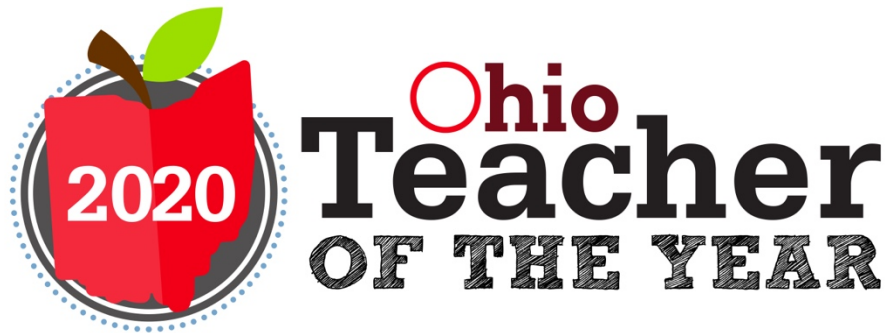


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## Local Educator Announced as Teacher of the Year for District 9

Robert Niedermeyer of Reynoldsburg City Schools recently was announced as the 2020 Teacher of the Year for State Board of Education District 9. Niedermeyer teaches at STEM Middle at Baldwin Road Junior High.

Niedermeyer and 10 other regional Teacher of the Year honorees each have the chance to be named the 2020 Ohio Teacher of the Year this fall.

"Ohio has so many amazing teachers who commit themselves each and every day to the success of our students," State Superintendent of Public Instruction Paolo DeMaria said. "I'm proud to recognize these teachers for their accomplishments and for the excellence they represent. Teachers are the biggest contributor to the success of a student, and it's important that we continually find ways to support our educators by recognizing and valuing great teaching across the state."

School administrators, fellow educators, parents, students and community members nominated teachers in State Board of Education District 9 for the regional award. Stephanie Dodd, the State Board's District 9 representative, worked with a committee of educators, parents and business leaders to select Niedermeyer.

"Robert Niedermeyer's commitment to improving the experiences for his students, his connections to the community and his desire to continue his own lifelong learning is shown through the innovations he brings to his classroom," State Board Member Dodd said. "Mr. Niedermeyer's ability to encourage deeper thinking by his students is one that will have a lasting impact on their lives and the communities where they live."

Heather Gerbus, a fellow teacher for Reynoldsburg City Schools, said in her nomination form that "Mr. Niedermeyer is an innovative, collaborative colleague who seeks to make his students aware of the world around them and improve the teaching practices of his peers through consistent communication, encouragement, and assistance."

A panel of education and community stakeholders will select the 2020 Ohio Teacher of the Year early this upcoming school year. That educator will represent the state in the national Teacher of the Year competition sponsored by the Council of Chief State School Officers.

[Click here](#) to learn more about Niedermeyer and the 2020 Teacher of the Year program.