

May 9, 2002

Shaikal Pertilla  
D'Iberville High School  
3320 Warrior Drive  
D'Iberville, Mississippi 39532

Dear Shaikal:

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Kim Oanh Tran  
D'Iberville High School  
3320 Warrior Drive  
D'Iberville, Mississippi 39532

Dear Kim:

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Tony Vo  
D'Iberville High School  
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D'Iberville, Mississippi 39532

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Anni Le  
D'Iberville High School  
3320 Warrior Drive  
D'Iberville, Mississippi 39532

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Brittany Hammons  
D'Iberville High School  
3320 Warrior Drive  
D'Iberville, Mississippi 39532

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Charlotte Chancellor  
D'Iberville High School  
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Mary Richardson  
D'Iberville High School  
3320 Warrior Drive  
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Krystal Hennen  
D'Iberville High School  
3320 Warrior Drive  
D'Iberville, Mississippi 39532

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Jamie Rae Mignott  
D'Iberville High School  
3320 Warrior Drive  
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David Fayard, Jr.  
D'Iberville High School  
3320 Warrior Drive  
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Maegan McRaney  
D'Iberville High School  
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D'Iberville, Mississippi 39532

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Sean McQueen  
D'Iberville High School  
3320 Warrior Drive  
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Rose Stover  
D'Iberville High School  
3320 Warrior Drive  
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Holly Wozniak  
D'Iberville High School  
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Denise Baumann  
D'Iberville High School  
3320 Warrior Drive  
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Knaala Blanks  
D'Iberville High School  
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Brandeth Dixon  
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Gracie Lee  
D'Iberville High School  
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Shannon Hamel  
D'Iberville High School  
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Melissa Fayard  
D'Iberville High School  
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Marisa Morris  
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Kristen Ishee  
D'Iberville High School  
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Martha McRaney  
D'Iberville High School  
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Lauren Daigle  
D'Iberville High School  
3320 Warrior Drive  
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Amanda Dronet  
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May 9, 2002

Nikita Blanks  
D'Iberville High School  
3320 Warrior Drive  
D'Iberville, Mississippi 39532

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Meghan Helmich  
D'Iberville High School  
3320 Warrior Drive  
D'Iberville, Mississippi 39532

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Rebekah Reese  
D'Iberville High School  
3320 Warrior Drive  
D'Iberville, Mississippi 39532

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Ashley Tisdale  
D'Iberville High School  
3320 Warrior Drive  
D'Iberville, Mississippi 39532

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Allison Miller  
D'Iberville High School  
3320 Warrior Drive  
D'Iberville, Mississippi 39532

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D'Iberville High School  
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Courtney Meyers  
4400 Biglin Bayou Drive  
D'Iberville, Mississippi 39532

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Shequena Frazier  
590 Neal Drive  
D'Iberville, Mississippi 39540

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Eric Hill  
15024 Hudson Krohn Road  
Biloxi, Mississippi 39532

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Shonda McCarty  
11376 Ruth Street  
Biloxi, Mississippi 39532

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Lauren Byrd  
13204 Jim Byrd Road  
Biloxi, Mississippi 39532

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Erin Hampton  
24573 Highway 15  
Saucier, Mississippi 39574

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Luke Benfield  
20523 Gunlock Road  
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11034 Oakcrest Drive  
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12156 Murray Road  
Biloxi, Mississippi 39532

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600 Dina Drive  
D'Iberville, Mississippi 39540

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869 Lackland Drive  
Biloxi, Mississippi 39532

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11034 Oakcrest Drive  
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Dana Burkhalter  
10128 East Shorecrest Road  
Biloxi, Mississippi 39532

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Robin Pritchett  
Nichols Junior High School  
340 Nichols Drive  
Biloxi, Mississippi 39530

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