Ohio School Boards Association Southwest Region hosts spring conference

LEBANON — School board members, administrators, staff, students and guests from across southwestern Ohio gathered in Lebanon March 12 for the Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) Southwest Region Spring Conference. More than 350 people attended the event, which was held at the Warren County Career Center.

The event featured updates from OSBA officers and staff as well as a number of awards and recognitions. The region recognized outstanding school board members, effective school boards, veteran school board members and outstanding school staff members.

A highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Southwest Region 2019 President’s Award, which went to David Speas, a retired Clark County teacher. Speas founded and leads the Eagle and Dove Academy, which provides extended after-school programs for at-risk students in Clark County. Another highlight was a musical performance by Northeastern Local Schools’ Kenton Ridge High School Jazz Band, directed by Jim Templeton. The school district is in Clark 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.

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