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Southwest Ohio school board member receives association's highest honor

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

Randy Smith, who has served 15 years on the Forest Hills Local Schools Board of Education, 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.

Elected four times to the Forest Hills Local Schools board, Smith, who represents OSBA's Southwest Region, is the association's 2018 president. The Cincinnati resident, who retired after 36 years with The Proctor & Gamble Co., also has served five times as his board's president or vice president.

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His work with OSBA includes serving as a member of the Board of Trustees, Executive Committee, Southwest Region Executive Committee and Federal Relations Network, among others.

In nominating Smith, colleges wrote that “he is totally devoted to doing everything he can do to support public education. Randy contributes countless hours to support public education through his leadership in every organization possible as well as volunteering in various education-related organizations.”

Smith founded the Forest Hills Foundation for Education to generate additional funding for the district. The foundation has an annual operating budget of more than \$200,000, three part-time employees and funds programs that support incremental learning opportunities for all students in the district.

Smith, a University of Cincinnati graduate, established the university’s alumni band association and the band’s scholarship endowment fund. He also is a trustee for the University of Cincinnati Foundation and the Boy Scouts of America Dan Beard Council.

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. Smith’s phone number is (513) 474-7493. 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.