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Former school superintendent leading association's student achievement effort

COLUMBUS — A retired superintendent with more than 30 years in education is leading a new Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) initiative to increase student achievement.

Kim Miller-Smith has been named the association's new senior student achievement consultant. Her work at OSBA will focus on helping school boards and others understand their roles in closing the achievement gap and advancing the needs of all students. She served as superintendent of Canal Winchester Local Schools in Franklin County from 2007 to 2012.

"As part of OSBA's strategic plan, Kim's expertise will help school boards lead their districts to academic success," OSBA Executive Director Richard Lewis said. "Kim's background in curriculum, experience as a superintendent and position as an OSBA regional manager uniquely qualifies her for this role. We have the right person in the right place at the right time."

School board members make decisions that impact programs and distribute resources in a manner that improves test scores, keeps kids in school and better prepares all students for careers and higher education. OSBA's goal is to help make improved student achievement an ongoing and visible part of every Ohio school board's mission.

Finding and promoting distinctive ways to educate students is one of the association's top priorities. Each year, the OSBA Student Achievement Fair at the Capital Conference and Trade Show in Columbus highlights an impressive display of innovative curriculum ideas.

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The 100 school programs selected to take part in the fair are based on their originality and creativity in boosting academic performance. The fair highlights these programs so districts can learn from each other.

Also, each board of education appoints a student achievement liaison to OSBA's Student Achievement Leadership Team to share ways districts are improving student achievement.

In its 62nd 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.