

Ty Ankrom's Here's What I Think ...

When the Ohio Educational Service Center Association (OESCA) sought nominations for its Lifetime Achievement Award, I immediately thought of Jeff Sheets.

Jeff Sheets, who retired in 2014 as the Teays Valley Local Schools superintendent, spent the majority of his career as an educator at Teays Valley and was a partner with the ESC throughout that time.

Nominees for the Lifetime Achievement Award must advance the goals and philosophies of educational service centers; demonstrate outstanding accomplishments and innovative practices; exhibit leadership; and serve the ESC community and public education overall.

Jeff Sheets fulfilled those requirements and more. Throughout his leadership as superintendent of Teays Valley, Jeff understood the benefits that the ESC plays in serving its member districts.

He contributed to the success of the Pickaway County ESC by expanding its role and types of services provided in the operation of the Teays Valley district. Jeff was an advocate of the Pickaway County ESC when meeting with his colleagues and led the charge for other districts to take advantage of sharing



I was proud to nominate Jeff Sheets (right) for the Ohio Educational Service Center Association's Lifetime Achievement Award.

resources, improving effectiveness and increasing efficiency

Robin Halley, who now serves as Teays Valley superintendent, best shares the contributions Jeff made to education.

"Jeff Sheets was, and continues to be, a staple at Teays Valley. He has served in many roles in the district, from student to teacher to coach to administrator to superintendent.

"The contributions that Mr. Sheets has made to this district are countless. As a coach, he not only brought championships to Teays Valley but he shaped the lives of numerous students he coached over the years.

"While he left his mark on the district in numerous ways, there are two things that have really impacted Teays Valley: beautiful new schools that were built while he was superintendent, and the creation of the Teays



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Valley Educational Foundation.

"He continues to serve on the Foundation's board, which has been a driving force for many of the technological additions in the schools in the past nine years, as well as funding programs that positively impact our students. The district is grateful to Jeff Sheets for all of his contributions to the students of Teays Valley over the years and for all that he continues to do for the district."

Jeff received his Lifetime Achievement Award this week during the OESCA Recognition Brunch that is held in conjunction with the Ohio School Boards Association Capital Conference.

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