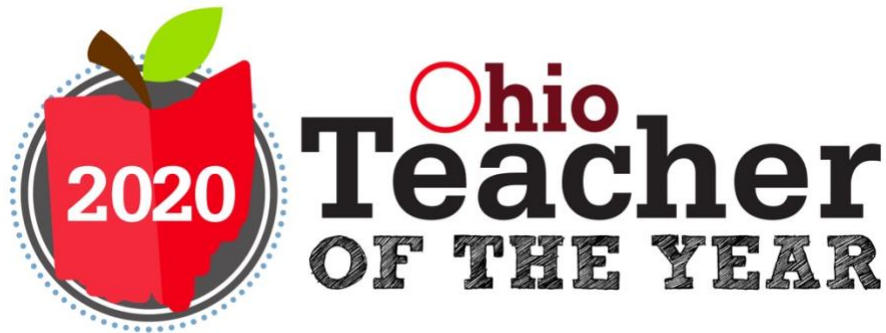


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Local Educator Announced as Teacher of the Year for District 8

Tiffany Lewis of Youngstown City Schools recently was announced as the 2020 Teacher of the Year for State Board of Education District 8. Lewis teaches first grade at Volney Rogers Elementary.

Lewis 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 8 for the regional award. John Hagan, the State Board’s District 8 representative, worked with a committee of educators, parents and business leaders to select Lewis.

“Highly respected by her peers and management, Tiffany Lewis has a commendable ability to reach and inspire her students,” State Board Member Hagan said. “Tiffany sets an example of passion for teaching that should be emulated by teachers across our state.”

Kelly Weeks, principal of Volney Rogers Elementary School said that “Tiffany spends hours creating the most rigorous and engaging lessons for her students. She reflects on her practice daily and uses data to drive her instruction.”

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 Lewis and the 2020 Teacher of the Year program.