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TO: DALNET BOARD

FROM: Michael Piper

ABOUT: MiLE project discussion preps (Agenda item 5)

During this discussion, the Board will need to reaffirm its commitment to the MiLE Project, and clarify its position on networking with high school libraries. Issues for you to consider include:

1) Additional support for Phase I of the MiLE project

If the MiLE first year costs exceed available grant funds, is DALNET willing to contribute to the amount necessary for the project to go forward? Louise is researching how much might be needed - it will likely be \$10,000 - \$15,000. Louise will have updated budget information for you at the meeting.

2) Ongoing support for subsequent years of the MiLE project

DALNET's budget includes \$36,250 for maintenance of RSS, the Resource Sharing System. If *epixtech* is selected as the MiLE vendor, is DALNET willing to contribute some or all of these RSS annual maintenance funds toward the MiLE software maintenance fee?

3) Endorsement of MiLE Project - Phase II

The Committee is writing another LSTA grant proposal to continue the MiLE project in FY 2002. Phase II will expand MiLE to more libraries - including high schools - and help cover the costs of migration to the next generation of the ILL product selected.

Letters of support from DALNET libraries helped to ensure funding for the first phase of the MiLE project. At the Board meeting on 25 June, Jerry will request letters of support for the second year grant proposal, which is due on 29 June.

4) Support for school library participation in ILL

Possible support for Phase II will engender a discussion of whether DALNET wishes to actively network with high school libraries.