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Dear _____,

This past year, the State Partners of Mississippi's School-to-Careers Initiative produced a 55 lesson plan resource manual for 4th – 8th grade teachers, entitled *Making It Work*, that employs Mississippi Curriculum Frameworks' competencies and hands-on learning experiences for students while introducing them to a variety of careers. The State Partners distributed compact discs containing the *Making It Work* lesson plan resource to every 4th – 8th grade teacher in Mississippi and provided one printed manual to every school housing 4th – 8th grade students.

Judging from phone conversations I have had since the resource manual's October distribution, *Making It Work* has been well received by teachers and principals. This is pleasing to the State Partners as this project was consistent with our goal to build upon the State's existing efforts to enhance educational opportunities and workforce development.

I would also be remiss if I did not note the work done by former Mississippi Department of Education employees Liz Williamson, Sherra Shearer, and Judy Robbins in developing *Making it Work*. If not for their efforts, the State Partners would have never produced this exciting and beneficial supplement for classroom teachers.

Should you have any questions or comments about this document, please feel free to contact me at 601-432-6321.

Sincerely,

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