

January 21, 2003

«FIRST\_NAME» «LAST\_NAME»  
«ADDRESS\_1»  
«CITY», «STATE» «ZIP»

Dear «FIRST\_NAME» «LAST\_NAME»:

Congratulations on your achieving the teaching profession's highest standard – National Board Certification. I appreciate your sincere commitment to undergo rigorous assessment as part of a continuing effort to improve your skills and knowledge. 321 Mississippi teachers earned this honor this year, resulting in Mississippi ranking seventh in the number of new teachers earning this certification. Your efforts send a strong message to the rest of our nation as to Mississippi's dedication to education.

I would like to invite you to attend a reception honoring Mississippi's teachers who earned National Board Certification this year. Please join me at the Mississippi Department of Education's North Atrium in the Central High School Building, 359 North West Street, in Jackson on Wednesday, February 5, 2003, from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. to recognize and honor your accomplishment. A map is enclosed for your reference. Please return the enclosed form to the address provided by Friday, January 31, so that we might plan accordingly.

Congratulations again on your accomplishment. Education is my top priority. I look forward to working with you to ensure a quality education for Mississippi's greatest resource, our children. Together we can set unprecedented goals and achieve unparalleled progress.

Very truly yours,



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