A Message From our President, Dr. LaShundia Carson

As board members, we strive to maintain the organization’s overall goal, which is the education and achievement of the students in Mississippi, which is guided by eight principles of belief. To ensure the eight principles are constantly achieved, the MPE Board of Directors, which consists of P-12 teachers, administrators, IHL faculty, and the leadership of Mrs. Riley and Mrs. Ferguson, works collaboratively to advocate for you.

Educators, I thank you for doing an outstanding job impacting the P-12 learners. Still, I must also thank those who have served as mentors for the Institution of Higher Learning (IHL) Teacher Preparation Programs. WE could not do it without your leadership and support.

Today, there are numerous challenges facing public education and educators more than ever. But WE will continue to advocate and empower you to ensure an excellent and equitable education for every student in Mississippi. WE can do this by addressing your concerns, providing relevant, high-quality professional development, and promoting a safe, nurturing environment where all students can flourish.

I say WE because I firmly hold to the tenet that when you're working with a group of people collectively, it’s NOT “I” but “WE.” A good leader gets in the trenches and works beside their workers to get the job done.

In closing, WE shall forever be guided by the eight principles of belief that the welfare of the students must be placed above all other considerations. Therefore, our top priority is the education of our children.

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What happens if I have an employment related problem?

Simply pick up the phone and call our office at (800) 523-0269 to speak with your Executive Director. If you have problems or questions about employment that involve salary, dismissal, contract non-renewal, or actions involving suspension, cancellation, or revocation of licensure by the State Board of Education, you should speak with the Executive Director to confirm that an attorney is needed and appropriate at the time. MPE works with attorneys that have extensive experience with problems like the one you face. Failure to provide advance or timely notice could result in denial of benefits.

What activities are covered by the insurance policy that covers eligible MPE members?

MPE’s policy covers activities of eligible members in the course of their duties of employment with an educational institution or activities in an accredited teacher education program. This includes assigned duty outside the regular school day or term.

Who is covered by the policy written for MPE members?

Covered members include eligible professional and non-certified members in their employment by an accredited educational institution. Covered members also include student teacher members or interns enrolled in an educational preparation program in an accredited college or university engaged in student teaching and/or field experience.