

OSSBA Recognition of Board Members and Community Leaders

OSSBA is accepting nominations for outstanding board members and community leaders. The awards will be presented during the General Session on at the 2009 Conference and Exposition, at the Cox Business Services Convention Center, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Nomination forms are available on the **OSSBA website (www.ossba.org)** and may be requested by calling our toll free number at 1-888-528-3571.

The awards include:

Distinguished Service Award

This award is given to a present or former member of a public board of education who has exhibited distinguished service to the school and community during his or her tenure on the school board. Factors to be considered will be length of service; distinguished service acts for students, school, professionals, patrons, community and/or state; and distinguished service to the OSSBA.

OSSBA All-State Board of Education

An honorary board and will include five of the most outstanding school board members of the year. A \$400 award will be given to each school district with an All-State Board of Education member. The award is to be used for the core curriculum program of the winning board member's choice. Nominees must be elected or appointed school board members currently serving on a board of education and should have attended OSSBA, District Meetings, and workshops in the past.

Buddy Spencer Leadership Award

Presented to **one of the All-State Board of Education members**; therefore, **no direct nomination** is required for consideration. The recipient must demonstrate leadership on a local or state level and a dedication to improving his or her boardsmanship. The winner's school district will receive \$600 to purchase library books or materials.

Barbara Lynch "Community Partner" Award

Community engagement – on-going process of two-way communication between a school district and the community it serves.

An on-going, collaborative process during which the school district works with the public to build understanding, guidance and active involvement in the education of the children in its community.

In honor of Barbara Lynch, who served on the Tulsa Technology Board of Education from 1986 to 2003 and a member of the Oklahoma State School Boards Association Board of Directors from 1993 to 2003. In addition to being a school board member, Barbara was also a community volunteer with the PTA and Boy Scouts, and was a parent and vital member in the Broken Arrow community.

This award honors her spirit of community engagement and service. You may nominate a community member or organization that actively supports and works with your school district to help children and their education, the school system and the community.

All nominations must be made by school board members or superintendents (with the approval of their local board). Those eligible to receive awards include board members of a school district or career-tech board of education (and a community member or organization in the case of the Barbara Lynch Award). The OSSBA Awards Committee will make the final selections. No member of the Awards Committee will be from a nominating school district.

OSSBA Distinguished Service Award Nomination Form

Name of Nominee: _____

Home Address: _____

_____ Zip: _____

School District Name: _____

School Address: _____

_____ Zip: _____

Name and Title of Person Making Nomination: _____

County Name: _____

School District
Administrator: _____

Date/Dates Elected: _____

Please attach a one-page statement (double-spaced) providing the following information:

1. Nominee's number of years on the school board;
2. The nominee's distinguished service acts to students, schools, professionals, patrons, community, and/or state; and
3. The nominee's distinguished service to the OSSBA.

Recommendations by local school district officials and residents may accompany the application.

The school district must agree to have the candidate present to receive this award, if he or she is selected.

Deadline for Nominations is May 30, 2009

Please mail forms to:
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OSSBA All-State School Board Nomination Form

Name of Nominee: _____

Home Address: _____

_____ Zip: _____

School District Name: _____

School Address: _____

_____ Zip: _____

Name and Title of Person Making Nomination: _____

County Name: _____

School District Administrator: _____

Number of Years on School Board: _____

Date/Dates Elected: _____

Local, state, and national committees on which the nominee serves or has served:

Civic organizations of which the nominee is a member:

Professional organizations of which the nominee is a member:

Please attach a one to two page statement (double spaced) describing how the nominee meets the following criteria: demonstrated leadership skills; excellence in boardsmanship; sound decision-making; foresight in planning; consistency in voting; concern for the children of the school system and the taxpayers; a good working relationship with other board members; work towards improving overall knowledge of school problems and boardsmanship; and a single act or series of acts of significant help to the school system.

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Barbara Lynch "Community Partner" Award Nomination Form

Name of Nominee (may include an individual who is not a school board member, as well as an organization): _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Nominating School District Name: _____

School Address: _____

_____ Zip: _____

Name and Title of Person Making Nomination (must be a school superintendent or designee or local school board member): _____

County Name: _____

School District
Superintendent: _____

Please attach a one page statement (double spaced) outlining how your nominee has served the cause of school/community engagement and has worked to support the efforts of your school district. Please refer to the guidelines on the introductory page.

Recommendations by local school district officials and residents may accompany the application. The school district must agree to have the candidate present to receive this award.

Please use the following as guidelines when deciding to submit a nomination. Nominees do not have to fulfill all these specifications; they are only to be used as guidelines.

The work of the nominee:

- Helps raise student achievement: helps identify academic goals, standards, resources, and measures of progress.
- Serves the cause of school/community engagement and communication.
- Strengthens the whole child: works to improve social and health conditions that can interfere with learning.
- Strengthens communities and schools: convenes community around education issues.
- Strengthens representative and participatory government: involving the public in decision-making and engaging citizens with their representative voice in public education governance.
- Shows ongoing and broad involvement in the school and community.
- Shows work that is consistent with school's vision and mission and consistent with the work of the Oklahoma State School Boards Association. (Respects local board authority and control, for instance.)

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