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OHIO FIRST LADY KAREN W. KASICH VISITS MOLER ELEMENTARY, AN AFTER-SCHOOL ALL-STARS PROGRAM SCHOOL

COLUMBUS – First Lady Karen Waldbillig Kasich recently visited Moler Elementary in Columbus to see first-hand how the school is successfully using the After-School All-Stars (ASAS) Ohio program. As part of her visit, Mrs. Kasich also took the opportunity to present ASAS with a mock-check for \$55,000 in support of the organization's efforts to provide safe



after-school environments to some of Ohio's most at-risk youth.

After-School All-Stars Ohio was one of several organizations selected this past March to receive funds remaining from the Kasich-Taylor New Day inauguration committee.

"It's wonderful to see first-hand the enthusiastic response to the After-School All-Stars program," said Mrs. Kasich. "As I walked around Moler

Elementary School today, it was obvious that these kids are excited about learning and being together in constructive ways even after the school bell rings."

As statewide Ambassador for After-School All-Stars, Mrs. Kasich supports the organization in a variety of ways, including visits to schools participating in the ASAS program, joining in ASAS health and fitness events, and hosting the annual student-ambassadors dinner at the Governor's Residence in Bexley.

"The Governor and I are thankful for and proud of the After-School All-Star Ohio team, the schools, and communities that partnering together to provide positive after-school programming for our kids," said the First Lady. "Our hope is that this program continues to grow so that more of Ohio's children can experience the benefits of being an After-School All-Star."

After-School All-Stars Ohio is part of a nationwide program that partners with local schools and communities to provide free, high quality after-school programs for approximately 1,000 low-income students at schools in Columbus and Toledo.

According to the organization, students who do not participate in afterschool programs are nearly three times more likely to skip classes than those who do participate. Additionally, youth who routinely attend high-quality programs over two years have demonstrated

improved academic achievement compared to their peers who were routinely unsupervised during the after-school hours.

For more information about First Lady Kasich and her initiatives, visit firstlady.ohio.gov.
Learn more about After-School All-Stars at asasohio.org

