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## **Southwest Ohio state senator named 2016 OSBA President's Award winner**

COLUMBUS —An Ohio state senator who has demonstrated a passionate interest in the well-being of children has received one of the Ohio School Boards Association's (OSBA) highest honors — the President's Award.

Sen. Peggy Lehner (R-Kettering), representing the 6<sup>th</sup> Ohio Senate District, will finish her sixth year as chair of the Senate Education Committee in December. She also is vice-chair of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee.

Since 1980, the OSBA president has had the privilege of recognizing individuals who have had a tremendous influence on Ohio public education. The President's Award recognizes dedicated leadership and commitment to public schools.

OSBA President Eric K. Germann, a board member with Lincolnview Local Schools and Vantage Career Center in Van Wert County, presented the prestigious award to Lehner today at the OSBA Capital Conference and Trade Show in Columbus.

Sen. Lehner, who was elected to a second term Nov. 8, has been a leader in efforts to align K-12 education with college and career readiness. She has worked with stakeholders from across the country to find innovative solutions to Ohio challenges.

Lehner is the founding co-chair of the Ohio Children's Caucus, a bipartisan committee that promotes the well-being of children. As part of her work, she has taken a lead on advancing the quality of early childhood education for the poorest children in Ohio.

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Appointed to the Senate in 2010 and elected to her first full term in 2012, Lehner also served two years in the Ohio House of Representatives and 10 years on Kettering City Council. Lehner's public service also includes the Ohio Ethics Commission, where she served two terms as chair.

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.

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