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To: Mr. Steve Griffin, Superintendent of Schools and the Holmes County School Board

From: Tami Parish, Teacher, Bonifay Middle School

This report is in reference to House Bill 281, Paper Reduction Act. As required by the task force committee, the following is our district's annual statement of progress to reduce paperwork and data collection requirements.

- Our district continues to implement the strategies named in previous years' reports.
- We continue to ask the district's teachers for their input on ways to help ease any paperwork burden.
- For the upcoming school year, the "Internet Acceptance Use Policy Form" will now be included in the Student Code of Conduct booklet. The parent will only return the form if their child is NOT allowed to use the internet while in school.
- Employment applications continue to be on district's website.
- Our present need is to implement a parental portal program so parents have instant access to their child's attendance, grades and communication to the teacher through email. The portal program encourages parental involvement and support for their child's education through the use of advanced but user friendly technology.

We will continue to look for various ways to help ease the paperwork burden on teachers and administrators so our focus is directed more on teaching and increasing student achievement rather than on administrative duties.

