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Friend of Public Schools  
and  
Exemplary School Employee

## Exciting and Meaningful Fall Conference in the Works. Make Plans **Now** to Attend.



Well-run, on-time, enjoyable, and meaningful. These are words that have been used to describe Central Region Conferences. The fall 2007 conference will be no exception!

Good conferences require great planning. That's why we in Central Region are thinking about the next conference months in advance. We have an outstanding program planned and promise to have you out the door before 8:30 PM!

Our presentation this fall will be one that no board member or superintendent can afford to miss. McREL (Mid Continent Research for Education and Learning) will have just released one of the most important studies ever done on what boards and central office administrators can do to impact student achievement. The study is the result of examining virtually every research paper involving the impact of board and central office actions on student achievement, quantifying the size of the impacts, and providing specific guidance on what actions really make a difference. Our featured presentation will present the results of this important research in a fun and engaging manner. This may

well be the most important information you will ever hear because it has huge implications for what you should do in your position.

In addition, we will be recognizing several outstanding board members, community members, and programs at the fall conference. Now is the time to nominate individuals from your district for these recognitions. They include: Outstanding Board Member, Outstanding School Employee, and Friend of Public Schools. The last two awards are new for this year, and an application form is included in this newsletter. You may duplicate the form. Only one person can be nominated for each award from a given district. (Outstanding board member nomination forms are mailed out in May by OSBA.)

Reserved tables were a big hit at the spring conference (18 districts bought a table!), so we will be offering those again in the fall. **Boards reserving a full table prior to August 15 will find a very special, unique moment of the evening for everyone at their table(s).** There is no extra per person charge to reserve a table. A table seats 10 people and costs \$350. To reserve your table, send a PO payable to **Central Region, OSBA** for \$350 to: Dr. Mike Grote, PO Box 3323, Dublin, OH 43016. You may supply the names of the attendees anytime before September 15, the registration deadline. Of course, individual registrations are also accepted at \$35 per person.

- **Calendars fill up fast in the fall. Now is the time to reserve Wednesday, September 26 for the Central Region Fall Conference.**
- **Location: Villa Milano in Northern Columbus.**

## Spring Meeting Sets New Attendance Record; Largest Percentage Turnout of Any Single Regional Conference!

A total of 226 people from 42 districts were represented at this spring's conference. Eighteen of those districts took advantage of the region's new "buy a table" option to enable their board and administrators to interact and learn together as well as celebrate honors and achievements.

Marty Rothey, OSBA President was present and encouraged board members to contact her personally with suggestions on how OSBA can better serve their needs and the needs of Ohio's children.

Jennifer Economus filled in for OSBA Executive Director Rick Lewis who was unable to attend because of an emergency situation. Jennifer explained the constitutional amendment and encouraged boards to become involved in the petition drive to place the issue on the ballot.

Victor Johnson, our featured speaker, shared an audience-participation, consensus building activity.

Miami Trace (Fayette County) received special recognition for bringing the largest contingency from a single district: 14 people. Considering the distance they traveled and the fact that this is a district of 2700 students, it was an especially outstanding showing.

Four districts registered their full boards and superintendent including Miami Trace, Bucyrus, Lancaster, and Madison Plains. These boards deserve a special acknowledgement for their solidarity around board development. In all, 26 superintendents made the time to attend the event including the superintendents of the two largest districts in Central Region: Columbus and South-Western.

W. Carlton Weddington presented framed certificates to the regions outstanding programs which were from Bucyrus, C-TEC of Licking County, Delaware Area Career Center,



Top: Victor Johnson shares a consensus building technique with the audience.

Middle: W. Carlton Weddington presents an outstanding school program award to Nancy Luce of Delaware Area Career Center

Bottom: Central Crossing High School (South-Western) provided entertainment.



Knox County ESC, and Lucas Local. Walter Armes presented plaques and a gift bag containing Belgian chocolates, framed certificates, an engraved pen, and a personalized memo pad to the region's outstanding teachers from South-west Licking, Dublin, Columbus Public, Pioneer Career & Technical Center, Upper Arlington, C-TEC of Licking County, and Miami Trace.

Milestone certificates for board members completing 10 years of service were presented to: Johnny Garber (Berne-Union), Dale Grassbaugh (Knox County ESC), Cheryl Max (Reynoldsburg), and Don Tener (Fairfield ESC). Fifteen year service certificates were presented to: Carolyn Adair (Danville), Arthur Brate and Joseph Farmer (Liberty Union-Thurston), Darrell Cottrill (Ross-Pike ESC), June Gibbs (Groveport Madison), Warner Haag (Crestline), Robert Haas (River Valley), Gordon McCarty (Miami Trace), and George Stribeck (New Albany-Plain).

Marty Rothey presented the OSBA Award of Achievement for commitment to leadership and sustained board development activities to: Bernie Kessler (Buckeye Central), Ron Sheldon (Granville and C-TEC), Steve Lipscomb (Bucyrus), and Don Swonger (Madison-Plains and Tolles Career-Technical Center).

The event concluded promptly at 8:10 pm. All in all, an educational, efficient, and engaging event!

# New Awards

CENTRAL REGION



## Use this form to nominate either a Friend of Public Schools or an Exemplary School Employee

Nominations and supporting information must be received by July 1, 2007 to be considered. To nominate an individual for an award, simply complete the form below and the reverse side of this page. Because each district is limited to one nomination for each award, at least 3 board members must sign the nomination. (Boards of more than 5 persons will require more than 3 signatures.) Districts may nominate one person for each award.

### Friend of Public Schools Award

- Must be nominated by a majority of the school board members of a district within Central Region
- 3-5 awards will be given
- Limited to community members or school board members (nominee may not be employed by or be a board member of the district submitting the nomination)
- Each school board within the Central Region may nominate one person
- Nominee must reside within Central Region
- Nominee must have demonstrated value to education

### Exemplary School Employee

- Must be nominated by a majority of the school board members of a district within Central Region
- 3-5 awards will be given
- Each school board within the Central Region may nominate one person.
- Nominee must be employed by a school district within the Central Region
- Nominee should be someone deemed critical to the success of a school district.

## Central Region Awards Nomination Form

We, an elected majority of the \_\_\_\_\_

School Board hereby nominate: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

For (check one):     Friend of Education     Outstanding School Employee

Legible signatures of a majority of board members:

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(Complete the reverse side)

Completed nomination forms should be mailed to arrive prior to July 1, 2007. Please send to: Dr. Mike Grote, Regional Secretary, Central Region, OSBA, P.O. Box 3323, Dublin, OH 43016.

To be presented at the fall conference. Nomination deadline is July 1, 2007



Briefly, while citing supportive evidence, explain why this individual is deserving of regional recognition. Your explanation must fit in the space below and use no smaller than a 12 point font. If feeding this form through a printer, set your document margins to 3 inches top and 1.25 inches on the sides and bottom.