



Department of
Youth Services

Message from DYS Director Harvey Reed
Betsy Lavinder Named Teacher of the Year
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Dear Staff and Stakeholders:

Yesterday I attended the Correctional Education Association of Ohio (CEA-Ohio) 2014 Teacher of the Year Luncheon. I am so proud of our education staff, and this week is fitting to express appreciation to all of our teachers and support staff who provide quality educational services while balancing the safety and security of our facilities.

I am pleased to announce that Betsy Lavinder from Indian River High School (Indian River JCF) was recognized as the 2014 CEA-Ohio Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Lavinder has been a dedicated teacher with DYS for 29 years, with her first 25 years at the former Mohican JCF. She has been a mentor teacher for a total of 10 years. Currently she teaches math.

"I applaud Mrs. Lavinder's longstanding service, dedication, and giving nature," said Jennifer Sanders, Deputy Director of the Office of Education and Reentry Services and Superintendent of the Buckeye United School District. "She is quick to help other teachers, lend a hand to CEA and other educational organizations, and serve her local community through the Red Cross, 4-H, Girl Scouts, Relay for Life, her church, and more."



Picture left to right: Jennifer Sanders, Director Reed, and Betsy Lavinder

Teaching in a DYS classroom offers challenges, but teachers like Mrs. Lavinder demonstrate that dedication, persistence, and adaptability make all the difference. Buckeye United School

District staff work hard to help our youth learn, grow, and return to their communities with hope for the future.

Please join me in congratulating Mrs. Lavinder for her excellent work as a correctional educator.