

# Ohio School Boards Association

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## **Southeast Ohio school board member receives association's highest honor**

COLUMBUS — A Muskingum County school board member will receive the Ohio School Boards Association's most prestigious award.

Gail Requardt, who has served on the East Muskingum Local Board of Education for 27 years and the Mid-East Career and Technology Centers board since 2003, will be recognized as a 2018 All-Ohio School Board member on Sunday, Nov. 11, during the OSBA Capital Conference and Trade Show in Columbus. OSBA Chief Executive Officer Richard Lewis will introduce All-Ohio School Board members on the first day of the 63rd annual conference, a three-day convention attended by more than 9,000 Ohio public school board members, administrators and other education stakeholders.

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. The award recognizes outstanding service to public education and represents the dedication shown by thousands of board members across the state.

All-Ohio School Board candidates are nominated by their respective school boards. OSBA regional committees then select the five winners.

Requardt, a New Concord resident and occupational therapist with HealthPRO/Heritage, represents OSBA's Southeast Region. Seven times she has been elected to the East Muskingum board and currently serves as its president. She has served as president or vice president of her respective boards 19 times.

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As a native of Appalachia, Requardt appreciates cultural diversity and readily supports and addresses the individualized needs of her district's unique student population, her colleagues noted in nominating her for the All-Ohio award. "Gail has been a dedicated board member for many years," they wrote. "Gail is respected throughout the district by staff and administrators. Gail always does what is best for East Muskingum Local Schools."

Requardt has worked closely with OSBA as a member of its Board of Trustees, Executive Committee, Southeast Region Executive Committee and Student Achievement Leadership Team, among others.

In her community, she is a member of New Concord United Methodist Church, where she chairs the church council and serves on the finance committee, and the Cambridge Developmental Center Community Development Corp. Advisory Committee.

In its 63rd 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. Requardt's phone number is (740) 844-0025. If you wish to cover the awards presentation in Columbus on Nov. 11, please contact Crystal Davis, whose contact information is at the top of this release.