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Mr. Victor Hubbard
Principal
Meridian High School
2320 32nd Street
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Dear Mr. Hubbard,

Tougaloo College, Division of Education is committed to providing excellent pre-college education programs through its recruitment efforts. Our goal is to recruit and graduate a diverse student body and address the state's need to increase the shortage of teachers in subject matter areas and critical needs schools. We are reaching out to school leaders, such as Meridian High to promote recruitment and retention of students to Tougaloo College. We are offering several opportunities that will enhance education strategies for high students to attend college. These opportunities include:

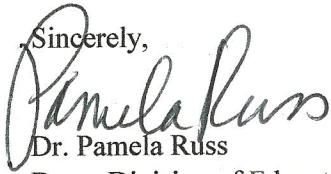
- Host a 2-day High School Scholars Weekend that includes a stay in a residence hall and attend classes on a Friday or Saturday.
- Host a ½-day workshop and/or orientation for high school students. College Prep Day for students that includes workshops, student panels, campus tour, and information about college and division of education admissions.
- Participation in College Fairs that are targeted to high school students.
- Personalize the recruitment of high school students with Parent to Parent Letter: letter from parent of a currently enrolled Division of Education student to parents of prospective high school students that discusses college enrollment, financial aid, transition to college, etc.)
- Offer a summer program that exposes high school students to science, engineering, and mathematics.
- Seek funding for seed money to help students' complete higher mathematics and science classes in high school.
- Establish mentoring program for advising and supporting high school students in their opportunity to attend college.

The Division of Education would like for you to consider collaboration on one or more of the above opportunities to enhance and bridge programs that develop a smooth pipeline of students from K-12 to

college, especially students from economically disadvantaged and underrepresented groups. The intent is to better inform and better prepare prospective students for pursuing a college education. In addition, the opportunities outlined above connect and expose students and their families to faculty, staff, as well as campus life, student and alumni organizations.

I have enclosed recruitment materials from the Division of Education and look forward to discussing with you the above opportunities at your earliest convenience. You may reach me at 601.977.7744 or 209.277.1289. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pamela Russ".

Dr. Pamela Russ

Dean, Division of Education

Enclosure

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