

 **Franklin B. Walter** **Outstanding Educator Award 2019**

 ***Medina, Portage and Summit Counties***

*The Franklin B. Walter award is given to an educator or team from each of the 16 State Support Teams in Ohio who have made extraordinary contributions to the education of students with disabilities. This award is given in honor of the late Franklin B Walter, Superintendent of Public Instruction from 1977 until 1991, a post held longer than any other state superintendent in Ohio’s history. With over 50 years of service as a teacher and administrator, Dr. Walter’s leadership is evident in many of Ohio’s quality educational initiatives and programs. Among these is the development of the nation’s first statewide plan for children with disabilities.*

**Who Can Be Honored?**

The nominee(s) are recognized for outstanding work in one of three categories:

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| 1. ***High-Impact Instruction***

Individuals or teams of individuals who helped to **design and deliver instruction** which significantly increases or improves one of the following:* Access to grade-level content for children with disabilities and other children most at risk, or
* Graduation rates and/or reduce the rate of dropout and/or suspension/expulsion for students with disabilities and other children most at risk (e.g. limited English, proficient, children from economic disadvantage), or
* Post-secondary outcomes (i.e., after high school graduation) for students with disabilities and other children most at risk (e.g. English language learners, children from economic disadvantage).
 | 1. ***Growing Great Schools***

Individuals or teams of individuals who helped to create **safe, supportive, inclusive school environments** for students with disabilities or diverse learning needs, such as * Bus drivers who inspire and motivate students with physical disabilities
* Students or staff who create clubs, groups, or other meaningful opportunities to opportunities to socialize with or learn from students with disabilities, English language learners
* School secretaries who become part of the support system for students with emotional/behavioral difficulties, etc.
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| 1. ***Systems Leadership***

Individuals or teams of individuals who have **increased building or district capacity** to develop and implement one of the following:* A school**-**wide behavior plan designed to address universal targeted and intensive strategies that led to a reduction in the frequency and/or intensity of problem behaviors,
* An academic plan designed to address universal, targeted, and intensive strategies that led to a reduction in the number of children demonstrating academic difficulties in reading and/or math,
* An integrated academic behavioral model of improvement that incorporates universal, targeted, and intensive strategies that led to a reduction in the need for special education services in a district or building and narrowed the achievement gaps for students with disabilities and other groups of children who are at risk, or
* Other district- or building-wide change initiatives which have improved academic and functional performance of children with disabilities and other children most at risk through other strategies not mentioned above.
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Nominees for the individuals/teams who have made outstanding contributions toward high-impact instruction for all learners, increasing building- or district-wide capacity for excellence in programming and service delivery, or in creating safe, supportive, and inclusive school environments may be:

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| * Community Leaders (e.g., school board members, community business leaders);
* Related services personnel (e.g., speech and language pathologists, school psychologists, occupational therapists, physical therapists);
* Family members, parents, or caregivers;
* Teachers;
* Non-licensed personnel (e.g., aides, paraprofessionals, secretaries, school bus drivers, school cooks);
 | * Administrators (e.g., superintendents, supervisors, building principals);
* Students (i.e., a group of students with and without disabilities that have made significant contributions related to creating safe, supportive, and inclusive learning environments);
* Heterogeneous groups (e.g., teams or workgroups at district or building level)
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**Who Can Nominate?**

Parents, students, administrators, fellow teachers, or colleagues

**How Do I Nominate Someone?**

1. Please complete all sections of this form.

[ ]  A. Nominee Information

[ ]  B. Nominator Information

[ ]  C. Letters of Recommendation

[ ]  D. Photograph

[ ]  E. Category of Nomination *(please select only one per nominated individual/team)*

[ ]  F. Description of Nominee’s Work *(please complete ONLY the section for the category in which the individual/team is nominated)*

[ ]  F.1. High-Impact Instruction,

[ ]  F.2. Growing Great Schools, or

[ ]  F.3. Systems Leadership.

1. Submit at least 2 letters of recommendation supporting the area of contribution described on the nomination form – *if the nominator completed this application form, s/he does not need to submit a letter of recommendation as well.*
2. Submit completed nomination packets and letters of recommendation via U.S. mail OR e-mail by **March 15, 2019**

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| **Mail To:** | **E-Mail to:** |
| Maureen Cacioppo – RE: OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR NOMINEEState Support Team – Region 8420 Washington AvenueCuyahoga Falls, OH 44221 | MaureenC@sst8.org – Please include OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR NOMINEE in the subject line. |

**Unfortunately, due to fiscal and personnel considerations, State Support Team – Region 8 will be unable to host an awards event in 2019.** We encourage districts to honor their educator nominees through local awards events, a Board of Education ceremony, displays at school buildings, etc. SST-8 will honor nominees by sending them a Certificate of Achievement and including their photo in a regional gallery of honorees.

One educator nominee from Region 8 will be recognized at a state-level awards ceremony in June.

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***Questions?*** Please contact Maureen Cacioppo 330-929-6634 ext. 511219 or via email (MaureenC@sst8.org).

**Section A: Nominee Information**

*Please provide background and contact information regarding nominees.*

The nominee is a(n):

[ ]  Individual [ ]  Team [ ]  Building

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| **Nominee Name(s)** | **Nominee Title(s)/Role(s)** | **Total Yrs Professional Experience** | **Total Yrs in Role** | **Email address** | **Phone/ Extension** |
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(Add cells if needed for additional team nominees)

**B. Nominator Information**

*Please provide contact information for the nominator completing this form, in the event that there are questions or additional information is needed.*

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**Section C: Letters of Recommendation**

*Please provide TWO letters of recommendation in support of nominee. (Nominator DOES NOT need to submit letter of recommendation if they completed information in this application.)*

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**Section D: Photograph (optional)**

If the nominee is willing to have their image included in a regional slide show honoring area educators and students, please submit 1-2 recent photographs via email to MaureenC@sst8.org

**Section E: Category of Nomination**

*Click the box to check one of the following areas of achievement for which the individual or team is nominated, and indicate their role:*

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| [ ]  **High-Impact Instruction**– Individuals or teams of individuals who helped to design and deliver instruction which significantly improves access to grade-level content, increases overall academic/behavioral outcomes, graduation rates, post-secondary outcomes, or reduced dropout/suspension/expulsion, or other risk factors for students with disabilities.Eligible nominees include (check all who are being nominated):

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| [ ]  Teachers;[ ]  Related service personnel (e.g., SLP, OT, PT, Psych) | [ ]  Administrators (e.g., superintendents, supervisors, building principals);[ ]  Heterogeneous groups (e.g., at district or building level); |

*Please complete nomination questions in Section E.1 (page 3).* |
| [ ]  **Systems Leadership –** Individuals or teams of individuals who have increased building or district capacity to develop and implement multi-tiered systems of academic and/or behavior support (e.g., RtI, PBIS, Universal Design for Learning) or who have created other district- or building-wide change initiatives which have improved performance of children with disabilities and other children most at risk through other strategies not mentioned above.Eligible nominees include (check all who are being nominated):

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| [ ]  Administrators (e.g., superintendents, supervisors, building principals);[ ]  Related service personnel (e.g., SLP, OT, PT, Psych, Guidance Counselor, Transition Specialist)[ ]  Teachers; | [ ]  Heterogeneous groups (e.g., at district or building level);[ ]  Community Leaders, (e.g., school board members, community business leaders);[ ]  Family members, parents, or caregivers; |

*Please complete nomination questions in Section E.2 (page 4).* |
| [ ]  **Growing Great Schools –** Individuals or teams of individuals who helped to create safe, supportive, inclusive school environments for students with disabilities or diverse learning needs.Eligible nominees include (check all who are being nominated):

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| [ ]  Non-licensed personnel (e.g., aides, paraprofessionals, secretaries, school bus drivers, school cooks);[ ]  Community Leaders (e.g., school board members, community business leaders); [ ]  Family members, parents, or caregivers; [ ]  Students  | [ ]  Administrators (e.g., superintendents, supervisors, building principals);[ ]  Teachers;[ ]  Related service personnel (e.g., SLP, OT, PT, Psych, Guidance Counselor, Transition Specialist)[ ]  Heterogeneous groups (e.g., at district or building level); |

*Please complete nomination questions in Section E.3 (page 5).* |

**Section F.1: Description of Nominee’s Work – *High-Impact Instruction* category**

If you are nominating an individual or team in the area of ***High-Impact Instruction***, please answer the questions below and leave questions for other categories (Sections E.2 and E.3) blank.

1. Describe how the nominee utilizes research-based/innovative instructional methods

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2. Describe how the nominee demonstrates leadership qualities and positively influences colleagues.

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3. How does the nominee communicate high expectations for students with disabilities to students, staff, and families?

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4. Describe the significance of the contributions made by the individual or team. How has this individual or team of individuals contributed to improving achievement for students with disabilities and other at-risk learners? Provide evidence (data) demonstrating improvement in closing the achievement gap for students with disabilities and other at-risk learners. If nominee is a district employee, please share how this achievement relates to the district’s Continuous Improvement or Strategic Plan.

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**Section F.2: Description of Nominee’s Work – *Growing Great Schools* category**

If you are nominating an individual or team in the area of ***Growing Great Schools***, please answer the questions below and leave questions for other categories (Sections E.1 and E.3) blank.

1. Describe how the nominee goes above and beyond the call of duty to support students with disabilities or diverse learning needs, using innovative strategies or ideas to create a safe, supportive, and inclusive learning environment.

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2. Describe how the nominee positively influences the practices or behavior of others.

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3. What has been the impact of this person’s work on the lives of students with disabilities or diverse learners?

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**Section F.3: Description of Nominee’s Work – *Systems Leadership* category**

If you are nominating an individual or team in the area of ***Systems Leadership***, please answer the questions below and leave questions for other categories (Sections E.1 and E.2) blank.

1. Describe how the nominee utilizes research-based/innovative methods for designing services for students with disabilities.

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2. Describe how the nominee builds the capacity of the system to use innovative practices, or positively influences the practices of others.

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3. How does the nominee create sustainable change over time?

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4. Describe the significance of the contributions made by the individual or team. *How has this individual or team of individuals contributed to improving achievement for students with disabilities and other at-risk learners?* Provide evidence (data) demonstrating improvement in closing the achievement gap for students with disabilities and other at-risk learners. If nominee is a district employee, please share how this achievement relates to the district’s Continuous Improvement or Strategic Plan.

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