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Dear Dr. Rowe:

Thank you for your letter expressing your concern for Mississippi's school children. You are correct. Parents need to be actively involved in their child's education. Children need positive role models during these impressionable years. Often when a parent fails at this important job, a teacher is the only person able to influence this child.

We ask a lot of our teachers. Teachers need to focus on what we pay them to do – teach our children. They should not have to take important learning time to discipline our children. We need counselors in every school to help spot problems before they start and offer solutions to these problems. Most importantly, parents must be involved in their child's education. I will be working closely with our Legislators during the next four years to help improve education in Mississippi and to insure a bright future for our children.

If I can be of further help, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

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