

March 22, 2001

Dr. Richard L. Thompson  
State Superintendent of Education  
P.O. Box 771  
Jackson, MS 39205-0771

Dear Dr. Thompson:

I am pleased to offer my support to the consortium of twenty-seven Mississippi school districts that has developed Project HOPE (Helping Others Promote Excellence) to help students and parents in Mississippi achieve higher standards and secure brighter futures.

The goals of Project HOPE closely match my administration's goals of insuring that every child receives an effective education, that families in need are provided literacy training and job training, that quality after-school programs are offered to our students, and that community partners work with and support our schools' efforts. I endorse Project HOPE's goals of serving approximately 450 adults and 750 children in various school districts across Mississippi.

I look forward to working with the consortium of schools and community partners participating in Project HOPE to advance Mississippi's students and our communities. As always, thank you for your service to our students and to our state.

Very truly yours,

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