Ohio School Boards Association Northeast Region presents awards at fall conference

WADSWORTH — More than 130 school board members, administrators, staff, students and guests from across northeastern Ohio gathered in Wadsworth Oct. 2 for the Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) Northeast Region Fall Conference.

The conference featured updates from OSBA officers and staff and numerous recognitions and awards. The region honored exceptional school programs and schools; exemplary school board members and school volunteers; and the region’s outstanding school board team, superintendent, treasurer and classified staff member.

A highlight of the conference was the presentation of the Roger L. Samuelson Award to Fred Szabo, a school board member at Polaris Career Center. Another highlight was the presentation of the Friend of Public Education Award to John M. Rubesich, retired Ashtabula County Educational Service Center superintendent. Both awards recognize outstanding contributions to Northeast Region students and public education.

For more information on the awards and recognitions, contact Northeast Regional Manager Reno Contipelli, whose phone number and email address are listed above.

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.

Founded in 1955, the Ohio School Boards Association 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.