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Southwest Ohio school board member receives association's top honor

COLUMBUS — A Butler County school board member is among five people to receive the most prestigious honor from the Ohio School Boards Association's (OSBA).

Edward Bosse Jr., a Ross Local Schools board member for 35 years, will be recognized as a 2016 All-Ohio School Board member Nov. 16 during the OSBA Capital Conference and Trade Show in Columbus. OSBA Executive Director Richard Lewis will introduce All-Ohio School Board members on the final day of the 61st annual conference, a four-day convention attended by more than 9,000 Ohio public school board members and education stakeholders.

The award recognizes outstanding service to public education and represents the dedication shown by thousands of board members across the state. Each year, OSBA names one board of education member from each of its five regions — Central, Northeast, Northwest, Southeast and Southwest — to the All-Ohio School Board.

All-Ohio School Board candidates are nominated by their respective school boards; OSBA regional committees then select the five winners.

Bosse, who has been elected eight times, represents OSBA's Southwest Region.

The retired sales manager is "everything a district would want and expect from a board member. He stays informed of issues, contacts state-level politicians and follows board policy in his decision making," his colleagues wrote in nominating him for the award.

Bosse takes an active role in district events, including robotics competitions, musical performances and athletics. In the community, he devotes time to Cincinnati Food Pantries and chairs the First United Church of Christ Endowment Committee, among other organizations.

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Along with serving as his board's vice president, Bosse is a member of OSBA's Southwest Region Executive Committee and represents his district as an association legislative liaison. He also has represented his district in the OSBA Delegate Assembly.

Bosse and wife, Bev, have three children and reside in Hamilton.

In its 61st 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.

For more information, contact OSBA or your local school district.

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Note to reporters, editors: OSBA's All-Ohio School Board honorees have been told they are receiving the award. Please feel free to contact them for feature stories, comments or photos. Bosse's phone number is (513) 738-2315. If you wish to cover the awards presentation in Columbus on Nov. 16, please contact Crystal Davis, whose contact information is at the top of this release. A photo of Bosse is posted at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/82421>.