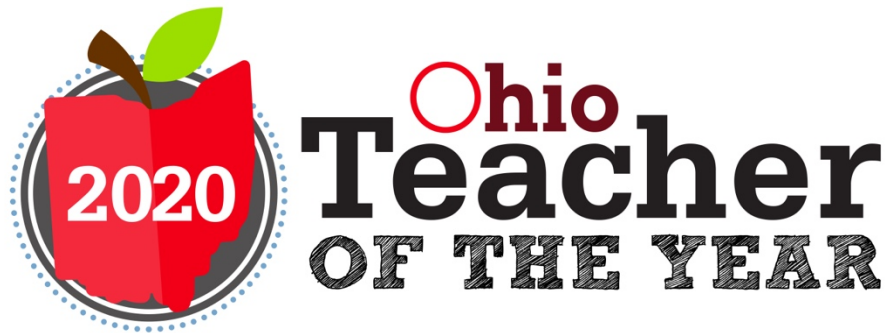


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## Local Educator Announced as Teacher of the Year for District 6

Cecelia Peirano recently was announced as the 2020 Teacher of the Year for State Board of Education District 6. Peirano is a National Board Certified fifth and sixth grade teacher at the Ohio State School for the Blind.

Peirano 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 6 for the regional award. Antoinette Miranda, the State Board's District 6 representative, worked with a committee of educators, parents and business leaders to select Peirano.

"Cecilia Peirano is an exceptional teacher, advocate and leader," State Board Member Miranda said. "She incorporates technology and uses inquiry-based instruction, as well as other cutting-edge practices to support educational access for students who are blind or visually impaired. Her years of dedication to the students and their families is commendable."

Dr. Lou Maynus, superintendent at the Ohio State School for the Blind, said in the nomination form that "Cecelia Peirano, national board-certified teacher of the visually impaired at the Ohio State School for the Blind (OSSB), exemplifies what it means to be considered as an Ohio Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Peirano has dedicated her life to promoting teaching and learning of blind and low vision students (1) in her own classroom where she offers a true personalized learning environment and (2) as an adjunct instructor at Ohio State University where she teaches curriculum courses to aspiring teachers of the visually impaired."

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 Peirano and the 2020 Teacher of the Year program.