

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Mariemont Schools Receive SOAR Progress Award**



On November 9, Mariemont City School District was one of five school districts in Ohio recognized as a recipient of the 2009 SOAR Award for Significant Progress.

Approximately 100 of the top school districts in Ohio are currently participating in the SOAR Value Added Project, an initiative by the Battelle for Kids non-profit organization. Nationally, Battelle assists districts in improving teachers' and schools' impact on student learning. Mariemont City School District placed in the top five participating districts in Ohio based upon exceptional student growth demonstrated on state assessments.

A recognition program took place at the Ohio School Boards Association Capital Conference in Columbus, Ohio with presentation of the awards by Jim Mahoney, executive director, Battelle for Kids and Deb Delisle, State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Representing the Mariemont City School District were School Superintendent Paul Imhoff, Treasurer Natalie Lucas, Board of Education members - Marie Huenefeld, Ken White, Peggy Braun and Kevin Grimmer, administrators - Lance Hollander, Steve Brokamp, Linda Lee and Judy Schmitz, and faculty members – Karen Potoka, Annie McFarland and Ann Muennich.

“I’m gratified for this recognition of the effort and achievement of our students and staff. It reflects our commitment to helping each student not only to achieve, but to continually reach higher,” said Superintendent Imhoff.

*Photos: At the presentation of the 2009 SOAR Progress Award to Mariemont City School District were: back row - Tim Mahoney, Natalie Lucas, Ken White, Lance Hollander, Kevin Grimmer, Steve Brokamp, Judy Schmitz, Ann Muennich, Linda Lee; front row – Karen Potoka, Annie McFarland, Paul Imhoff, Deb Delisle, Peggy Braun and Marie Huenefeld.*

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