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Southwest Ohio school board member receives association's highest honor

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

Daryl Michael Jr., who is in his 10th year on the Montgomery County Educational Service Center (ESC) Governing Board and previously served on the New Lebanon Local Board of Education for 20 years, 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.

Michael, who serves as president of the Montgomery County ESC board, is a retired educator and current substitute teacher. He represents OSBA's Southwest Region.

"Mr. Michael has a personal enthusiasm for his board duties," his colleagues wrote in nominating him. "Being a board member is more than just attending meetings and setting policy to him."

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“All decisions must have their best interest as the centerpiece of the policy or regulation being considered,” his colleagues wrote. “He has had a unique perspective to contribute as both an accomplished educator in his chosen profession and educational policymaker as a board member.”

In his community, Michael is affiliated with the Dayton Audubon Society, Greater Dayton Garden Federation, Miami Valley Rose Society and Habitat for Humanity, among others.

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. Michael’s phone number is (937) 733-3308. 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.