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Dear Mississippi Superintendents and Principals:

Every school throughout our state has the exciting opportunity to take advantage of AOL@SCHOOL, a free classroom online learning tool for K-12 education from America Online.

At the heart of the AOL@SCHOOL service is a free Web site you can access anytime, anywhere - whether it's before, during or after school. One click on www.aolatschool.com provides access to six different learning portals, organized by audience and grade level, which assemble content, resources, and tools available on the Web specifically for the K-12 learning environment.

Mississippi's AOL@SCHOOL will feature a "Mississippi Feature Window," customized and programmed by our own education officials, which will appear when AOL@SCHOOL is accessed from a school. This feature will automatically appear for every Mississippi user who registers for AOL@SCHOOL and will provide access to initiatives and resources specific to our needs. In addition to the "Mississippi Feature Window," the AOL@SCHOOL software also includes programmable "My School" and "My District" tool bar buttons, which allow you to program the URL's for your local sites directly into the tool bar.

Enclosed is an AOL@SCHOOL information and installation packet. Individual schools will need to identify one person (or a few for larger schools) to be their AOL@SCHOOL Account Manager. This person is in charge of the local control of student access levels, changing passwords, as well as editing e-mail access and controls.
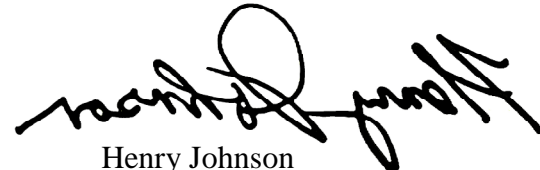
If you have any questions, please feel free to contact AOL@SCHOOL Member Services (888-468-3768) for technical issues. With Internet access in every classroom, AOL@SCHOOL provides us with another opportunity to enhance our students' learning.

Very truly yours,

Ronnie Musgrove   Henry Johnson
Governor   Superintendent of Education

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Enclosure