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Laura Walker, Director of Publications
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Dear Mrs. Walker:

The Mississippi Department of Education, through the Office of Curriculum and Instruction, supports the lessons developed by the Office of the Secretary of State for its "Promote the Vote" (PTV) program. The lessons are engaging, collaborative, and help develop civic mindedness and critical thinking skills in students, which are some of the stated goals of the 2011 Mississippi Social Studies Framework.

The elections of the fall of 2012 will serve as a great context for teachers to explore concepts such as voting rights, government structures, and campaigns. The PTV lessons explore these concepts and more, with activities and online resources that are easily accessible, flexible, and engaging for students. These lessons have specific alignment with standards in the required Government/Civics and Mississippi Studies courses in the state frameworks. Social studies teachers will be well served to explore the lessons and utilize them in their classrooms this fall.

Sincerely,

Nathan Oakley, Bureau Director
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