



Mississippi Department of Education

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August 4, 2008

Dr. Terry Harbin
Lawndale Elementary
1563 Mitchell Road
Tupelo, MS 38804

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TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Dear Dr. Harbin:

The State Board of Education would like to honor you as Administrator of the Year. The recognition ceremony will be held during the upcoming Board meeting on Friday, August 15, 2008 at 8:30 a.m. Please feel free to bring any guests from your school that you feel should share this recognition. Your superintendent is invited to attend.

The Board Meeting will take place in the Central High School Building in downtown Jackson in the 4th floor boardroom. There is parking available on the top floors of the MDE parking garage, at the corner of Lamar and Griffith streets, using the enclosed parking pass, or in any available metered parking space on surrounding streets. I hope you find the enclosed map helpful.

The superintendent may ask you to introduce your special guests, and/or if you would like to make comments about your award. We ask that you take only three to five minutes, as the Board has a busy agenda.

Due to sometimes heavy downtown traffic and limited parking, you may want to allow a little extra time, and we ask that you be in the boardroom by 8:15.

Please contact me at 601-359-3515 to let me know if you and representatives from your school and/or district will be attending, and contact me if you have questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Deborah Meador".

Deborah Meador
Office of Communications and Legislation

CC: Randy D. McCoy, Ed. D, Superintendent Tupelo School District

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STACEY E. PICKERING
STATE AUDITOR
July 3, 2008

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Dr. Randy D. McCoy, Superintendent
Tupelo Public School District
Post Office Box 557
Tupelo, Mississippi 38802-0557

Dear Dr. McCoy:

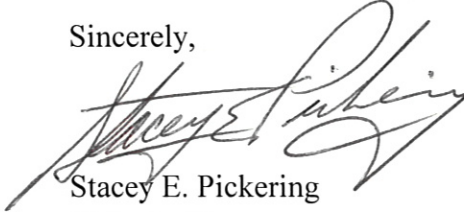
The State Auditor's Office has implemented a program to recognize school districts that maintain high standards of financial reporting. The basis for this recognition is determined during the annual audit with the district receiving an unqualified opinion on its audited financial statements and having no material findings, significant deficiencies in internal controls or exceptions.

As you are aware, an audit is designed to give reasonable, but not absolute assurance that the financial statements are fairly presented and that the district has complied with applicable laws and regulations. However, the presentation of the certificate does not provide absolution from a violation of law, which may be reported and verified at a later date.

Based on the audit for the year ended June 30, 2007, I am pleased to present to you this certificate recognizing your achievement in financial reporting.

You and your management team are to be commended for your commitment to maintaining high standards of financial reporting.

Sincerely,



Stacey E. Pickering
State Auditor

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Enclosure

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Achievement in Reporting

TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

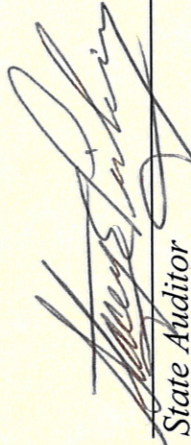
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

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July 3, 2008

Date


State Auditor

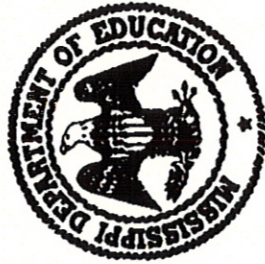
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For the Timely Reporting of Monthly Data, during School Year 2007-2008

Mississippi Department of Education



Jack W. Bonds

Sate Superintendent of Education

8/1/08

Date

Debra D. Lindsey

Chief Information Officer

8/1/08

Date