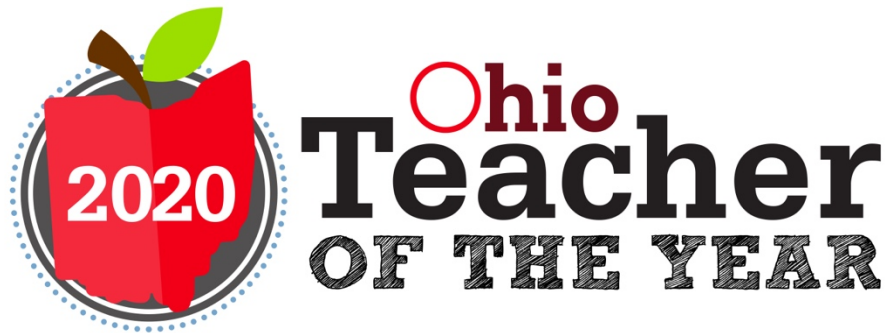


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Local Educator Announced as Teacher of the Year for District 4

Leila Kubesch of Norwood City Schools recently was announced as the 2020 Teacher of the Year for State Board of Education District 4. Kubesch teaches Spanish and English to speakers of other languages at Norwood Middle School.

Kubesch 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 4 for the regional award. Jenny Kilgore, the State Board's District 4 representative, worked with a committee of educators, parents and business leaders to select Kubesch.

Amber Sami, a community member, said in the nomination form that "Mrs. Kubesch's innovative teaching techniques range from hosting an Escape the Room based on course material, demonstrating a cultural cooking lesson, to building youth leadership skills through student-led projects. Last year she reached out to a colleague to collaborate and incorporate standards for multiple content areas in a project called 'The Dream Project,' where the student work earned a special exhibition at the Freedom Center Underground Museum."

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 Kubesch and the 2020 Teacher of the Year program.