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## **Ohio School Boards Association Southwest Region presents awards at fall conference**

CINCINNATI — More than 250 school board members, administrators, staff, students and guests from across southwestern Ohio gathered Oct. 10 for the Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) Southwest Region Fall Conference. The event was hosted by Great Oaks Career Campuses.

The conference featured updates from OSBA officers and staff and numerous awards. The region honored outstanding school board members, exemplary student programs, Blue Ribbon and Green Ribbon schools and Ohio Teacher of the Year finalists. Also recognized were schools that will be participating in the OSBA Capital Conference Student Achievement Fair in Columbus.

A highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Southwest Region Friend of Education Hall of Fame Award, which went to two recipients: Child Focus Inc. Executive Director Pamela Lindeman and the group's founder, James Carter. The organization works with communities to improve the quality of life for children, families and adults.

Another highlight was a performance by the Kings Local School District's Kokordoza Marimba Ensemble. The musical group, made up of fifth- through eighth-grade students, is directed by Matthew Jenkins. The Kings Local School District is located in Warren County.

For details on the awards, contact OSBA Southwest Regional Manager Ronald J. Diver, whose phone number and email address are listed above.

Seventeen counties comprise the OSBA Southwest Region: Adams, Brown, Butler, Champaign, Clark, Clermont, Clinton, Darke, Greene, Hamilton, Highland, Logan, Miami, Montgomery, Preble, Shelby and Warren. OSBA's other regions are Central, Northeast, Northwest and Southeast.

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.