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TO: Superintendents of Title I Schools in Eligible Region of State
FROM: Governor Ronnie Musgrove
DATE: August 15, 2002
SUBJECT: "Follow the Leaders" Project

Mississippi is one of six states selected to participate in the "Follow the Leaders" project funded by the U.S. Department of Education. The project will provide technology and guidance to assist teachers and administrators in Title I schools in making changes to meet the new standards for school and student improvement outlined in No Child Left Behind. Your district is invited to learn more about this exciting opportunity.

Project Achieve will coordinate "Follow the Leaders" on behalf of the U.S. Department of Education. A representative of Project Achieve will be in Mississippi next Tuesday, August 20, to provide an overview of the project and to answer questions.

I am inviting you to attend this meeting that will be held in the State Department of Education's auditorium in Central High School, 359 N. West Street, Jackson, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. Your district's Title I principal(s), technology coordinator and curriculum coordinator are also invited to attend this meeting. Please email Kelly Riley of my staff at kriley@governor.state.ms.us by noon on Monday, August 19, with the names of your district's representatives that will be attending this meeting.

The "Follow the Leaders" project is a wonderful opportunity for our state. Mississippi's selection in the project recognizes the great job that our schools are doing. "Follow the Leaders" will provide our schools the opportunity to duplicate proven successful practices for the benefit of our students.