percent of our children read below the basic level in the fourth grade, as reported by the 1994 National Assessment of Educational Progress. Research shows that these children too often fall further behind in school, lose interest, give up, and drop out. To help these children, President Clinton launched the America Reads Challenge. In order to empower parents and to encourage all States and schools to reach for the America Reads goal, the President also proposed voluntary national standards and tests in the fourth grade.

TODAY, PRESIDENT CLINTON WILL ANNOUNCE THAT NEARLY 800 COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, FROM EVERY STATE, HAVE PLEDGED TO COMMIT WORK-STUDY SLOTS TO HELP ENSURE THAT EVERY AMERICAN CHILD CAN READ WELL AND INDEPENDENTLY. Less than a year ago, the Secretary of Education issued a regulation allowing the Federal Work-Study Program to pay 100 percent of the wages for students who work as reading tutors for elementary school children, and the President named a steering committee of 21 college and university presidents who volunteered to start their own programs and to encourage other colleges to do the same. *As of today, 790 colleges and universities have pledged tutors to America Reads.*

TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENT BY PRESIDENT CLINTON IS ANOTHER STEP FORWARD IN HIS EFFORT TO INVOLVE COLLEGE STUDENTS IN HELPING EVERY CHILD TO READ.

- On August 26, 1996, in Wyandotte, Michigan, President Clinton announced his America Reads Challenge, a \$2.75 billion plan to make sure that every child is literate by the end of 3rd grade.
- In September 1996, he challenged colleges to commit a substantial part of their increase in work-study funding -- the FY 1997 Budget included a 35% increase -- to community service, including tutoring reading.
- In November 1996, President Clinton instructed the Secretary of Education to issue a regulation allowing the Federal Work-Study Program to pay 100 percent of the wages for students who work as reading tutors for elementary school children.
- In December 1996, the President announced the creation of a 21-member steering committee of college presidents who volunteered to start their own programs and to encourage other colleges to do the same.
- In February 1997, the President announced the creation of D.C. Reads, a tutoring effort involving seven local colleges and universities.
- Today he is reporting on the nationwide involvement of colleges and universities in the America Reads Work Study Challenge.

CONGRESS NEEDS TO PROVIDE THE SUPPORT STRUCTURE FOR THESE AND OTHER TUTORING EFFORTS.

There is enormous interest in America Reads on college campuses and in communities, but to effectively tap this interest requires a commitment of resources for training, coordination, and materials. That is why the President insisted that this investment be a part of the Bipartisan Balanced Budget Agreement. The President's five-year, \$2.75 billion proposal, which was forwarded to Congress in April, would fund 25,000 reading specialists and coordinators to mobilize 1 million tutors for 3 million children in grades K-3 who need help. Recognizing that parents are their children's first and most important teachers, the America Reads Challenge Act would also foster effective programs to provide assistance for interested parents to provide the firm foundation their children need to do well in school and to become successful readers.

THE AMERICA READS INITIATIVE ALSO INCORPORATES OTHER PROGRAMS, including early childhood development through the expansion of Head Start and Even Start; bringing the best teaching practices to classrooms; supporting research and evaluation on reading; and building partnerships with the private sector, including following up on related commitments to the Service Summit.

College Presidents at the America Reads Work-Study Announcement
October 21, 1997

Charles Bunting, Vermont State Colleges
William Kirwan, University of Maryland-College Park
Charlene Drew Jarvis, Southeastern University
I. King Jordan, Gallaudet University
Richard Levin, Yale University
William Merwin, Salisbury State University
Byron McClenney, Community College of Denver
Patricia McGuire, Trinity College
Jane Margaret O'Brien, St. Mary's College
Graham Spanier, Penn State
John S. Toll, Washington College
Stephen J. Trachtenberg, George Washington University
Earl Richardson, Morgan State University
Maureen A. Hartford, University of Michigan (VP)
Richard McCormick, University of Washington
Stanley O. Ikenberry, American Council on Education
Jim Appleberry, American Assn. of State Colleges & Univ.
Peter Magrath, Nat'l Assn. of State Univ. & Land Grant Coll.
David Warren, Nat'l Assn. of Independent Coll. & Univ.

Colleges and Universities Committed to the America Reads Work-Study Challenge

America Reads Steering Committee of College Presidents

San Francisco State University, President Robert Corrigan (Steering Committee Chair)
Bank Street College of Education, President Augusta Souza Kappner
California State University System, Chancellor Barry Munitz
Chicago State University, President Delores Cross
Community College of Denver, President Byron McClenney
Georgetown University, President Leo J. O'Donovan, S.J.
Gettysburg College, President Gordon A. Haaland
Miami Dade Community College, District President Eduardo Padron
Morehouse College, President Walter E. Massey
New York University, President L. Jay Oliva
Ohio State University, President E. Gordon Gee
Pennsylvania State University, President Graham Spanier
Portland State University, President Judith A. Ramaley
Southern Illinois University System, President Ted Sanders
University of Maryland, College Park, President William E. Kirwan
University of Mississippi, President Robert C. Khayat
University of Montana, President George M. Dennison
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chancellor Michael Hooker
University of Pennsylvania, President Judith Rodin
University of Texas at El Paso, President Diana S. Natalicio
Vermont State Colleges System, Chancellor Charles Bunting

Complete list of colleges and universities:

Alabama

Alabama A&M University
Alabama State University
Drake State College
Gadsen State Community College
George Corley Wallace State Community College
Huntingdon College
Lawson State Community College
Southern Union State Community College
University of Alabama-Birmingham
University of Alabama-Huntsville
University of Alabama-Tuscaloosa
University of South Alabama

Alaska

Prince William Sound Community College
Sheldon Jackson College
University of Alaska-Anchorage
University of Alaska-Southeast

Arizona

American Institute
Arizona State University
Arizona Western College
DeVry Institute
Estrella Mountain Community College
GateWay Community College
Mesa Community College
Northern Arizona University
Pima Community College
University of Arizona
Yavapai College

Arkansas

Arkansas Tech University
Henderson State University
John Brown University
Northwest Arkansas Community College
Ouachita Baptist University
Ouachita Technical College
Pulaski Technical College
South Arkansas Community College
University of Arkansas Community College-Hope
University of Arkansas-Fayetteville
University of Arkansas-Little Rock

California

Art Center College of Design
Biola University
California College of Podiatric Medicine
California Institute of Technology
California State Polytechnic University-Pomona

California State Polytechnic University-San Luis Obispo

California State University System*
California State University-Bakersfield
California State University-Chico
California State University-Dominguez Hills
California State University-Fresno
California State University-Fullerton
California State University-Hayward
California State University-Long Beach
California State University-Los Angeles
California State University-Monterey Bay
California State University-Northridge
California State University-Sacramento
California State University-San Bernardino
California State University-San Marcos
California State University-Stanislaus
City College of San Francisco
Cleveland Chiropractic College of Los Angeles
College of Alameda
College of Notre Dame
College of the Siskiyous
Contra Costa College
Cypress College
Diablo Valley College
Fresno City College
Gavilan Community College
Glendale Community College
Hartnell College
Holy Names College
Humboldt State University
Laney College
Lassen Community College
Life Chiropractic College West
Los Medanos College
Loyola Marymount University
Mendocino College
Pacific Oaks College
Pepperdine University
Point Loma Nazarene College
Pomona College
Riverside Community College
Sacramento City College
San Diego Mesa College
San Diego State University
San Francisco State University*
San Jose State University
Santa Clara University
Simpson College
Solano Community College
Sonoma State University
Southern California College
Stanford University
United States International University

University of California-Berkeley
University of California-Davis
University of California-Irvine
University of California-Los Angeles
University of California-Santa Barbara
University of California-Santa Cruz
University of California-San Diego
University of Redlands
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco
University of Southern California
Westmont College

Colorado
Colorado College
Colorado Mountain College
Colorado Northwestern Community College
Colorado State University
Community College of Denver*
Front Range Community College
Metropolitan State College of Denver
Otero Junior College
Pikes Peak Community College
Pueblo Community College
Red Rocks Community College
Trinidad State Junior College
University of Colorado-Denver
University of Denver
University of Northern Colorado

Connecticut
Briarwood College
Capital Community Technical College
Connecticut College
Fairfield University
Manchester Community Technical College
Quinebaug Valley Community-Technical College
Trinity College
University of Connecticut
Yale University

Delaware
Delaware State University
Delaware Technical & Community College
Wilmington College
University of Delaware

District of Columbia
American University
Catholic University of America
Gallaudet University
George Washington University
Georgetown University*
Howard University

Southeastern University
Trinity College

Florida
Barry University
Brevard Community College
Central Florida Community College
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Florida A&M University
Florida Atlantic University
Florida International University
Florida Keys Community College
Florida Southern College
Florida State University
Hillsborough Community College
Hi-Tech School of Miami
Lake City Community College
Manatee Community College
Miami Dade Community College*
New England Institute of Technology, Palm Beach
Nova Southeastern University
Okaloosa-Walton Community College
Palm Beach Atlantic College
Palm Beach Community College
Pensacola Junior College
Rollins College
Seminole Community College
St. Petersburg Junior College
Tampa Technical Institute
University of Central Florida
University of Florida
University of Miami
University of South Florida
Webber College

Georgia
Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College
Albany State University
Atlanta Metropolitan College
Augusta State University
Carroll Technical Institute
Coastal Georgia Community College
Dalton College
Darton College
DeKalb College
DeVry Institute of Technology
Emory University
Georgia Southern University
Georgia State University
Kennesaw State University
Macon State College
Morehouse College*
Morehouse School of Medicine
Morris Brown College

Spelman College
State University of West Georgia
Truett-McConnell College
Valdosta Technical Institute
Waycross College

Hawaii
University of Hawaii at Manoa

Idaho
Boise State University

Illinois
Black Hawk College
Bradley University
Chicago State University*
City Colleges of Chicago
College of DuPage
College of Lake County
DePaul University
Elgin Community College
Highland Community College
Illinois State University
Illinois Wesleyan University
Joliet Junior College
Kaskaskia College
Lewis and Clark Community College
McKendree College
Metropolitan Community College
Native American Educational Services College
Northeastern Illinois University
Parkland College
Prairie State College
Rend Lake College
Robert Morris College
Southern Illinois University System*
Southern Illinois University-Carbondale
Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville
Southern Illinois University-Harrisburg
South Suburban College
Springfield College
St. Augustine College
Truman College
University of Illinois-Chicago
University of Illinois-Urbana/Champaign
Western Illinois University
Wheaton College

Indiana
Ball State University
Butler University
Holy Cross College
Indiana Business College
Indiana University-Bloomington

Indiana University Purdue University, Indianapolis
Indiana University-Northwest
Indiana University-Southbend
Marian College
Purdue University North Central
Taylor University
University of Evansville
University of Evansville-Evansville
Valparaiso University

Iowa
Central College
Cornell College
Kirkwood Community College
Morningside College
Northeast Iowa Community College
Northwestern College
Southeastern Community College
University of Iowa
University of Northern Iowa
Waldorf College
Wartburg Seminary

Kansas
Cloud County Community College
Donnelly College
Emporia State University
Fort Hays State University
Johnson County Community College
Kansas State University
Pratt Community College
Seward County Community College
University of Kansas
Washburn University

Kentucky
Bellarmine College
Berea College
Centre College
Cumberland College
Eastern Kentucky University
Hopkinsville Community College
Lindsey Wilson College
Maysville Community College
Owensboro Community College
Prestonsburg Community College
Union College
University of Kentucky
University of Louisville

Louisiana
Louisiana State University-Eunice
Southeastern Louisiana University
Southern University

Tulane University
Louisiana State University and Agricultural and
Mechanical College

Maine

Bates College
Bowdoin College
Colby College
Maine College of Art
Maine Maritime Academy
Thomas College
University of Maine-Farmington
University of New England
University of Southern Maine

Maryland

Anne Arundel Community College
Bowie State University
Columbia Union College
Frostburg State University
Johns Hopkins University
Morgan State University
Salisbury State University
St. Mary's College of Maryland
University of Maryland-Baltimore County
University of Maryland-College Park*
University of Maryland-Eastern Shore
Washington College

Massachusetts

Amherst College
Atlantic Union College
Bay State College
Berkshire Community College
Boston College
Boston Conservatory, The
Boston University
Bridgewater State College
Bristol Community College
Bunker Hill Community College
Cape Cod Community College
Dean College
Emmanuel College
Framingham State College
Franklin Institute of Boston
Fitchburg State College
Gordon College
Hampshire College
Harvard College
Lasell College
Lesley College
Lawrence Memorial Hospital School of Nursing
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Allied
Health Sciences

Massasoit Community College
Mount Holyoke College
Mount Wachusett Community College
Nichols College
North Adam State College
Northern Essex Community College
North Shore Community College
Northeastern University
Pine Manor College
Quinsigamond Community College
Roxbury Community College
Simmons College
Smith College
Springfield College
University of Massachusetts-Amherst
University of Massachusetts-Boston
Wellesley College
Western New England College
Wheaton College
Wheelock College
Williams College

Michigan

Adrian College
Alma College
Baker College
Calvin College
Center for Creative Studies
Central Michigan University
Davenport College
Eastern Michigan University
Ferris State University
Glen Oaks Community College
Grand Rapids Community College
Grand Rapids Educational Center
Grand Valley State University
Jackson Community College
Kalamazoo College
Kalamazoo Valley Community College
Kendall College of Art & Design
Lansing Community College
Michigan State University
Mott Community College
Northern Michigan
Oakland Community College
Saginaw Valley State University
Siena Heights College
St. Clair County Community College
University of Detroit-Mercy
University of Great Falls
University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
University of Michigan-Flint
Washtenaw Community College
Wayne County Community College

West Shore Community College
Western Michigan University

Minnesota

Augsburg College
Bemidji State University
Central Lakes College
Concordia College at Moorhead
Gustavus Adolphus College
Hamline University
Mankato State University
Metropolitan State University
Minneapolis College of Art and Design
Moorhead State University
NEI College of Technology
Red Wing/Winona Technical College
Riverland Community College
University of Minnesota-Duluth
University of Minnesota-Minneapolis
Winona State University

Mississippi

Itawamba Community College
Jackson State University
Meridian Community College
Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College
Mississippi State University
Mississippi University for Women
Mississippi Valley State University
Northeast Mississippi Community College
Rust College
University of Mississippi*
University of Southern Mississippi

Missouri

Central Methodist College
Cleveland Chiropractic College-Kansas City
Lindenwood University
Missouri Western State College
Metropolitan Community College
Ozarks Technical Community College
Rockhurst College
Saint Louis University
Southeast Missouri State University
University of Missouri-Columbia

Montana

Carroll College
Flathead Valley Community College
Helena College of Technology
Little Big Horn College
Montana State University-Billings
Montana State University-Bozeman
Montana State University-Northern

Montana State University College of
Technology-Great Falls
Montana Tech of the University of Montana
Salish Kootenai College
University of Montana*

Nebraska

Bellevue University
Doane College
Metropolitan Community College
Midland Lutheran College
Southeast Community College
University of Nebraska-Kearney
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
University of Nebraska-Omaha

Nevada

Truckee Meadows Community College
University of Nevada-Las Vegas
University of Nevada-Reno

New Hampshire

Castle College
Colby-Sawyer College
Dartmouth College
Keene State College
New England College
New Hampshire Community Technical
College-Berlin
New Hampshire Community Technical
College-Laconia
New Hampshire Technical Institute
Notre Dame College
Plymouth State College
Rivier College
Saint Anselm College

New Jersey

Brookdale Community College
Burlington County College
College of Saint Elizabeth
Mercer County Community College
Middlesex County College
Montclair State University
New Jersey Institute of Technology
Ocean County College
Princeton University
Richard Stockton College of New Jersey
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
Saint Peter's College
Sussex County Community College
Union County College

New Mexico

College of Santa Fe
College of the Southwest
New Mexico Highlands University
New Mexico State University

New York

Bank Street College of Education*
Barnard College
Baruch College, CUNY
Binghamton University
Borough of Manhattan Community College, CUNY
Bronx Community College, CUNY
Brooklyn College, CUNY
City College of New York, CUNY
College of Aeronautics
College of New Rochelle
College of Staten Island, CUNY
Columbia University
Cornell University
CUNY Medical School
Erie Community College
Fordham University
Graduate School and University Center, CUNY
Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Hostos Community College, CUNY
Hudson Valley Community College
Hunter College, CUNY
John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY
Kingsborough Community College, CUNY
LaGuardia Community College, CUNY
Lehman College, CUNY
Long Island University-Brooklyn Campus
Long Island University-CW Post Campus
Long Island University-Southampton College
Campus
Marist College
Marymount College
Marymount Manhattan College
Medgar Evers College, CUNY
New York City Technical College, CUNY
New York University*
Pace University
Pratt Institute
Queens College, CUNY
Queensborough Community College, CUNY
St. John's University
State University College of Fredonia
Suffolk County Community College
SUNY at Buffalo
SUNY at Brockport
SUNY at Old Westbury
SUNY at Oneonta
SUNY at Potsdam
Syracuse University

Syracuse College
The Julliard School
Vassar College
Westchester Community College
York College, CUNY

North Carolina

Barber-Scotia College
Belmont Abbey College
Cape Fear Community College
Carteret Community College
Catawba Valley Community College
Central Piedmont Community College
Chowan College
Duke University
East Carolina University
Elon College
Fayetteville State University
Fayetteville Technical Community College
Guilford College
High Point University
Livingstone College
Montgomery Community College
North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State
University
North Carolina Central University
North Carolina State University
Queens College
Sandhills Community College
St. Andrews Presbyterian College
St. Augustine's College
University of North Carolina-Asheville
University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill*
University of North Carolina-Greensboro
University of North Carolina-Wilmington
Vance-Granville Community College
Wake Forest University
Western Piedmont Community College

North Dakota

Bismarck State College
Trinity Bible College
University of North Dakota-Williston

Ohio

Art Academy of Cincinnati
Bluffton College
Case Western Reserve University
Cleveland State University
Denison University
Hocking College
Kent State University
Lorain County Community College
Lourdes College

Malone College
Marietta College
Marion Technical College
Mount Union College
Oberlin College
Ohio Wesleyan University
Ohio State University*
Shawnee State University
University of Akron
University of Rio Grande/
Rio Grande Community College
University of Toledo
Urbana University
Wittenberg University

Oklahoma
Northeastern State University
Oklahoma Baptist University
Oklahoma State University-Oklahoma City
Oklahoma State University-Stillwater
Oral Roberts University
Southeastern Oklahoma State University
Southwestern Oklahoma State University
University of Science & Arts of Oklahoma
University of Tulsa

Oregon
Central Oregon Community College
Lane Community College
Linfield College
Northwest Christian College
Portland Community College
Portland State University*
Rogue Community College
Southern Oregon University
Western Oregon University

Pennsylvania
Academy of Medical Arts and Business
Allegheny College
Allegheny University of the Health Sciences
Alvernia College
Beaver College
Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania
Bryn Mawr College
Cedar Crest College
Community College of Allegheny County
Community College of Philadelphia
Dickinson College
Duquesne University
East Stroudsburg University
Eastern College
Edinboro University of Pennsylvania
Franklin & Marshall College

Gettysburg College*
Gwynedd-Mercy College
Keystone College
KingÆs College
Kutztown University of Pennsylvania
Lafayette College
Lebanon Valley College
Mansfield University
Mercyhurst College
Montgomery County Community College
Muhlenberg College
Northampton Community College
Pennsylvania State University*
Saint Vincent College
St. JosephÆs University
Slippery Rock University
Susquehanna University
Temple University
University of Pennsylvania*
University of Pittsburgh
University of Pittsburgh at Bradford
Wilson College

Rhode Island
Brown University
Community College of Rhode Island
Providence College
Rhode Island College
Salve Regina University
University of Rhode Island

South Carolina
Benedict College
Claflin College
Clemson
Coastal Carolina University
Coker College
College of Charleston
Columbia International University
Denmark Technical College
Francis Marion University
Presbyterian College
South Carolina State University
University of South Carolina
Winthrop University
Wofford College

South Dakota
University of South Dakota

Tennessee
Aquinas College
Chattanooga State Technical Community College
Cleveland State Community College

East Tennessee State University
King College
Lee College
Lane College
Martin Methodist College
Maryville College
Milligan College
Roane State Community College
Southern Adventist University
Tennessee Technological University
Tennessee Technology Center at Hartsville
Tennessee Wesleyan College
Tusculum College
Union University
University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
Volunteer State Community College

Texas
Angelina College
Austin Community College
College of the Mainland
Collin County Community College
El Paso Community College
Houston Community College System
Le Tourneau University
Lee College
Lubbock Christian University
McMurry University
Midwestern State University
North Central Texas College
Northeast Texas Community College
Paris Junior College
Rice University
Sam Houston State University
South Texas College of Law
South Texas Vo-Tech Brownsville
Southwest Texas State University
Stephen F. Austin State University
Texas A&M University Corpus Christi
Texas Chiropractic College
Texas Christian University
Texas Tech University
Texas Wesleyan University
Texas Women's University
University of Houston-Victoria
University of Mary Hardin-Baylor
University of North Texas
University of Texas-Arlington
University of Texas-Austin
University of Texas-Brownsville and Texas
Southmost College
University of Texas-Dallas
University of Texas-El Paso*
University of Texas-Pan American

University of Texas-San Antonio
Western Texas College
West Texas A&M University

Utah
College of Eastern Utah
Dixie College
Salt Lake Community College
University of Utah
Utah State University
Weber State University
Westminster College of Salt Lake City

Vermont
Castleton State College
Community College of Vermont
Johnson State College
Landmark College
Lyndon State College
Trinity College of Vermont
Vermont State Colleges System*
Vermont Technical College

Virginia
Averett College
Clinch Valley College
Emory and Henry College
Germanna Community College
Hollins College
James Madison University
Mary Baldwin College
Mary Washington College
Norfolk State University
Old Dominion University
Patrick Henry Community College
Piedmont Virginia Community College
Radford University
Randolph-Macon College
Southside Virginia Community College
Southwest Virginia Community College
University of Virginia-Charlottesville
Virginia Commonwealth University
Virginia Highlands Community College
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Virginia Wesleyan College

Washington
Bellevue Community College
Central Washington University
Community College of Spokane
The Evergreen State College
Grays Harbor College
Seattle University
Spokane Community College

Spokane Falls Community College
University of Puget Sound
University of Washington
Washington State Community College
Washington State University
Western Washington University
Yakima Valley Community College

West Virginia
Bluefield State College
Bethany College
College of West Virginia
Davis and Elkins College
Fairmont State College
Marshall University
Ohio Valley College
West Liberty State College
West Virginia Wesleyan College
West Virginia University
Wheeling Jesuit University

Wisconsin
Madison Area Technical College
Mount Mary College
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University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse
University of Wisconsin-Platteville
University of Wisconsin-River Falls
University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

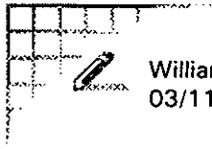
Wyoming
Casper College

Puerto Rico
Polytechnic University of Puerto Rico
Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico
ICPR Junior College
University of Puerto Rico

Micronesia
College of Micronesia-FSM

Total colleges and universities committed to the
America Reads Challenge: 790

ED - America Reads



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Subject: leg strategy

I took the opportunity tonight to discuss with Bruce my concerns about our strategy on America Reads and my view that, unless there is something I'm missing, the most logical thing is to launch our legislation, build grassroots support, and then negotiate from a position of strength, rather than trying to strike a bargain on reading/literacy up front.

In a nutshell, he agrees that we need to have another discussion about what approach makes the most sense. He said Gene may be thinking that, in the budget end-game, we will only get so many of our initiatives, so if there is something we can lock in early, we should try to do it.; the longer we put the R's in a position of opposing a specific proposal of ours, the harder it may be for them to come to an agreement. However, Bruce has doubts about the likelihood of getting a Republican commitment to a specific piece of legislation early on....

Maybe this can be revisited at next Monday's ed strategy meeting (although I won't be there).

By the way, Mike--I put in a call to Blocker today, but we never connected...

Bill

He