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Southwest Ohio school board member is 2025 OSBA president-elect

COLUMBUS — The Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) Delegate Assembly has elected Mary Cleveland as the association's 2025 president-elect. Cleveland serves on the Princeton City Schools Board of Education and Great Oaks Career Campuses Governing Board.

She was elected today during the Annual Business Meeting of the OSBA Delegate Assembly. The delegates meet each year at the Capital Conference and Trade Show, the association's state convention that draws thousands of school board members, administrators and other education leaders to Columbus. Current OSBA President-elect Thomas C. Patterson, a Sandusky City Schools Board of Education member, will become OSBA president on Jan. 1, 2025.

Cleveland was first elected to the Princeton City board in November 2013. Now in her 11th year, she also serves as the board chair of Great Oaks Career Campuses.

"I believe together we can create an educational environment where every child, regardless of background, has the resources, support and tools they need to succeed," Cleveland told delegates.

Her leadership extends beyond her local school boards; she is an active and influential member of OSBA, serving on the Board of Trustees and Executive Committee. Her past roles include president of the Southwest Region Executive Committee in 2023.

Cleveland's dedication to public education is rooted in her multifaceted background. With experience in the corporate, education, legal and nonprofit sectors, she deeply understands the challenges and opportunities facing Ohio's public schools.

Her photo is available at <https://osba.link/MCleveland>.

