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Northeast Ohio school board member receives association's top honor

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

Thomas F. Brophey, who has served 23 years as a Wellsville Local Schools board member, 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.

Brophey, who has been elected six times, represents OSBA's Northeast Region.

Described by his peers as a leader dedicated to seeing that students are given the very best opportunities to succeed in life, he recently helped implement online classes in the district.

The current board president has devoted countless hours to district events and activities and OSBA committees and meetings.

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“No board member could begin to devote as much time and energy toward improving the educational processes of our children than what Tom has given, which is why he deserves to be extended this honor,” his colleagues wrote in nominating Brophey for the award.

Brophey also is active in his community as a member of the Wellsville Area Chamber of Commerce, Veterans of Foreign Wars (social member), Friends of the Wellsville Carnegie Public Library, Knights of Columbus and Hammond Park Commission.

Brophey has worked closely with OSBA throughout his career. The Northeast Region president also serves on OSBA’s Board of Trustees and Executive Committee. He currently represents his district as a legislative liaison to OSBA.

Among his numerous OSBA awards was recognition as a Master Board Member, a lifetime of distinction.

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. Brophey’s phone number is (330) 383-2820. 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 Brophey is posted at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/50312>.