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To: <governor@governor.state.ms.us>
Subject: Fw: Suggestion for improving Education
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Dear Sir,
This was originally sent to you on May 16th. I am still awaiting a =
response from my Public Servant.

Sincerely,
Gretchen Rhodes
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From: Dennis & Gretchen Rhodes=20
To: governor@governor.state.ms.us=20
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2000 10:29 PM
Subject: Suggestion for improving Education

Dear Governor Musgrove,

I am a Mississippian by choice. As such I am willing to work to help =
improve Mississippi and have done so by helping within the local =
community but also on the state level as well. I have been on =
Mississippi State's Engineering Advisory board for the past 5 years and =
have served as the chairman of one of the departmental advisory boards =
as well. I am well educated, have a BS in Engineering from Mississippi =
State University, a MS in Engineering from Drexel University, and an MBA =
from the University of Memphis. I am a mother of 7. Four of the =
children are my husband's and mine. Three of the children are nieces =
for which we have taken legal custody as the state was removing them =
from their home. God had blessed my husband and I in many ways and as =
such we believe that we have an obligation to provide for others in =
return.

I am writing you today in reference to your State of the State address. =
Part of your vision for the state is Education. I agree with you on =
many of the points that you make. You said, "In education, we have laid =
a strong foundation. We will see the Mississippi Adequate Education =
Program reach its full implementation by the year 2002. On that =
foundation, we must continue to strengthen our schools." We have laid a =
strong foundation for adequate education. With our children in mind, I =
would prefer that we strive for excellence. I am a resident of DeSoto =
County and we have one of the best school systems in the state. Our =
teachers and principals are dedicated and work hard to educate our =
children. We have programs for those with developmental needs and are =
raising the standards of reading ability. Where I believe we are =

Lacking is providing for our gifted children. We need to have programs = that begin earlier than the 2nd grade for children who are gifted. We = should not penalize our children who are ahead by forcing them into "age = appropriate" grade levels without having an alternative. Children have = various gifts and their gifts are not identical. We need to be able to = address the "special" needs of children who are academically and = socially well above grade level. These children should not be forced to = waste a year in an "age appropriate" classroom when they already know = and understand the material being taught. Parents should not be forced = to home school children to ensure that their child is challenged and = learning rather than wasting an opportunity for furthering his mental = development.

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I challenge you sir to help me find away to address this issue.

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