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KASICH ISSUES PROCLAMATION HONORING TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK ***Invites Teachers To Share Ideas For New Performance Pay System***

COLUMBUS – Today Gov. John R. Kasich issued a proclamation honoring Ohio’s teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week and invited teachers to share their ideas for a new pay system that rewards and encourages performance, as called for in his FY2012-13 budget proposal, the Jobs Budget. Teachers can email their ideas to Kasich at teachers@governor.ohio.gov.

“Ohio has tens of thousands of outstanding teachers for whom education is more than a job—it’s a calling. I’m grateful for the work they do and I encourage every Ohioan to take time this week to thank an educator for their commitment to Ohio’s future. Recognizing those good efforts and incentivizing it is why I want to replace Ohio’s outdated pay system for teachers with one that rewards high performance. Currently, teachers are paid largely on the basis of how many years they’ve been on the job. That’s not fair because it fails to recognize the successes of Ohio’s highest-performing educators. I want to hear from those teachers who want a better way and who have ideas for how to get us there. I look forward to working with them to create a better way,” said Kasich.

Kasich announced that he would be seeking teachers’ ideas for a new pay system last week when he signed legislation making it possible for Teach for America teachers to work in Ohio. The program, which has been successful in other states, gives students access to qualified professionals with a range of experiences after they meet certain standards.

In addition to a new performance-based pay system, other education reforms proposed in Kasich’s Jobs Budget include expanding charter schools and school choice vouchers, encouraging schools to reduce overhead costs by sharing back-office functions, and giving parents the ability to take over failing schools and reconstitute them with oversight from the state.

A copy of Kasich’s Teacher Appreciation Week proclamation can be read here:
<http://governor.ohio.gov/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=3ohPiMSyDXM%3d&tabid=74>

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