

Dear Mississippi Educators,

It is with deep gratitude and humility that I write to you as the 2025 Mississippi Administrator of the Year. This honor is not mine alone—it is a reflection of the dedication, collaboration, and resilience of educators across our state who give their very best each day to Mississippi's students.

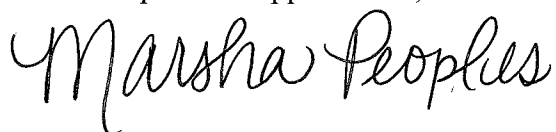
We are living and working in a time when the challenges in education are real, but so are the opportunities. Every morning, teachers in classrooms from the Delta to the Gulf Coast create moments of discovery that change lives. Every afternoon, school staff members ensure our campuses are safe, supportive, and full of possibility. And every evening, administrators, parents, and community partners work together to build a future that is brighter than today.

Our shared mission—to equip every child in Mississippi with the knowledge, skills, and character to succeed—is what binds us together. Whether you serve in a rural school, an urban district, or somewhere in between, you are shaping the trajectory of our state. Your commitment, your creativity, and your belief in our students inspire me daily.

As we look to the future, let's continue to lead with courage and compassion. Let's champion literacy, foster innovation, and keep our focus on what matters most: the children entrusted to our care. The world may measure success in numbers and rankings, but we know the real measure is found in the lives we touch and the dreams we help make possible.

Thank you for the work you do, the example you set, and the hope you provide. Together, we will continue to lift Mississippi's students to new heights. Let's work together to make the 2025-2026 the best school year ever. Wishing you and your staff a wonderful and safe school year!

With respect and appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marsha Peoples". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letter of each name being capitalized and prominent.

Marsha Peoples, Ed.D
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