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Southeast Ohio school board member nominated as OSBA president-elect

COLUMBUS — Dr. Micah Covert, a veteran school board member in southeast Ohio, has been selected as the Ohio School Boards Association's (OSBA) president-elect nominee. If elected during OSBA's statewide conference in November, Covert will become OSBA president in 2027 following his term as president-elect in 2026.

Covert has over 16 years of school board service, including his current terms on the Nelsonville-York City Schools and Tri-County Career Center boards. A proud graduate of Nelsonville-York High School, he has served in various board officer roles for over a decade, demonstrating a commitment to meeting the diverse needs of Ohio's public school communities. He recognizes that districts across the state — from small rural schools to large urban districts — face unique challenges.

"Ohio is home to incredibly diverse school districts, each with its own strengths and challenges," Covert said. "I'm committed to supporting local boards of education and advocating for what's best for their students."

At the state level, Covert serves as president of OSBA's Southeast Region and is a member of the OSBA Executive Committee and Board of Trustees. Nationally, Covert actively participates in OSBA's Federal Legislative Advocacy Group and has traveled to Washington, D.C., to meet with federal education leaders on behalf of Ohio students and schools.

Professionally, Covert serves as the director of transfer and public services and as an assistant professor of business at Washington State College of Ohio. He is especially passionate about creating accessible college and career pathways for Ohio students, advocating for the College Credit Plus program, which allows students to earn college credit, including an associate's degree, while in high school.

In his community, Covert has been the president of two Rotary Clubs and is involved in his local church and regional arts and education initiatives.

Founded in 1955, OSBA leads the way as the respected voice of Ohio public education.