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Southeast Ohio school board member receives association's highest honor

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

Ed Penrod, who has served 21 years on the Logan-Hocking Local Schools Board of Education and 18 years on the Tri-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 four times to the Logan-Hocking Local Schools board, Penrod, who represents the Southeast Region, was OSBA's president in 2015. He also has served six times as his board's president and six times as its vice president.

"Ed deserves this award because he is an outstanding board member," his colleagues said in nominating him. "He is always 'in tune' with current issues affecting education and is able to see the global picture while focusing on local policies and issues."

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Penrod always is mindful of what is in the best interest of students and has “genuine interest in students becoming life-long learners,” his colleagues said.

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

The CEO of PRISM Behavioral Healthcare in Logan is a member of the Ohio Juvenile Detention Director’s Association; American Correctional Association; Ohio Counselor, Social Worker and Marriage and Family Therapist Board, as an independent clinical supervisor; Hocking County Farm Bureau; and Mingo Lodge #171 in Logan.

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. Penrod’s phone number is (740) 385-2089. 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 Penrod is posted at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/81446>.