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COLUMBUS ‐ The Ohio Treasurer's office visited Western Brown High School in Brown County today as part of April National Financial Literacy Month to recognize educators Michael Goins and Mike Chapman for their commitment to financial literacy education. This initiative is part of Treasurer Josh Mandel's 'Financial EDge' financial literacy initiative and continuing efforts to raise awareness on the importance of financial wellness by providing tools and resources to help citizens across Ohio make sound financial decisions.

The Treasurer's Financial EDge initiative offers a suite of personal finance tools in support of Ohio's parents, educators and students. This toolkit includes a wide variety of print and online materials in partnership with the National Endowment for Financial Education (NEFE) and the EverFi Financial Literacy Technology Platform.

Western Brown High School utilizes the EverFi Financial Literacy Platform and offers a course through DECA, Inc., a not-for-profit organization that aims to prepare students for future careers in entrepreneurship, marketing and finance.

"Financial literacy education is crucial in helping to prepare students for their future," said Treasurer Mandel. "I am proud to assist parents and educators in this goal by partnering with Ohio schools to offer valuable financial wellness training."

Recent legislation requires financial literacy to be taught in schools throughout Ohio. Senate Bill 311, which passed the Ohio General Assembly and was signed into law in 2007, requires Ohio schools to integrate the study of economics and financial literacy into one or more existing social studies credits so that every high school student receives financial instruction. These new requirements became effective with the graduating class of 2014.

The Ohio Treasurer's Financial EDge initiative leverages technology and public-private partnerships to assist teachers in meeting these financial education requirements and provides free financial education tools to parents, educators and students.

This effort is part of the Ohio Treasurer's office ongoing commitment to providing financial literacy resources to all Ohioans. For more information on these resources please visit www.OhioTreasurer.gov/Financial_Education.

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