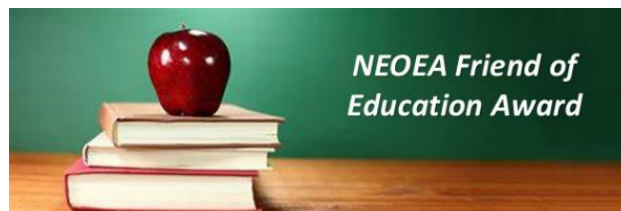




Friend of Education Award

North Eastern Ohio Education Association Seeks Nominees for Friend of Education Award

In 2026-27, the North Eastern Ohio Education Association will seek to recognize its fifteenth Friend of Education. NEOEA's members and local affiliates are encouraged to nominate individuals and/or organizations who would be worthy recipients of this honor. If a Friend of Education is selected, NEOEA Representative Assembly delegates will recognize the honoree on April 17, 2027.



Purpose: The North Eastern Ohio Education Association Friend of Education Award recognizes a person and/or organization whose leadership, actions, and support have contributed to the improvement of public education for a BROAD cross-section of northeastern Ohio.

Qualifications: NEOEA's Friend of Education Award may be bestowed upon any person or organization whose leadership, actions, and support have proven that person or organization to be a true friend of education, educators, or students in northeastern Ohio.

Nominations: Any member of NEOEA or any local affiliate of NEOEA may nominate an individual or organization for the Friend of Education Award.

Some of our Past Recipients: US Representative Betty Sutton, Eva O'Mara (Northeast Ohio Friends of Public Education), Kathy McKinley (OEA Attorney), Patricia Frost-Brooks (Past OEA/NEOEA President), Ohio Representative Joe Miller, Mandy Jablonski (advocate for educators and students), Linda Hubbell (International Soap Box Derby), and Dr. Amy Acton (Ohio Governor candidate).

The deadline for submitting nominations is **Friday, January 29, 2027**. Nominations must be signed by an NEOEA active member in good standing. Completed nomination forms and all accompanying materials should be sent to NEOEA.

The selection of NEOEA's Friend of Education Award will be made by the NEOEA Communications and Marketing Committee or other group appointed by the Board of Directors from nominees who, through their leadership, acts, and support, have proven to be true friends of education, educators, or students in northeastern Ohio, regardless of age, sex, race, color, or creed.

Email to: desk@neoea.org. Receipt of application will be acknowledged. **Questions:** Please email us at desk@neoea.org. A Word-fillable form is available at neoea.org/files/Friend_of_Ed.rtf.

Nomination Form: NEOEA Friend of Education Award

To the Friend of Education judging committee, North Eastern Ohio Education Association:

I hereby nominate the following person or organization to receive the Friend of Education Award, to be presented at the spring 2027 NEOEA Representative Assembly.

Nominee	
Nominee's title or position	
Address	
City, state, zip code	
<i>(In no more than 100 words indicate the reasons for your nomination and summarize the nominee's qualifications for the award. Documents and other materials supporting your nomination may be submitted with this nomination form.)</i>	
Nominating Member or Affiliate	
Contact for Further Information	
Mailing address	
City, state, zip	
Contact person's phone	
Non-work email address	
<i>Signature of nominating member or affiliate officer</i>	

Send entries by **Friday, January 29, 2027**. **Email to:** desk@neoea.org. Receipt of application will be acknowledged. **Questions:** Please email us at desk@neoea.org. A Word-fillable form is available at neoea.org/files/Friend_of_Ed.rtf.