

January 20, 2003

Dear National Certified School Counselor:

Congratulations on your achieving the school counseling profession's highest standard – National Certified School Counselor (NCSC) Certification. I appreciate your sincere commitment to undergo rigorous assessment as part of a continuing effort to improve your skills and knowledge. 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 National Certified School Counselors. 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 Tuesday, February 4, 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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