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Northeast Ohio school board member receives association's highest honor

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

William Catlin, who is in his eighth year on the Lordstown Local Schools Board of Education and serves as its president, 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.

Catlin, a military veteran and retired police chief who served as president of the Ohio Association of Police Chiefs, has been elected twice to the Lordstown Local Schools board and represents OSBA's Northeast Region.

"Mr. Catlin is generally known in town as one of the most active supporters of our school and community," his colleagues said in nominating him.

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Catlin is a strong advocate for public education, who travels to Columbus to testify on behalf of his district and Ohio students in the Ohio General Assembly. He also is an advocacy leader for AARP, where he trains new volunteers and leads sessions for veterans.

“Mr. Catlin is the epitome of what a school board member is,” his colleagues wrote. “Whether his role at the school, police chief or veteran, he is always a public servant.”

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. Catlin’s phone number is (330) 766-6862. 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.