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Northwest Ohio school board member receives association's highest honor

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

Penny Kill, who has served eight years on the Spencerville Local Schools Board of Education and Apollo Career Center board, will be recognized as a 2017 All-Ohio School Board member Nov. 13 during the OSBA Capital Conference and Trade Show in Columbus. OSBA Executive Director Richard Lewis will introduce All-Ohio School Board members on the second day of the 62nd annual conference, a three-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.

Twice elected to the Spencerville Local Schools board, Kill represents OSBA's Northwest Region, where she is the executive committee's president. She also has served three times as vice president of the Spencerville Local Schools board and once as its president.

"She has the qualities of a great leader in whatever she participates in," said Spencerville Local Schools board president Spencer Clum in nominating Kill. "She is committed, honest, empathetic, passionate and motivated. If anyone knows her, she never does anything in a small way."

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Kill, a Spencerville Local Schools graduate, is president of the Spencerville Education Foundation and a member of Apollo Career Center's licensed practical nurse advisory board.

She has worked closely with OSBA as a member of the association's Board of Trustees, Legislative Platform Committee, Rules Committee (chair) and Student Achievement Fair Committee, among others. She also represents her district as a legislative liaison to OSBA.

The quality assurance RN department manager and hospice coordinator for Interim HealthCare Inc. in Lima is passionate about serving her community as chair of the Ohio Council for Home Care and Hospice, director of the Allen County Fair and lector and commentator for Landeck St. John the Baptist Catholic Church.

She also is a member of the Spencerville Historical Society, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Alzheimer's Association, American Red Cross and Allen Economic Development Group.

In its 62nd 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. Kill's phone number is (419) 303-7913. If you wish to cover the awards presentation in Columbus on Nov. 13, please contact Crystal Davis, whose contact information is at the top of this release. A photo of Kill is posted at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/32212>.