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Northeast Ohio school board member will become state association president in 2017

COLUMBUS — A northeast Ohio woman will lead an association of more than 3,400 public school board members next year. Denise Baba, a Streetsboro City Schools board member, will become the Ohio School Boards Association's (OSBA) 62nd president on Jan. 1.

Baba, elected by public school board members from across Ohio, succeeds current OSBA President Eric K. Germann of Lincolnview Local Schools and Vantage Career Center in Van Wert County. Baba, in her 11th year on the Streetsboro board, is serving as OSBA president-elect this year.

An OSBA Board of Trustees member for four years, she also is a member of the association's Executive Committee and chairs the Federal Relations Network and Legislative Platform Committee. Other statewide duties include the Board Member Cabinet, Investment Committee, Capital Conference Planning Task Force and Student Achievement Leadership Team.

A former OSBA Northeast Region president, Baba has served on the region's executive committee for nine years. She earned the OSBA Master Board Member award in 2010 and is a four-time recipient of the association's Award of Achievement, which recognizes board members for their commitment to learning and achievement.

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Baba is currently the executive director of Leadership Portage County, a nonprofit leadership development organization. She received a bachelor's degree from Northwestern University and a master's degree in education from Cleveland State University.

She and her husband, Frank, a retired chief master sergeant in the U.S. Air Force, are the parents of Rachel, an eighth-grader who attends Streetsboro Middle School.

Baba's term as OSBA president runs until Jan. 1, 2018. Among her duties are acting as association spokesperson, attending regional events, serving on a variety of committees, presiding over association meetings and serving as a representative to the National School Boards Association Delegate Assembly.

In its 61st 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.

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Note: A photo of Baba is available for download at:

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