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KASICH NAMES ROBERT SOMMERS DIRECTOR OF THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF 21ST CENTURY EDUCATION

COLUMBUS – Today Gov. John R. Kasich announced that Robert Sommers will serve as Director of the Governor's Office of 21st Century Education.

Sommers comes to the Governor's Office with more 25 years of experience in education. Over the course of his career, Sommers has developed a proven track record of success in developing innovative programs that prepare students for academic and career challenges. As the Chief Executive Officer of Butler Tech in Hamilton, Sommers helped propel the school from the 41st-ranked career center in the state in overall student performance to first.

Most recently, Sommers served as Chief Executive Officer of Cornerstone Charter Schools in Detroit. After only its first year in existence, Cornerstone Charter Academies' two schools were named in the top 10 charter schools in the first-ever study of public, charter and private schools in the Detroit metro area.

Sommers received his Ph. D. in Research and Leadership from The Ohio State University. He also has earned a Masters in Agricultural Education from Ohio State and received his bachelor's degree in Education from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. He is a member of the Association for Career Technical Education, the United Way, and the American Association of School Administrators.