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Dear Teachers,

In honor of Teacher Appreciation Week, I want to thank you for your hard work and dedication to educating Arkansas's students. Your attention to rigorous teaching and learning ensures that students will be college and career ready.

In education there are a lot of challenges. I have seen a lot of great examples of how the Common Core State Standards are being implemented in your classrooms, and I am really encouraged by the innovative lessons that truly engage students in learning.

Many of you field-tested the PARCC assessment. I truly appreciate you taking the opportunity to be a part of the statewide assessment. Your feedback was very helpful and much appreciated.

As we finish the 2013-2014 school year and work on plans for the 2014-2015 school year, I want to take the opportunity to thank you and let you know how much we appreciate your focus on the individual needs of students. The children of Arkansas are our best assets, and they deserve the best teachers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom W. Kimbrell".

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