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Southwest Ohio school board member nominated as OSBA president-elect

COLUMBUS — A southwest Ohio school board member was recently selected as the Ohio School Boards Association's (OSBA) 2020 president-elect nominee. If elected during OSBA's statewide conference in November, Scott Huddle will become OSBA president in 2021 following his term as president-elect.

Huddle was first elected to the Mad River Local Schools Board of Education in Montgomery County in 1999. The 20-year board member currently is serving as board president following a term as vice president in 2018. A client executive at Optum and Ohio State Highway Patrol auxiliary officer, he also served as board president in 2004, 2005, 2009, 2011 and 2016 and vice president in 2003 and 2008.

"I am truly humbled by the nomination to serve as the OSBA president-elect for 2020," Huddle said. "If elected, I will lead OSBA into the future by advocating and providing support for our local school boards and the students they represent."

Huddle also serves on OSBA's Board of Trustees, Executive Committee, Federal Relations Network, Nominating Committee and Southwest Region Executive Committee. He was the Southwest Region president in 2018.

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Huddle's colleagues on his local board describe him as "an insightful businessman (who) understands the constantly changing and complex environment youth face today and is well-equipped to navigate these waters in an educational leadership position."

The retired U.S. Air Force Reserve major who served with the 445th Airlift Wing at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base grew up in Pataskala and graduated from Southwest Licking Local Schools' Watkins Memorial High School in Licking County. He earned a bachelor's degree in nursing from Mount St. Joseph University in Cincinnati.

Huddle and his wife, Karen, a kindergarten teacher in the Mad River Local School District, have been married for 32 years. Their three children, Kelly, Tyler and Alison, are all products of public education.

In its 64th 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.

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Note: A photo of Huddle is available for download at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/30792>.