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Jody McDaniel
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Dear Ms. McDaniel:

Thank you for your recent e-mail concerning teacher pay and the legislative retirement benefits. I appreciate your concern. Mississippi cannot afford to lose caring, qualified teachers such as yourself to surrounding states due to teacher pay. That is why I fought so hard for the teacher pay raise bill this past session. I have called a Special Session of the Legislature for legislators to rescind provisions that increase their legislative retirement benefits.

I am committed to education and I will continue to support Mississippi's teachers. Again, many thanks for sharing your concerns with me and for your dedication to your students.

Very truly yours,

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