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Northeast Ohio school board member nominated as OSBA president-elect

COLUMBUS — Denise Baba was recently selected as the Ohio School Boards Association's (OSBA) 2016 president-elect nominee. If elected during OSBA's statewide conference in November, she will become OSBA president in 2017 following her term as president-elect.

Elected three times to the Streetsboro City Schools Board of Education, Baba has served as both board president (2009 and 2013) and vice president (2008 and 2012).

She serves on the OSBA Board of Trustees, Executive Committee, Nominating Committee and Federal Relations Network. She is the Northeast Region immediate past president and serves on the region's executive committee. She also is her district's legislative liaison to OSBA.

Baba earned the OSBA Master Board Member Award in 2010, a lifetime distinction, and has received multiple OSBA Awards of Achievement. The awards recognize board members' commitment to learning and leadership.

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A Streetsboro resident, she serves on the Core Team for Streetsboro's \$68 million building project, Parents for Public Schools of Streetsboro Board of Directors and numerous other district committees.

Baba previously was director of communications for Youngstown/Warren Regional Chamber and the Warren Area Chamber of Commerce. Her strong background in communication also includes reporting at television station WYTV in Youngstown. She earned a bachelor's degree from Northwestern University and a master's degree in education from Cleveland State University.

Baba is very active in the Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ. She has served with Trumbull County Mental Health and Recovery Board, Trumbull County League of Women Voters and Warren City Schools Adult Basic Literacy Program.

She and her husband Frank, a retired chief master sergeant in the U.S. Air Force Reserve, are the parents of Rachel, a seventh grader who will attend Streetsboro Middle School.

In its 60th year, 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.

Note: A photo of Baba is available for download at: <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/20345>