

May 19, 2003

Mr. Cecil J. Picard
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Dear Superintendent Picard:

Thank you for the great notes about Louisiana education progress and ways that Louisiana is accepting the "Challenge to Lead" in educational progress.

The SREB Board Meeting in June will both note these encouraging achievements and point to ways and places that we can ratchet our progress up further.

Your service as State Chief, Senator and Principal gives you a great perspective on what we need to do . . . and how to get it done.

I look forward to seeing you in Austin.

Very truly yours,

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