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Northwest Ohio school board member receives association's highest honor

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

Michael A. Boff, who is in his 19th year on the Northeastern Local Schools Board of Education, will be recognized as a 2019 All-Ohio School Board member on Sunday, Nov. 10, during the OSBA Capital Conference and Trade Show in Columbus. OSBA Chief Executive Officer Rick Lewis will introduce All-Ohio School Board members on the first day of the 64th annual conference, a three-day event 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.

Boff, who has been elected four times to the Northeastern Local Schools board, represents OSBA's Northwest Region. He has worked for the Defiance Soil and Water Conservation District for nearly 40 years

"Words that best describe Mr. Boff are: hard-working, organized, honest, caring, professional and extremely knowledgeable," his colleagues wrote in nominating him. "A man of true integrity."

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Boff chaired two successful Northeastern Local Schools' facilities campaigns to build a new elementary school and high school. He also facilitated fundraising to build a new athletic fieldhouse and renovate the football stadium and track.

In his community, Boff is a member of the Knights of Columbus, Veterans of Foreign Wars 3360 Auxiliary, Ohio AMVETS Post 1991 and St. John The Evangelist Catholic Church.

Founded in 1955, 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. Boff's phone number is (419) 782-2405. If you wish to cover the awards presentation in Columbus on Nov. 10, please contact Angela Penquite, whose contact information is at the top of this release.