TO: Board of Trustees/Dr. Randy McCoy

FROM: Nancy Williams McReynolds RE: Permission to Apply For Grant

DATE: March 25, 2008

We request that the Tupelo Public School District Board of Trustees give permission to send this grant application on behalf of the Tupelo Public School District.

TPSD Grant #819

Grant Source: Gear Up Mississippi

Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning

Grant Site: District Grades 7 – 12

Grant Title: Gaining Early Awareness & Readiness for

Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP)

Grant Purpose: To increase academic performance and

preparation for postsecondary education, increase families' knowledge of postsecondary

options, preparation and funding,

increase high school graduation rates, reduce remediation rates and increase postsecondary

completion.

Grant Amount: \$48,852.65 District/Other Match: \$48,852.65

District Grant Contact: Dr. George Noflin, Jr.