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Ohio public education celebrates another successful Capital Conference

The OSBA Capital Conference and Trade Show again drew over 9,000 attendees to the Greater Columbus Convention Center — 9,214 to be exact. The 61st annual event, which ran Nov. 13-16, held its place as the second-largest public education convention in the nation. And the Trade Show — with 554 exhibitor booths — is still the largest in the U.S. The 2017 Capital Conference is set for Nov. 12-15, and planning for the event has already begun. So mark your calendars and join OSBA next year for another world-class professional development experience.

Five named to 2016 All-Ohio School Board, the association's top honor

Five board members, one from each of OSBA's regions, were recognized as the All-Ohio School Board Nov. 16 during the Capital Conference. The recognition is OSBA's highest honor. The 2016 members and their districts and regions are: **W. Shawna Gibbs**, Columbus City, central; **Thomas F. Brophay**, Wellsville Local (Columbiana), northeast; **Jaimie L. Beamer**, Seneca East Local (Seneca) and **Vanguard-Sentinel Career and Technology Centers**, northwest; **Kathy Krumlauf**, Tri-County Career Center, southeast; and **Edward Bosse Jr.**, Ross Local (Butler), southwest.

Cincinnati-area board member is 2017 OSBA president-elect

Randy Smith, Forest Hills Local (Hamilton), will serve as the association's 2017 president-elect. The OSBA Delegate Assembly elected Smith during its annual meeting Nov. 14 at the Capital Conference. Smith will become OSBA president in 2018, following his term as president-elect. Current President-elect **Denise Baba**, Streetsboro City, will become the association's next president on Jan. 1, 2017.

Southwest Ohio state senator wins 2016 OSBA President's Award

State Sen. **Peggy Lehner** (R-Kettering) has been named the association's President's Award honoree. OSBA President **Eric K. Germann**, Lincolnview Local (Van Wert) and **Vantage Career Center**, presented the award to her Nov. 14 at the Capital Conference. Lehner, representing the 6th Ohio Senate District, is chair of the Senate Education Committee and vice-chair of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee. Each year, the OSBA president presents the award to an individual who has demonstrated dedicated leadership and commitment to public schools.

School Board Recognition Month resource kit now available online

It's again time to honor school board members for their year-round hard work and dedication. To commemorate School Board Recognition Month in January, OSBA offers an online resource kit to help districts recognize their board members. The kit

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— posted at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/52515> — is filled with ideas and tools for honoring board members and telling communities about their contributions and commitment. OSBA also is mailing each district a poster and personalized certificates to present to board members during next month's celebrations. Districts are urged to send articles and photos of their activities to be featured in the Journal magazine and on OSBA's website. Materials can be submitted online at the web address listed above; emailed to cdavis@ohioschoolboards.org; or mailed to **Crystal Davis**, 8050 N. High St., Suite 100, Columbus, OH 43235.

State Board of Education member A.J. Wagner resigns

A.J. Wagner, who represented State Board of Education District 3, resigned from the board Nov. 18 because he is moving out of the

Students send thousands of books to Louisiana schools

More than 12,000 books have been sent to schools in areas of Louisiana devastated by recent flooding.

Beavercreek City students led the effort as part of a service learning project. The books were collected at various locations around Beavercreek and sent to Livingston Parish Public Schools.

"The support and cooperation from our community has been incredible," Beavercreek City Superintendent **Paul Otten** told a local TV station. "We believe in making a difference to those in need."

The district describes the yearly service learning project as character education. The goal is to teach caring, citizenship, fairness, respect, responsibility and trustworthiness.

Source: **abc22now.com**

state. Gov. **John R. Kasich** will appoint Wagner's successor.

Capital Conference photos now available on Flickr

Photos from the 2016 Capital Conference are now posted on OSBA's Flickr page at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/>

2016CCphotos. They include photos of attendees meeting keynote speakers, the Student Achievement Fair, General Session entertainment groups and more. Photos can be viewed and downloaded from the Flickr page.

Conference workshop handouts posted online

Handouts from most of the learning sessions and other workshops at the 2016 OSBA Capital Conference are now posted online. Download the handouts at <http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org/handouts>.

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The OSBA Division of Legal Services has updated its criminal records checks fact sheet. The new document is available at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/54993>. Please be sure you're using the updated version, which was revised in November.



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OSBA executive searches

Superintendent

District	Deadline	Contact
① Warren County Career Center	Jan. 16	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
② Pleasant Local (Marion)	Jan. 27	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000



Other searches

Position	District	Deadline	Contact
Superintendent	Lakota Local (Butler)	Jan. 13	Diane C. Brunzman , executive director, Human Resources Dept., Lakota Local, (513) 644-1193

Board changes

Austintown Local (Mahoning) appointed **Alex Benyo** to the board effective Oct. 25. He replaced **Louis Chine**, who resigned. ●●● **Fremont City** Board of Education member **Scott Miller** announced his resignation effective Dec. 9. He was elected Sandusky County Commissioner. ●●● **Gahanna-Jefferson City** Board of Education member **Joseph Gotttron** announced his resignation effective Nov. 26. He is moving out of the district. ●●● **Madison-Plains Local (Madison)** Board of Education member **David Hunter** announced his resignation effective immediately. He was elected a county commissioner. ●●● **Marietta City** appointed **Gregory Gault** to the board effective Oct. 24. He replaced **Don Atkins**, who resigned effective Oct. 1. ●●● **McDonald Local (Trumbull)** Board of Education member **Kevin O'Connell** announced his resignation effective Nov. 21. ●●● **Parma City** appointed **Michael Johns** and Dr. **Michael R. Lewis** to the board effective Oct. 28 and Nov. 7, respectively. Johns replaced **Kathleen A. Petro**, who resigned Oct. 4, and Lewis replaced **Lynn Halloran**, who resigned effective Oct. 26. ●●● **Pickaway-Ross Career & Technology Center** appointed **Andrew Vitatoe** to the board effective immediately. He replaced **Randy Drewyor**, who moved out of the district. ●●● **Urbana City** appointed **Darrell Thomas** to the board effective immediately. He replaced **Warren Stevens**, who passed away.

Editor's note

Job postings must be received six weeks before the application deadline to ensure timely publication.
Thank you for your cooperation.

Administrative changes

Superintendents

Cincinnati City Superintendent **Mary Ronan** announced her retirement effective Aug. 1. ●●● **Liberty-Benton Local (Hancock)** hired **Larry Cook** as interim superintendent effective Jan. 1. He will replace **James D. Kanable**, who is retiring effective Dec. 31. ●●● **Martins Ferry City** hired **Jim Fogle** as superintendent effective Feb. 1. He will replace **Dirk Fitch**, who is retiring.

Fogle currently is the district's high school principal.

Treasurers

Bexley City hired **Kyle Smith** as treasurer effective January 2017. He will replace **Christopher Essman**, who is retiring effective Dec. 31. Smith currently is the assistant treasurer at **Upper Arlington City**. ●●● **Continental Local (Putnam)** Treasurer **Kathleen Schmitz** announced her resignation effective Nov. 26. She has taken an assistant treasurer position at **Van Wert City** effective Nov. 28. ●●● **Gibsonburg EV** hired **John Kahmann** as treasurer effective in January. He is replacing Dr. **Paul R. Lockwood II**, who is retiring Dec. 30. Kahmann currently is the treasurer at **Old Fort Local (Seneca)**. ●●● **Olentangy Local (Delaware)** hired Interim Treasurer **Emily Hatfield** as treasurer effective Jan. 1. ●●● **Ravenna City** hired **David M. Hoskin** as treasurer effective Dec. 1. He replaced Interim Treasurer **Lisa M. Crescimano**. Hoskin previously was the treasurer at **Cuyahoga Falls City**. ●●● **West Liberty-Salem Local (Champaign)** hired Assistant Treasurer **Chelsea Baldwin** as treasurer effective July 1. She will replace **Steve Godwin**, who is retiring June 30. ●●● **Woodmore Local (Sandusky)** Treasurer **Jaime Pearson** announced her resignation effective Dec. 31.

Sympathies

Former **Ansonia Local (Darke)** Superintendent **Norm Cutright** died Nov. 9. He was 78. ●●● Former **Ashland City** Board of Education member **James Robert Tipton** died Nov. 9. He was 102. ●●● **Irene L. Jarvis**, a former **Auglaize County ESC** Governing Board member and former treasurer at **New Bremen Local (Auglaize)**, died Nov. 2. She was 91. ●●● Former **Avon Local (Lorain)** Board of Education member **S. Theodore Stumphauzer** died Oct. 30. He was 84. ●●● **William Winston**, former **Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Local (Greene)** superintendent and former **Great Oaks Career Campuses** assistant superintendent, died Nov. 19. He was 86. ●●● **Douglas Myers**, former superintendent at **Carey EV** and the former **Montgomery Schools** in Wood County, died Nov. 26. He was 96. ●●● Former **Clark-Shawnee Local (Clark)** and **Springfield-Clark Career Technology Center** boards of education member **Neal Weber** died Nov. 12. He was 81. ●●● Former **Cleveland Heights-University Heights City** Board of Education member **Jonathan L. Collens Sr.** died Oct. 24. He was 101. ●●● Former **Crestwood Local (Portage)** Board of Education member **Clyde Oliver Bailey** died Nov. 21. He was 88. ●●● Former **East Palestine City** Board of Education member **Donald L. Chick** died Nov. 7. He was 81. ●●● Former **Fairborn City** Assistant Superintendent **Allen Knisley** died Sept. 28. He was 98. ●●● Former **Hardin Northern Local (Hardin)** and **Hardin County ESC** Treasurer **Lowell E. Willeke** died Nov. 5. He was 79. ●●● Former **Leipsic Local (Putnam)** Treasurer **Esther M. McCallister** died Nov. 17. She was 92. ●●● **John W. Putnam**, a member of the former **Logan County** Board of Education, died Oct. 24. He was 92. ●●● **Karen M. Burton**, a member of the **Marietta City** Board of

Education and former member of the **Washington County Career Center** School Board, died Nov. 3. She was 77. ●●● Former **Martins Ferry City** Board of Education member **James Frederick Sutherland** died Nov. 20. He was 89. ●●● Former **Northern Local (Perry)** Board of Education member **Thomas J. Hill** died Nov. 9. He was 80. ●●● Former **Norwayne Local (Wayne)** Board of Education member **Richard Bauman** died Nov. 1. He was 84. ●●● Former **Old Fort Local (Seneca)** Treasurer **Doris Jeanne Hoke** died Nov. 10. She was 85. ●●●

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Administrative salary analysis

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Former **Perkins Local (Erie)** Board of Education member **Keith Alton Stierhoff** died Oct. 24. He was 86. ●●● **Anthony J. Kessler**, a treasurer at the former **Scipio-Republic** School Board in Seneca County, died Nov. 6. He was 90. ●●● **Homer C. Eldridge**, a member of the former **Seaman** School Board in Adams County, died Nov. 14. He was 92. ●●● Former **South-Western City** Board of Education member **Sherol Saxton Mulligan** died Oct. 31. She was 71. ●●● Former **Southington Local (Trumbull)** Board of Education member **Margaret Bauer** died Nov. 19. She was 85. ●●● Former **Struthers City** Board of Education member **Otis Ralph Heldman Sr.** died Nov. 20. He was 102. ●●● Former **Twinsburg City** Board of Education member **John W. Seese** died Oct. 29. He was 84. ●●● **John C. Jelley**, a member of the **Upper Valley Career Center** Board of Education and the former **Shelby County** School Board, died Oct. 29. He was 93. ●●● **Richard R. Ellinger**, a former member of the **Vantage Career Center** Board of Education and the former **Van Wert County** School Board, died Oct. 22. He was 94. ●●● Former **Wolf Creek Local (Washington)** Treasurer **Ronald J. Young** died Nov. 1. He was 81.



REGIONAL ROUNDUP

compiled by Scott Gerfen, assistant editor

Fall conferences honor board member, district achievements

Nearly 1,200 school board members, administrators, teachers and guests gathered at six locations across the state for OSBA's regional fall conferences.

Also held in the spring, these popular events bring together attendees, providing opportunities to network and create new contacts within their region.

OSBA President **Eric K. Germann**, **Lincolnview Local (Van Wert)** and **Vantage Career Center**, OSBA Executive Director **Richard Lewis** and other OSBA staff made appearances at the conferences to greet attendees and provide association updates.

Board members who attend a regional conference earn five credits toward the OSBA Award of Achievement, which recognizes public school board members who strive to improve their leadership

skills.

Regional managers organize and oversee the meetings. Following is a summary of their fall conference reports. Visit OSBA's Flickr page at www.flickr.com/photos/ohschoolboards/sets to view photos from the conferences. To learn more about OSBA's regions or contact regional managers, visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/regions.

Central Region

*by Kim Miller-Smith
regional manager*

Central Region President **Kevin Crosthwaite**, **North Union Local (Union)**, presided over the Sept. 28 Central Region Fall Conference at Villa Milano in Columbus.

Conference attendance totaled 260 guests from 12 of the 14 counties in the region — the largest fall conference attendance

since 2010.

Attendees were entertained by **Delaware City's** Hayes High School Players String Chamber Orchestra. **Lachandra B. Baker**, manager and communications business partner at Cardinal Health, provided the keynote address.

Conference activities included the election of 2017 Central Region Executive Committee Members. **Amy Eyman**, **Lancaster City**, was elected the region's 2017 president-elect.

The region recognized two outstanding teachers from the Central Region who were nominated for the Ohio Teacher of the Year: **Dustin Weaver**, **Chillicothe City**, and **Mary Jo Behrensmeyer**, **Mount Vernon City**. Weaver was named Ohio Teacher of the Year in October.

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A new region award — Champion of Public Education — was presented to Ohio Sens. **Jay Hottinger** (R-Newark) and **Charleta B. Tavares** (D-Columbus) and Ohio Reps. **Mike Duffey** (R-Worthington), **Bill Hayes** (R-Harrison Township) and **David Leland** (D-Columbus). The award recognizes individuals who serve at the state level and make a positive impact on school districts in the Central Region and across Ohio.

The region also awarded exemplary employees; Friends of Public Education; Outstanding Board Members; and board members with 35 and 40 years of service. One of the Outstanding Board Members, **W. Shawna Gibbs**, **Columbus City**, was named the region's 2016 OSBA All-Ohio School Board member.

Northeast Region

by *Reno Contipelli*
regional manager

The Northeast Region Fall Conference, held Oct. 5 at the Galaxy Banquet Center in Wadsworth, was attended by 150 school board members, administrators and guests.

Following dinner and entertainment by the **East Cleveland City Jazz Band**, elections were held for the region's executive committee. Board members elected **Karen Dendorfer**, **Parma City**, as the region's 2017 president-elect.

Region President **Thomas F. Brophey**, **Wellsville Local (Columbiana)**, introduced a

number of speakers, including Dr. **James Voos**, University Hospitals orthopedic surgeon and Cleveland Browns team doctor; and OSBA Deputy Executive Director **Rob Delane**, who honored the region's high-performing school districts and OSBA Capital Conference Student Achievement Fair participants.

Executive Director Lewis presented the Outstanding School Board Member Awards to Brophey; **Larry George**, **Jefferson County ESC** and **Jefferson County JVSD**; **Susie Lawson**, **Tri-County ESC** and **Wayne County Schools Career Center**; **Kathy A. Mock**, **Austintown Local (Mahoning)**; and **Ron Register**, **Cleveland Heights-University Heights City**. Brophey was named the region's 2016 OSBA All-Ohio School Board member.

The annual Lester M. Marrison Education Scholarship, one of the highlights of each year's fall conference, went to **Jordan Klien** of **Solon City**. Marrison's son, **Dave**, attended the conference with his wife, **Ann**, and spoke about his father.

The region's Friend of Public Education Award was presented to Ohio Rep. **Ron Amstutz** (R-Wooster). **James J. Ritchie** — **Orrville City**, **Rittman EV**, **Southeast Local (Wayne)** and **Tri-County ESC** — was honored as the region's Superintendent of the Year.

Others honored by the region were:

- **North Royalton City**, Outstanding School Board;
- **Mentor EV** and **Cleveland**

Municipal, Outstanding School Programs;

- **Debra McDonald** and **Kimberly Huffman**, teachers, **Wayne County Schools Career Center**;

- **Jennifer Rue**, adviser, **Wayne County Schools Career Center**;

- **Charles Cline**, volunteer, **Wadsworth City**.

Northwest Region

by *Dr. Judy Jackson May*
regional manager

Northwest Region President **Jaimie L. Beamer**, **Seneca East Local (Seneca)** and **Vanguard-Sentinel Career and Technology Centers**, hosted two fall conferences. More than 320 guests attended events at **Vantage Career Center** in Van Wert on Oct. 20 and **EHOVE Career Center** in Milan on Oct. 27.

The career centers' culinary arts programs prepared and served dinner.

Spencerville Local's (Allen) Spencerville Jazz Band entertained guests at Vantage Career Center, where **Ottoville Local (Putnam)** Ottoville High School student **Maizee Shay Brinkman** sang the national anthem. **Toledo City's** Bowsher High School Rebelaires provided the entertainment at EHOVE Career Center. **Sandusky City's** Sandusky High School student **Dacia Villarreal** sang the national anthem and members of the EHOVE Public Safety Program presented the colors.

The region recognized Outstanding Board Member

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Get up to speed quickly!

Don't miss the New Board Member Workshop



Saturday, Jan. 21 • 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
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Agenda

8:30 a.m.	Registration and continental breakfast (provided)	11:30 a.m.	School finance update <i>OSBA legislative services division</i>
9 a.m.	Welcome	12:30 p.m.	Lunch (provided)
9:15 a.m.	Boardmanship — roles and responsibilities <i>OSBA school board services division</i>	1 p.m.	Policy <i>OSBA management services division</i>
10:15 a.m.	Legislative and lobbying <i>OSBA legislative services division</i>	2 p.m.	Legal update <i>OSBA legal services division</i>
11:15 a.m.	Break	3:30 p.m.	Closing remarks and questions

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. Register online at www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops or contact **Laurie Miller**, senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org.



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nominees **Beamer**; **Robert Birkemeier**, **Bath Local (Allen)**; **Spencer Clum**, **Spencerville Local**; **Gretchen H. Downs**, **Perrysburg EV**; and **Peter Legere**, **Kelleys Island Local (Erie)**. Beamer was named the region's 2016 OSBA All-Ohio School Board member.

Also honored were veteran board members with 10, 15, 20 and 35 years of service. The late **Paul L. Brown**, **Elida Local (Allen)** and **Allen County ESC**, was posthumously honored for 45 years of service. He died in April.

Others recognized include:

- Northwest Regional Educational Book Grant winners.
- Northwest Region Excellence in Community Service Award — **Charles Sherer**, **Lincolnview Local**; **Dustin Sharp**, **Sandusky City**; **Katrina Baughman** and **Lianna Mikesina**, **Otsego Local (Wood)**; **Andy Warner**, **Margaretta Local (Erie)**; and **Michael Armstrong**, **Michael's Gourmet Catering Inc.**, **Toledo**.
- Northwest Region Humanitarian Award — **Rosa Parks Elementary School Leadership Academy**, **Toledo City**.
- Who's Who in the Northwest Region Excellence Award for Outstanding Leadership — **Allison Jones**, **Elida Local**; **Diane Eutsler**, **Spencerville Local**; **Robert Furlong**, **Otsego Local**; and **Warren** and **Yolanda Woodberry**, **chess club directors**, **Jones Leadership Academy**, **Toledo City**.

The conference also acknowledged the region's National Blue Ribbon Schools: **Central**

Local's (Defiance) **Fairview Middle School** and **Sylvania City's** **Maplewood Elementary School**.

In region elections, **Penny Kill**, **Spencerville Local** and **Apollo Career Center**, was chosen as the region's 2017 president-elect.

Southeast Region

*by Paul D. Mock
regional manager*

More than 190 guests representing 34 of the Southeast Region's 84 school districts attended for the Sept. 29 fall conference at **Nelsonville-York City's**

Nelsonville-York Middle School.

The dinner was served by **Nelsonville-York City's** **Nelsonville-York High School** class officers, **National Honor Society** members and other students. The **Athens County High School Jazz Band** entertained guests.

Region President **Bruce D. Nottke**, **Athens City** and **Tri-County Career Center**, presided over the meeting which included the election of **Kim Harless**, **Jackson City**, as the region's 2017 president-elect.

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Veteran board members were honored for 10 and 15 years of service, and **Carl W. Crabtree, Valley Local (Scioto)**, received special recognition for 48 years of service.

The Southeast Region Outstanding School Board Member Awards were presented to **Roger Abbott, Meigs Local (Meigs); Richard E. France, Mid-East Career and Technology Centers; Kathy Krumlauf, Tri-County Career Center; and Carolyn Nihiser, Muskingum Valley ESC**. Krumlauf was named the region's 2016 OSBA All-Ohio School Board member.

Plaques were presented to the top recipients in the region's Outstanding Recognition Program, which began in 1993. Forty-seven nominations were received from 14 school districts. The Outstanding Student Program went to **Gallia-Vinton ESC's Career Palooza; Outstanding Male Student** was awarded to **Cameron Hupp** from **Fort Frye Local's (Washington)** Fort Frye High School; and the Outstanding Female Student was **Kena Hunter** from **Crooksville EV's Crooksville Middle School**.

Other recipients included Outstanding Faculty Member **Rhonda Carley**, Muskingum Valley ESC; Outstanding Classified Staff Member **Jeff Cutlip**, **East Muskingum Local's (Muskingum)** East Muskingum Middle School; Outstanding Treasurer **Roy W. Johnson**, Meigs Local; Outstanding Volunteer **Roger Wilcoxon**, **Belpre City's Belpre High School**; Outstanding

Administrator **Robert Walden, Franklin Local (Muskingum)** assistant superintendent; and Outstanding New Program or Innovation **Ohio Valley ESC's Student Readiness Collaborative**. A new award, Outstanding Community Business Leader, was presented to the Caldwell Food Center Emporium in Noble County.

The President's Award, selected each year by the region president, honors those who have shown unwavering commitment and dedication to public education and boys and girls in southeast Ohio. Honored was Ohio Rep. **Debbie Phillips (D-Albany)**.

Paul D. Mock, who has served as Southeast Region manager since 1999, was this year's recipient of the 2016 Advocate of Education Hall of Fame Award.

Mock was honored for his tireless and unselfish dedication to public education and children.

Southwest Region

*by Ronald J. Diver
regional manager*

Miami Valley Career Technology Center hosted the Oct. 13 Southwest Region Fall Conference, with more than 240 attendees.

The event was dedicated to the late **Warren Stevens, Urbana City** and **Ohio Hi-Point Career Center**, who died Sept. 28. He was the region's 2016 president-elect. Stevens' widow, **Audrey**, and daughter, **Shanee Marshall**, attended the conference.

Members of the region's executive committee handed out

badge ribbons that read "Remembering Warren Stevens" during last month's OSBA Capital Conference. In addition, the region's Outstanding Board Member from a Neighboring District will now be called the Warren Stevens Award.

Region President **Sue Steele, Goshen Local (Clermont)** and **Great Oaks Career Campuses**, presided over the meeting, which included entertainment by **Little Miami Local's (Warren)** Select Women's Chorale. **Mad River Local's (Montgomery)** Stebbins High School Air Force Jr. ROTC presented the colors.

During elections for the region's executive committee, **Mark Ewing, Batavia Local (Clermont)** and Great Oaks Career Campuses, was elected region president-elect for 2017.

Two National Blue Ribbon Schools — **Madeira City's Madeira Middle School** and **Mason City's Mason High School** — were honored. The region's nominees for Ohio Teacher of the Year were given framed certificates and corsages. They were **Christine Marino**, Mad River Local, and **Holly Mueller, Kings Local (Warren)**.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the 2016 Friend of Education Hall of Fame award to **Hal McCoy**, an award-winning former Dayton Daily News reporter and National Sports Media Hall of Fame sportswriter who covered the Cincinnati Reds.

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PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

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ODE recognizes districts for academic achievement, progress

The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) recently recognized a number of schools for maintaining high academic achievement among their students and those earning straight As on the Ohio School Report Cards.

ODE named two Schools of Promise and four High Performing Schools of Honor.

Two **Steubenville City** schools — Pugliese Elementary West and Wells Academy — received both

awards. **Akron City's** Akron Early College High School and **Logan-Hocking Local's (Hocking)** Hocking Hills Elementary School were named High Performing Schools of Honor.

"All children can learn and achieve, and these schools have shown that circumstances don't define them," **Paolo DeMaria**, state superintendent of public instruction, said in a news release.

Visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/28141> to learn about

the criteria for each award.

ODE also honored one district — **Ottawa Hills Local (Lucas)** — and five schools with the All A Award for earning straight As on their Ohio School Report Cards. In addition, more than 50 districts and nearly 170 schools received the Momentum Award for exceeding expectations in student growth for the year.

Find more information about the winners at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/62134>.

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Outstanding Student Program Awards again were a big success. Fifteen programs (three programs from five categories) were judged as outstanding, and each was presented with a framed certificate.

Outstanding New Programs were Valley View Junior High School's Robotics and Technology Club, **Valley View Local (Montgomery)**; Hook Elementary School technology program, **Troy City**; and Woodland Primary School's eSpark, **Greenville City**.

Outstanding Ongoing Programs were: Central Elementary Summer Learning Academy, **Reading Community City**; Jefferson Township Junior/Senior High School College Credit Plus,

Jefferson Township Local (Montgomery); and Apprenticeship Program, **Grant Career Center**.

Outstanding Volunteer Programs were: Our Help 2 Others, **Springfield-Clark Career Technology Center**; Taste of Ross, **Ross Local (Butler)**; and Student Safety — A Community Approach, Goshen Local.

Outstanding Multi-district Impact Programs were: Project Lead the Way, Great Oaks Career Campuses; Peer Leadership Program, **Cincinnati City**; and Computer Network Engineering, Miami Valley Career Technology Center.

Outstanding Special Recognition Programs were: World Art Experience, **Northmont City**;

Performance Poetry, **Princeton City**; and CARE (culture, awareness, recognition, ethnicity) Program, Kings Local.

The 2016 Al Kettlewell Awards for outstanding board leadership were presented to **Edward Bosse Jr.**, Ross Local; **Randy Smith**, **Forest Hills Local (Hamilton)**; and **Susan Wyder**, Princeton City. Bosse was named the region's 2016 OSBA All-Ohio School Board member.

Framed certificates were presented to 22 Southwest Region programs and a student performing group that were chosen as participants in the Student Achievement Fair at the Capital Conference.

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- 31 Last day for treasurer to canvass the board
to establish a date of the organizational
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- 15 Deadline for boards of education of city,
exempted village, vocational and local school
districts to meet and organize — RC 3313.14;
last day for boards of education of city,
exempted village, vocational and local school
districts to adopt tax budgets for the coming
school fiscal year — RC 5705.28(A)(1).
- 17 Last day to submit certification for May
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5705.219(B) (105 days prior to election).
- 20 Last day for boards of education to submit
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RC 5705.30.
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- 23 Last day to submit certification for May
income tax levy to Ohio Department of
Taxation — RC 5748.02(A) (100 days prior
to election).
- 27 Last day to submit May emergency, current
operating expenses or conversion levy to

county auditor for May election — RC
5705.194, 5705.195, 5705.213, 5705.219 (95
days prior to election).

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Deadline for educational service center
(ESC) governing boards to meet and
organize — RC 3313.14; annual campaign
finance reports must be filed by certain
candidates, political action committees,
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detailing contributions and expenditures
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report through Dec. 31, 2016 — RC
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- 1 OSBA Master of Transportation
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- 1 Last day for school district to file resolution
of necessity, resolution to proceed and
auditor's certification for bond levy with
board of elections for May election — RC
133.18(D); last day for county auditor
to certify school district bond levy terms
for May election — RC 133.18(C); last
day to submit continuing replacement,
permanent improvement or operating levy

for May election to board of elections — RC
5705.192, 5705.21, 5705.25; last day to
certify resolution for school district income
tax levy, conversion levy or renewal of
conversion levy for May election to board of
elections — RC 5748.02(C), 5705.219(C)
and (G); last day to submit emergency levy
for May election to board of elections — RC
5705.195; last day to submit phased-in
levy or current operating expenses levy for
May election to board of elections — RC
5705.251(A) (90 days prior to election).

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- 1 Last day to take action and deliver written
notice of nonrenewal of superintendent's
contract — RC 3319.01; last day to take
action on and deliver written notice of
nonrenewal of treasurer's contract — RC
3313.22; deadline for secondary schools to
provide information about College Credit
Plus to all students enrolled in grades six
through 11 — RC 3365.04(A).