

April 30, 2002

Dr. Charles C. Alexander
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Dear Dr. Alexander:

The Governor's Office of the State of Mississippi is pleased to submit a letter of support for the Mississippi Math and Science Partnership's efforts to unite educational and research communities to address the educational needs of students in the Mississippi Delta.

In my capacity as Chairman-elect of the Southern Growth Policies Board, I am pleased to learn that the Board will be serving as a Partner in the Mississippi Math and Science Partnership as conveners of a Technology Forum for the Delta. Only by working together will we reach our mutual goal of increasing student achievement in mathematics and science.

The Mississippi Math and Science Partnership's goals address, among other issues, curriculum and teacher assessment, technology training, and community involvement. These are all necessary and productive means of increasing student achievement. I look forward to helping realize the potential of the Mississippi Math and Science Partnership.

Very truly yours,

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