



State Board District 6 Cecelia Peirano

Cecelia Peirano is a National Board Certified fifth and sixth grade teacher at the Ohio State School for the Blind (OSSB). She uses braille and tactile graphics to teach a diverse student population, including deaf-blind, English language learners and gifted students, as well as students who attend the school half days. Cecelia is the elementary department chair, a strategic planning committee member, and a mentor for Resident Educator summative assessment and college preparation programs. She has coached varsity swimming and cheerleading and led the 3D Model Printing Club.

Cecelia earned a bachelor of arts degree in elementary education and a master of arts degree in teaching blind and visually impaired students, both from The Ohio State University. She teaches graduate and undergraduate students at Ohio State, fostering the next generation of teachers of students with visual impairments in Ohio and beyond. She also teaches the annual Braille camp and Math and Movement camps for children from across Ohio.

Cecilia is a featured teacher in the book, *Exceptional Children: An Introduction to Special Education*, and her advice informs teachers across the country. As a founding member of the Ohio Schools for the Blind and Deaf Education Association, she has been a lifelong advocate for the equitable treatment of teachers.

The Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired of Ohio recognized Cecelia with the Judy Cernkovich Excellence in Education Award and the Kenneth Cozier Memorial Award for outstanding leadership and achievement in the field. The OSSB Alumni Association recognized Cecila for her dedication as a teacher, coach and mentor to past and current students.