



Linda Fuline Sets Her Sights on Retirement

After 37 years in education, Linda Fuline, Ed. S., notified the board of governors that she would retire, effective June 30.

"It has been a pleasure to serve as Superintendent of Summit County Educational Service Center (SCESC). I am grateful to have been provided with the opportunity to work with outstanding and caring individuals who put the needs of children and our districts first. I am proud of the programs we have established and the outstanding service we provide to districts and organizations throughout the State of Ohio," Mrs. Fuline said.

She began her career as a business teacher and served the Norton City School District as Treasurer, Principal and Director of Technology and Innovation. She has been a Superintendent for 18 years: nine with the Southeast Local School District and nine with the SCESC, the fourth longest serving SCESC Superintendent.

Under Mrs. Fuline's leadership, the SCESC has worked to expand education and business services to clients and school districts, provide a broad range of professional development and leadership initiatives, operate outstanding early childhood and special needs programming, promote collaborative efforts with Summit County schools, local colleges and universities,

local government and social service entities as well as the business community.

Among many highlights in her career, Mrs. Fuline is very proud of being the founder of Norton 21, Southeast Campus and the Greater Summit County Early Learning Center. Her vision to create an active engaged learning environment for elementary children came to fruition not once, but three times. In each setting children develop critical thinking skills, the opportunity to problem solve in a collaborative and cooperative learning environment, build a strong work ethic and respect and value the world around them.

"I will always be thankful for the support of so many people who helped and continue to be dedicated to the fulfillment of my dream," she said.

As her family continues to grow, Mrs. Fuline plans to spend time with her grandchildren after she leaves her office. Ultimately she will return to education where she hopes



Linda Fuline is pictured above with preschool students (l-r) Binod Bhattarai, Jenna Abdrabou and Lola Thoele, who were eager to take a break from classroom social time and welcome the Summit County ESC Superintendent.

to continue to provide leadership to others.

The SCESC staff and her professional colleagues wish her congratulations on a wonderful career of helping children.

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Nominate an Outstanding Educator for the All-Star Teaching Team

The SCESC will once again recognize the area's top educators, naming the 2015 All-Star Teaching Team and Teacher and Rookie of the Year during the eighth annual Education Celebration, which honors local educators who have positively impacted student learning. The Lifetime Educator Award will also be presented during the event.

Each SCESC member district will choose the top educator to represent their school district on the All-Star Teaching Team, and from that group of educators, an independent committee will select the Summit County Area Teacher of the Year.

Nominations for the Rookie of the Year can also be made for educators who have been teaching for less than three years and who display a passion for education, innovation and a commitment to student learning.

Eligible Districts Include:

Akron Public Schools; Barberton City Schools; Copley-Fairlawn City Schools; Coventry Local Schools; Cuyahoga Falls City Schools; Field Local Schools; Hudson City Schools; Manchester Local Schools; Mogadore Local Schools; Nardon City Schools; Norton City Schools; Portage Lakes Career Center; Springfield Local Schools; Stow-Munroe Falls City Schools; Summit County ESC; Tallmadge City Schools; and Woodridge Local Schools

Additionally:

Summit County Parochial Schools and Summit County Private Schools

Nominations can be submitted online at www.cybersummit.org until May 29.

SSTs and OCALI Attract Parents, Educators to Annual Assistive Technology Vendor Fair

More than 150 education professionals and families attended the annual Assistive Technology Vendor Fair at NEOMED in Roostown, hosted by SST8



in collaboration with SSTs 3, 5 and 9 and OCALI.

SST staff members worked together to bring the Annual Assistive Technology Vendor Fair to local education professionals and parents. Above (l-r): Patti Porto, SST3, Denise Malkovits, SST5, Chris Wnoroski, SST9 and Tracy Mail and Jennifer Hood from SST8.

“Our hope was for people to match student needs with supports and technology that will help them better access education in general,” said Tracy Mail, SST8 Consultant and event co-organizer.

Visitors had the opportunity to meet with vendors and other professionals and learn how to incorporate the use of technology to eliminate barriers and attend hands-on product demonstrations showcasing technology tools that can increase access and engagement with curriculum.

“There is a continuum of tools from low-tech to high-tech, and we want our educators and parents to be aware of the services available across the state. There are many nonprofit supports and services on local and statewide levels, as well,” added Mail.

Additionally, visitors to the Vendor Fair could learn about Wheelchair Rugby opportunities for students with disabilities. One of the state's two teams is located in Akron! Parents could see the equipment and options available for their children to participate in the sport as well as other activities.

More great outdoor sports opportunities available for students with disabilities are offered through the Adaptive Sports Program of Ohio, including adaptive sailing and kayaking at the Portage Lakes in Summit County this summer.

For more information on the Vendor Fair, call 330.945.5600.

ESC Preschool Educators Invited to Present at National Association for the Education of Young Children Institute

This summer, Sarah Jackson, Ph.D. and Michelle Smith, two team members from State Support Team – Region 8 and Summit County Educational Service Center (SCESC) will have the honor of presenting unique teaching practices at the National Association for the Education of Young Children Institute in New Orleans, La. The conference, also referred to as PDI, attracts the most influential professionals and highlights innovative topics for a national audience. A major emphasis is placed on enhancing the professional development efforts in the field of early childhood education.

“We are very fortunate to be invited to share the work that we developed to support intentional teaching practices in our SST8 region. The intentional teaching framework has been a focus of our

regional technical assistance for the past five years and has shifted the thinking and curriculum work with young children to better represent evidence based practices that impact child outcomes in our early learning programs. This is a unique opportunity for us to bring both the SST and SCESC into the national spotlight,” said Dr. Jackson, who is the Early Learning/School Readiness Coordinator for State Support Team-Region 8 and Director of SCESC’s SCOPE Academy Preschool.



Sarah Jackson, Ph.D., (above right) and Michelle Smith (right) will present Intentional Teaching Practices at PDI in New Orleans, La. next month.

Congratulations to Summit County ESC

Preschool Nurse

Kathleen Colesi, B.S.N., R.N.

**2015 Faces of Care Award Recipient
for Akron Children’s Hospital**

from

**Cleveland Magazine and
Greater Cleveland Nurses Association**



Kathleen will be recognized at the Faces of Care Gala in June

Register Now for Leadership Symposium

Education in Today's Global Classroom is the theme for this year's Leadership Symposium, which will be held Aug. 4 and 5 at the Bertram Inn, Aurora.

The Symposium will focus on 21st century practices and provide opportunities to learn more about technology, foreign languages, bringing boards together and more.

Keynote speaker is Tim Callahan, Psy. D., who will discuss the Developing Brain.

National speaker and New Albany Principal Dwight Carter will present *The Connected Educator* and *Today's Professional Development*.

Registration is now open. For a full schedule of events, contact 330.945.5600 ext. 511239 or email JacquieM@cybersummit.org.

Education in Today's Global Classroom

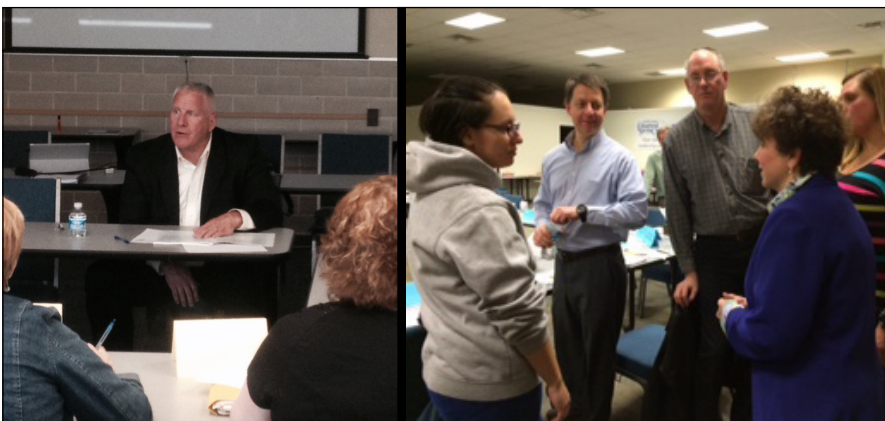


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Register today

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(deadline is June 5)

Here's a Look at What's Happening Around the Summit County ESC



Above (clockwise): Jeff Wendorf, Lake Local School District Superintendent presents a workshop during a SCESC leadership series; local business executives gather for the Science Leadership Forum at SCESC; a tender moment between a Woodridge Father and son during the Macaroni Soup Concert; TOPS student Michael Stumpf and Bella interact during class; area school psychologists attend professional development at SCESC; and Coventry student, Tanner Hartwig, presents awards to Linda Danko, Arlene Sheral and Betty Bounce along with SST8's Jenine Sansosti, Ph. D. at the Student and Teacher Recognition Luncheon earlier this month.

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