

August 13, 2003

Mr. Drew Scheberle  
Interim Project Director  
Center for State Scholars  
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Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Mr. Scheberle:

I am pleased to offer this letter of support for Mississippi's application to the Center for State Scholars for resources to implement a Scholars Initiative in Mississippi. As Chairman of the Mississippi House of Representative's Education Committee, I am committed to enhancing the opportunities that we offer to our students.

I am excited to see that the Public Education Forum will coordinate this effort in Mississippi. As a member of both the Forum and the Legislature, I can attest to the Forum's reputation for quality work. The Forum has played a critical role in strengthening the private sector's support for public education in Mississippi. Education is the cornerstone in advancing our state. The Scholars Initiative will entice students to take a more advanced curriculum to boost their educational experiences.

Again, I am pleased to offer support for this project.

Sincerely,

Joe Warren, Chairman  
House Education Committee