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Carolyn J. Ross
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Dear Ms. Ross:

Thank you for your letter regarding public education. The reason I chose to send my children to a public school is because I am a product of the public school system. Parents have a choice of where to send their children. My wife and I chose a public school because we believe in the public school system in Mississippi.

We ask a lot of our teachers. Teachers need to focus on what we pay them to do – teach 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 public education in Mississippi and to insure a bright future for all children.

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

Very truly yours,

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