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## Portsmouth schools' Human Rights Garden featured in statewide magazine

COLUMBUS — An ambitious Portsmouth City School District program was highlighted in a recent issue of the Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) Journal magazine, a statewide publication.

The magazine featured Portsmouth City's Human Rights Sculpture Garden, located on the grounds of Portsmouth High School. The brainchild of high school art teacher April Deacon and her colleagues, the student-built garden features multiple pieces of artwork and poetry depicting human rights themes, along with a pollinator garden.

The project has been complemented by numerous visiting professional artists who have come to the district to work with students. It also includes a food pantry and vegetable garden that are expected to be completed next year on another part of the school campus.

For more information on the Human Rights Sculpture Garden, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/92769> to access the article, which begins on page 30. In addition, a PDF of the story as it appears in the magazine is attached to the email accompanying this release.

The Journal is a bimonthly publication featuring OSBA activities and articles of interest to Ohio's public education leaders. The nearly 6,500 Journal subscribers include school board members, superintendents, treasurers, business officials, legislators, universities and libraries.

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