

March 31, 2020

Dear Mississippi Educator:

Please find enclosed three grade-appropriate activities we designed for your consideration as you send home learning packets and online assignments for pre-K-12 students this week. The assignments, which all center on communicating with lawmakers about how the current crisis is impacting students and families, include:

- A Think, Draw, Write! activity for pre-K through 3rd Grade students;
- Writing prompts for 4th through 6th Grade students; and
- Essay prompts for 7th through 12th Grade students.

These are optional and designed to be fun and thoughtful additions to any work you are already sending home. They are not intended to create additional work for you.

We are also including a parent/guardian permission slip. If your student completes one of these assignments, we would love to feature it on social media and distribute it to our Senators. We will include first names and schools only when featuring completed assignments online, and we will only feature assignments which are accompanied by a permission slip signed by a parent or guardian.

From meal delivery to adjusting to this new way of teaching and learning, we appreciate **everything** you are doing for our children across Mississippi during this very difficult time. If we can do anything for you, please do not hesitate to contact me at ltgov@senate.ms.gov.

Sincerely,

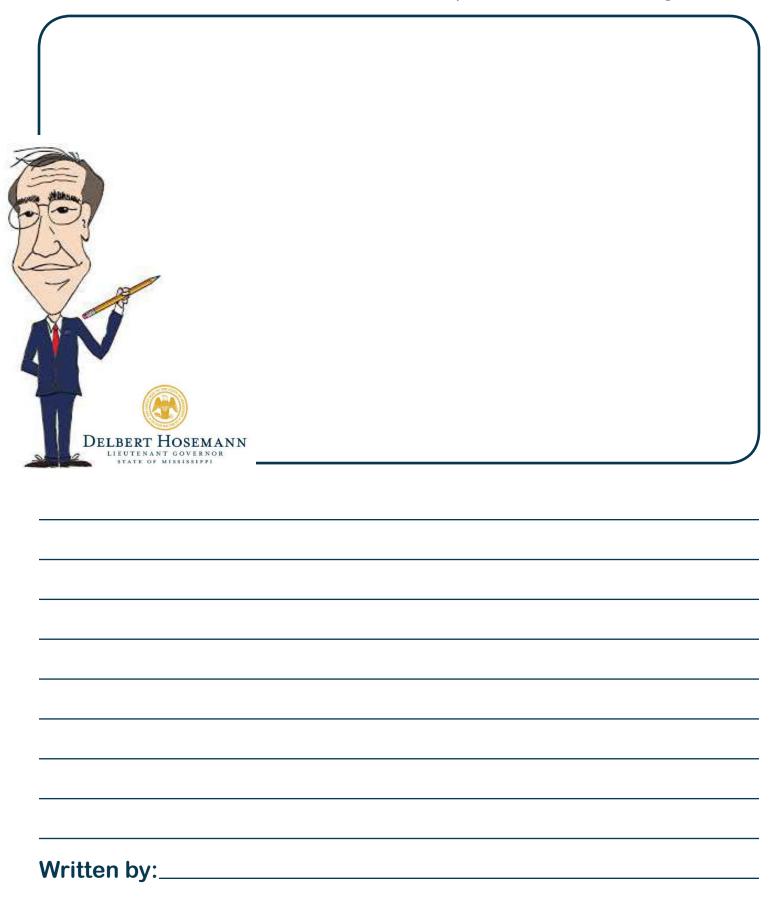
Delbert Hosemann Lieutenant Governor



PERMISSION FORM

Student Name:		_
Parent/Guardian:		
Grade:		
School:		<u> </u>
School District:	,	<u> </u>
Teacher:		
Teacher E-mail:		_
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Student Signature/Dat	te	

Imagine you are going to the Mississippi Capitol. What does it look like? What would you tell your lawmaker about how to keep citizens healthy?



	☐ The best way for me to stay healthy is to
	Write about your favorite learning assignment this week.
	☐ Write about how you are staying connected with your teacher and school.
4	☐ Write about a goal you have set for yourself while you are learning at home.
DELBERT HOSEM	To help people stay safe and healthy, if I were a lawmaker, I would
Written by:	

As representatives of the people, our lawmakers at the Mississippi Capitol need to hear from their constituents, including our K-12 students. Your insight and experiences can help inform and influence our leaders to make the best possible decisions for your future and the future of our State.

Choose one of the following prompts and write a concise, persuasive essay of 450 words to your legislator. You can write your entry as a team with a member of your family, or with other students if you are keeping in contact by e-mail or other electronic means, or by yourself.

- What can our lawmakers and legislatorsdo to help our students and schools during this time?
- 2. How is this crisis changing me, my family, or my community?
- What is a small example of kindness or strength you have seen in recent weeks? How do you think we can replicate their efforts at the state level?
- How can we expand access to technology to connect to one another during a crisis which requires us to socially distance ourselves?

