Ohio School Boards Association Northeast Region hosts spring conference

SMITHVILLE — Nearly 100 school board members, administrators, staff, students and guests from across northeastern Ohio gathered at the Wayne County Schools Career Center March 21 for the Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) Northeast Region Spring Conference. The region hosts two spring conferences; the second one is set for March 25 in Warren.

The conference featured updates from OSBA officers and staff and numerous awards and recognitions. The region recognized its Ohio Teacher of the Year nominees; exemplary school programs and schools; outstanding school board members; and veteran board members.

A highlight of the conference was the presentation of the Northeast Region President’s Award of Excellence to Lynn Moomaw, director of operations and adult education at Wayne County Schools Career Center. Moomaw was recognized for her contributions to public education.

Attendees also enjoyed visiting a number stations where career center students demonstrated the skills they are learning. The center’s Culinary Arts Program students prepared and served appetizers and dinner.

Nineteen counties comprise the OSBA Northeast Region: Ashland, Ashtabula, Carroll, Columbiana, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Harrison, Holmes, Jefferson, Lake, Lorain, Mahoning, Medina, Portage, Stark, Summit, Trumbull, Tuscarawas and Wayne. OSBA’s other regions are Central, Northwest, Southeast and Southwest.

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