

## **STATEMENT REGARDING THE OFFICIAL FLAG OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**

The Board of Directors of the Mississippi Professional Educators (MPE) champions efforts to change Mississippi's state flag. In accordance with the Mississippi Educator Code of Ethics, we promote the health, safety, and welfare of all Mississippi educators and students. Just as educators throughout our state work tirelessly to prepare all students for the future, our state and its symbols should uphold and represent all its citizens. Rather than unifying the citizens of our state, our current state flag is divisive and a barrier to progress. Our state flag continues to limit economic opportunities for Mississippi, which in turn diminishes funding for state services, including resources for our schools, community colleges and universities. We call upon our state leaders to take action and change the flag.

