

Franklin B. Walter Outstanding Educator Award 2023

Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin, Licking, Madison, Pickaway, and Union 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:

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).

2. 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.

3. 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 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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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:

- 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)

Who Can Nominate?

Parents, students, administrators, fellow teachers, or colleagues

How Do I Nominate Someone?

1. Please complete all sections of the application.
 - A. Nominee Information
 - B. Nominator Information
 - C. Category of Nomination (*please select only one per nominated individual/team*)
 - D. Description of Nominee's Work (*please complete ONLY the section for the category in which the individual/team is nominated*)
 - D.1. High-Impact Instruction,
 - D.2. Systems Leadership, or
 - D.3. Growing Great Schools
2. Include completed Nominee Photo Release form
3. Submit completed nomination packets via e-mail by **April 5, 2023**

E-mail to:

Tina.Forshey@escoco.org – Please include OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR NOMINEE in the subject line.

SST 11 will be featuring nominees on our website & social media during Teacher Appreciation week. We also encourage districts to honor their outstanding educators through local events, Board of Education, etc. One educator nominee from Region 11 will be recognized with the Franklin B. Walter Award from the Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities during a virtual award ceremony on June 6, 2023.

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Section C: Description of Nominee's Work

Describe the honoree's achievements. Please limit this to 1 - 2 paragraphs.

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**Franklin B. Walter Outstanding Achievement Award in
Education Nominee Release Form**

Name _____

Address _____

(Street/PO Box)

(City)

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(State)

(Zip)

Phone _____

Email:

The following educator/team, _____, authorizes _____ (School District Name), the Region 11 State Support Team, and the Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities, and/or their authorized agents to release publicly my name, use videotapes, photographs, and otherwise publish or cause to be published any information relevant to my achievements supporting my selection for recognition of outstanding achievement. This information may be used in local, regional, state, or national publications of the agencies listed above as well as be released to appropriate newspapers and/or news media.

I authorize release of the above information for the purposes stated.

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

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