

Memo

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From: Kelly Riley, Policy Liaison

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Subject: New Resource for Educators: Achieve Resource Center

Mississippi is one of six states selected to participate in the *Following the Leaders* project funded by the U.S. Department of Education. The project will provide technology and guidance to assist teachers and administrators in making changes to meet the new standards for school and student improvement outlined in No Child Left Behind.

Fifteen schools will serve as pilot schools for this initiative. However, as part of this initiative, the Achieve Resource Center (ARC) is being made available to educators in all schools. The ARC contains a library of thousands of resources that are linked to Mississippi's standards.

I am asking for your organization's assistance in making our teachers and administrators aware of the opportunities and resources available via the ARC. I have enclosed a summary of the ARC that I hope you will include in future presentations, publications, emails or other forms of communications that you have with educators and administrators. Teachers and administrators may access the ARC at <http://ftl.projectachieve.com/IndexController.pa?> The Mississippi Department of Education's home page (www.mde.k12.ms.us) also contains a link to the ARC.

Please call me at 601-359-2528 if you any questions or if I may provide additional information regarding this exciting opportunity for our schools. Thank you in advance for your assistance in helping me to notify Mississippi's educational community about this exciting new resource!

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