

March 22, 2001

Dr. Charles Harrison, Director
University of Mississippi Advanced Education Center
1918 Briar Ridge Road
Tupelo, MS 38801

Dear Dr. Harrison:

I am writing to invite you to join me in Jackson on April 23 for **“Enhancing Mississippi’s Educated Workforce.”** This forum will create a dialogue between government, business and educational leaders in Mississippi to discuss how we may all work together to prepare our workforce with the needed skills. Workforce development is critical to the continued advancement and growth of our state.

Mississippi’s School-to-Careers Partnership is sponsoring **“Enhancing Mississippi’s Educated Workforce.”** Dr. Willard Daggett will serve as our facilitator. Dr. Daggett is President of the International Center for Leadership in Education, which was established in 1991 with a mission of ensuring that all students have the benefit of a rigorous and relevant education. Dr. Daggett is known worldwide for his efforts to move the education system towards more rigorous and relevant skills and knowledge for all students. He is also well known as the designer of the Application Model, which provides a framework to determine the relevance of curriculum and assessment to real-world situations.

The enclosed agenda and registration form will provide more information regarding this exciting opportunity. I hope you will join other government, business and educational leaders for **“Enhancing Mississippi’s Educated Workforce.”** Thank you for your commitment to Mississippi – America’s State of Promise.

Very truly yours,

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