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**TOM SAWYER**

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## **Senator Sawyer Receives OESCA Leadership Award**

*Award recognizes champions of Educational Service Centers*

Columbus – Senator Tom Sawyer was awarded the 2011 Outstanding Leadership for Community Service Award from the Ohio Educational Service Center Association (OESCA). The award recognizes community leaders who have rendered a service that has significantly benefited the educational service centers in their communities.

Senator Sawyer received the award for his work on the School Funding Advisory Council and for his support of educational service centers during FY 2012-2013 biennial state budget hearings.

“Senator Sawyer recognizes the value of Ohio’s regional education delivery system and worked closely with the association during a difficult budget environment to ensure the effective and efficient delivery of high quality programs and services to students and schools throughout Ohio,” said Craig Burford, executive director for OESCA.

The award was given during OESCA’s 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Capital Conference Awards and Recognition Brunch. The Brunch was founded in 1985 as a way to recognize outstanding board members and community leaders.

“This program symbolizes the very heart and essence of Ohio’s 56 Educational Service Centers,” said Burford. “We are honored to recognize Senator Sawyer for his dedicated commitment to public service and to the students and educational professionals in Ohio.”

Over the past 25 years, OESCA has recognized more than 950 board members, educators and community leaders at this event.