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**GOV. KEMP PROPOSES \$2,000 PAY RAISE FOR PRE-K–12 TEACHERS  
AND CERTIFIED K-12 PERSONNEL**

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ATLANTA – Jan 12, 2023 – Today, as part of his inaugural remarks, Gov. Brian Kemp announced a proposed \$2,000 increase to the state salary schedule for Georgia pre-K–12 teachers and certified K-12 personnel.

This \$2,000 raise would be in addition to the \$5,000 increase delivered during Gov. Kemp’s first term. Citing high turnover, burnout, and a need for competitive state salaries, the governor specified that his budget recommendations, scheduled to be released tomorrow, will contain the \$2,000 increase.

“We are encouraged by Gov. Kemp’s announcement today of a proposed \$2,000 increase to the state salary schedule for Georgia pre-K–12 teachers and certified K-12 personnel,” said PAGE Executive Director Craig Harper. “There is no doubt that a salary increase would assist with recruitment and retention of excellent educators for Georgia’s children. In a recent survey of PAGE members, 84 percent of participants reported difficulty in covering living expenses with their existing salary – with 45 percent taking on a second job to make ends meet, and 43 percent supplementing their income with additional paid assignments. All respondents ranked inadequate salary among their top three reasons for leaving the profession.”

Guided by member-generated [Legislative Priorities](#) and a perennial focus on policies benefiting educators, students, and public education – including raising educator salaries and promoting strong retirement and healthcare benefits for teachers and school personnel – PAGE advocates to policymakers year-round and each session of the Georgia General Assembly. We look forward to working with Gov. Kemp and state lawmakers as this important proposal moves through the legislative process.

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