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Southwest Ohio school board member receives association's highest honor

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

Gail Martindale, who has served 20 years on the Cedar Cliff Local Schools Board of Education and 10 years on the Greene County 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.

Elected five times to the Cedar Cliff Local Schools board, Martindale represents the Southwest Region, where she is a member of the executive committee. She has served as both president and vice president of her respective boards.

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“Gail’s tireless commitment to the educational needs of Ohio school children is the reason she is deserving of this honor,” her colleagues said in nominating her. “She works well with other board members and her knowledge of school issues is vast, and she keeps up-to-date with the legislation and decisions made at the state level.”

The Cedarville resident actively promotes student achievement and speaks at numerous school events highlighting student activities and accomplishments. She also works to educate community members on the importance of school levies, career-tech education and adult educational training.

She works closely with OSBA as a member of the association’s Federal Relations Network and Nominating Committee. She also has served on OSBA’s Board of Trustees and Executive Committee, among others.

Martindale also is a member of the Ohio Association for Career and Technical Education, Ohio Farm Bureau, Ohio FFA Association, Ohio Cattlemen’s Association and Green County Cattlemen’s Association.

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. Martindale’s phone number is (937) 766-5643. 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 Martindale is posted at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/48325>.