

May 21, 2001

Mrs. Sandra Howat
C/o St. Martin North Elementary School
16308 Lemoyne Boulevard
Biloxi, Mississippi 39532

Dear Mrs. Howat:

As Governor of the State of Mississippi, I want to commend you for the years of dedication you have given to the students at St. Martin North Elementary. You have faithfully shared your gift for teaching with young children through the past thirty-two years. Twenty-eight of those years were at St. Martin North.

As Henry Brooks Adams said, “*A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops.*” Dedicated teachers impact not only the lives of their students, but also impact their communities, their state, and their country.

As you conclude your career as a leader, mentor, educator and friend, be assured that your efforts will forever serve as an inspiration for those who follow in your footsteps, to continue to build bright futures for our children.

Very truly yours,

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