

February 18, 2002

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Dear XXX:

Governor Musgrove has received your letter of support for Houston School District's proposal to the Mississippi Department of Education for School Renovation and Repair Grant Program funds and asked that I respond to your letter.

As you know, education is a top priority for Governor Musgrove's administration. It is my understanding that the Houston School District submitted two proposals for funding – one for renovation funding and one for technology funding. According to conversations I have had with Department personnel, it appears that the technology proposal has a good chance of being funded. The renovation proposal may not be funded due to the district's ranking not being among the highest in meeting the federal definition for the high-poverty factor.

Thank you for sharing your support of the Houston School District's proposal with Governor Musgrove. It is always encouraging to see a community's enthusiasm for its schools. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 601-359-3150 if you have any questions or require any additional information regarding this matter.

Very truly yours,

Kelly L. Riley
Education Policy Liaison