



Franklin B. Walter

Outstanding Educator Award

The Franklin B. Walter Outstanding Educator Award is presented to one educator (or a team of educators) from each of Ohio's sixteen State Support Team (SST) regions, who has/have made extraordinary contributions to the education of students with disabilities.

School district officials are invited to nominate educators for this award in the spring of each year. Each nominee/team is considered by an appointed SST-9 committee which then selects one recipient/team to be recognized at an awards luncheon in Columbus. This event is hosted annually by the *Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities*.

This award is named in honor of Dr. Franklin B. Walter, Superintendent of Public Instruction from 1977 until 1991, a post held longer than any other state superintendent in Ohio's history. With over 50 years of service as a teacher and administrator, Dr. Walter's leadership is evident in many of Ohio's quality educational initiatives and programs. Among these is the development of the nation's first statewide plan for children with disabilities.