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COLUMBUS — Cleveland Metropolitan School District is one of three districts nationwide to receive a prestigious award from the National School Boards Association's Council of Urban Boards of Education (CUBE).

Each year, CUBE honors exemplary school boards for their strategic vision, sound governance practices and powerful commitment to raise student achievement. Lincoln Public Schools in Nebraska and Fort Wayne Community Schools in Indiana also were honored for their accomplishments.

"Being recognized with the 2015 Urban School Board Excellence Award confirms the efforts of the Cleveland Metropolitan School District in improving student academic performance," Ohio School Boards Association Executive Director Richard Lewis said. "Through the leadership of the school board, the district has made great strides in closing the achievement gap and improving the future of children in Cleveland."

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Cleveland's board of education has guided the district by using The Cleveland Plan, a sweeping set of reforms that voters backed in 2012 with the approval of a 15-mill operating levy. It was the district's first operating levy in 16 years.

The winning districts were able to share their success stories during CUBE's annual conference in Phoenix Oct. 3.

In its 60th year, OSBA leads the way to educational excellence by serving Ohio's public school board members and the diverse districts they represent through superior service, unwavering advocacy and creative solutions.

The National School Boards Association (NSBA) is the leading advocate for public education and supports equity and excellence in public education through school board leadership. NSBA represents state school board associations and their more than 90,000 local school board members throughout the U.S.