Turn Your Idea to Reality Through LEARN

*Using Teach to Lead, LEARN Seeks Ideas to Improve Teaching*

Have you or a colleague come up with the kernel of an idea that might transform your classroom, school or community?

You now have the chance to plant and grow that kernel, and put it into action!

A new 501(c)3 organization called LEARN, for Leading Excellence and Robust Networks, will sponsor a one-day Powered by Teach to Lead Teacher Leadership Conference in Kearney on Saturday, Dec. 2.

It is through the Teach to Lead process that your idea might soon become a reality.

Nationally, Teach to Lead has pushed a discussion on teacher leadership while helping educators turn ideas into reality. Under the Teach to Lead umbrella, the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, ASCD and the U.S. Department of Education have been joined by more than 100 supporting organizations. This mission: to expand opportunities for teacher leadership by providing resources and encouraging collaborations to develop the work and ideas of teachers.

To start, all you need is an idea that might strengthen or improve your classroom, school building, school district – or even public education on a statewide basis.

**Submit your idea no later than Sunday, Oct 22, at this website:**

**www.surveymonkey.com/r/9JH3GP9**

A team of working educators will review all submitted proposals. Those ideas that they believe will have the greatest impact or the best chance for success will be paired with a “critical friend” – someone with expertise in strategic planning or with expertise in the area of your proposal. The friend will help you and a team from your school or community further develop the idea.

A webinar to prepare you for the final step will follow, and on Saturday, Dec. 2, your team will attend a one-day conference in Kearney.

There, a national trainer will help your team develop a strategic approach to implementing your plan. That plan, or roadmap, will get your plan to reality.

There is no registration fee for the Kearney conference. Meals will be provided and most travel costs will be covered.