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School Board Member Honored for Outstanding Commitment to Professional Learning



Decatur, IN – Tim Ehlerding, school board member for North Adams Community Schools, has received the exemplary governance award from the Indiana School Boards Association (ISBA).

ISBA’s Exemplary Governance Awards (EGA) program celebrates school boards and school board members for demonstrating an outstanding commitment to continuous improvement and professional learning through active participation in ISBA or ISBA-recognized trainings, seminars, and conferences.

This year’s 179 school board member honorees were formally recognized at ISBA’s Spring Regional Meetings. The recipients include 82 Commendable board members, 48 Advanced board members, 24 Distinguished board members, and 25 Exemplary board members.

“The Indiana School Boards Association is extremely proud to extend our congratulations to the award winners on this impressive accomplishment,” said ISBA Executive Director Terry Spradlin. “On behalf of ISBA, I commend them for their dedication to the children and school communities they represent and for actively engaging with the Association’s programs and services.”

“As leaders of our local school systems, it is imperative that we avail ourselves of the best professional development we can to better serve our communities.” said ISBA President Tom Simpson. “I commend our EGA winners who have made the commitment to the ongoing improvement of their competence and knowledge. School governance is a diverse and complex job, and these dedicated board members are leading the way as models of school board service. Congratulations to all!”

“Our students are the best and brightest, and our educators and staff are top-level!” stated Ehlerding. “I want to make sure we provide our Belmont family with excellent resources, and part of doing so is making sure I, as a board member, be the best I can possibly be to support their efforts. I am proud of Belmont and I am thankful for this opportunity to serve my community and our district through service on our Board.”

In addition to the individual accolades, school boards qualify for awards based on the collective EGA status of their individual members and the completion of certain additional criteria. There are 88 school boards that earned recognition through the EGA program this year.

ISBA provides a full range of professional development and training opportunities to help board members govern effectively. At dozens of events throughout the year, ISBA informs and educates board members about best practices, legislative issues, policy development, and school law.

For more information about the EGA program requirements and to see the full list of individual and board awards for 2021, please visit <https://www.isba-ind.org/ega-awards.html>.

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