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Timothy A. Connell
PRESIDENT

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RE: Awarding of Governor's Scholarship to STAR Students

Dear School Superintendent:

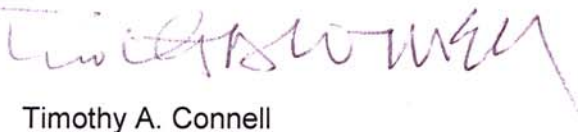
It has been an honor for us to recognize and reward academic achievement by awarding a Governor's Scholarship to each high school's STAR student. We hope this award helps to encourage many of our best and brightest students to remain in Georgia and attend one of our state's outstanding postsecondary institutions.

We are aware, however, that more than one high school senior may share the highest SAT score of their graduating class. When this situation occurs, we understand that it may be difficult for the high school to select just one STAR student to receive the scholarship, and that it may create a sense of inequity on the part of the students.

In light of this situation, we are very pleased to announce that we will award a Governor's Scholarship to each STAR student, regardless of the number of students so honored at each eligible high school. Your schools will be able to designate multiple STAR students, if warranted, effective with the 2008 graduating class. Our Scholar Tracking and Reporting System (STARS) has been modified to accept multiple designations upon verification and update of each student's final HOPE GPA calculation.

We hope this change to the Governor's Scholarship program will provide all deserving students with the opportunity for a more affordable postsecondary education experience. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Timothy A. Connell

cc: High School Principals