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Ohio Schools Recognized for Excellent School Nutrition

Columbus – The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) has recognized 22 recipients of the 2009 *Stellar Award for Best Nutrition Practices*, including 20 schools or school districts, a career center and a juvenile treatment center. Nine honorable mention awards in the Stellar Award program have been given to schools and school districts.

“Schools that provide high-quality meals to their students help prepare young minds and bodies for learning,” said Deborah Delisle, superintendent of public instruction. “These schools have shown a commitment to nurturing the whole child that deserves to be recognized.”

ODE established the Stellar Awards in 2003 to recognize schools that use best practices to promote a healthy school nutrition environment. Based on written award nominations, ODE selected recipients based on their efforts to adopt the following USDA guidelines for local school wellness policies:

- The nutritional quality of meals served, including purchasing and preparation practices that reflect the National Dietary Guidelines;
- The extent to which a la carte and vending items contain healthy choices;
- Access to continuing education and training opportunities for food service staff members;
- Success in providing a pleasant eating environment for students; and
- Nutritional education aimed at students, staff, parents and the community through marketing programs and activities; for example, using alternatives to candy when rewarding children for good behavior or academic performance.

A complete list of Stellar Award winners and honorable mention awards is presented below:

2009 Stellar Award Recipients		
County	City	Facility/School District
Clark	Springfield	Clark Co Juvenile Treatment Center
Cuyahoga	Avon Lake	Avon Lake City Schools
Cuyahoga	Olmsted Falls	Cuyahoga Heights Local Schools
Cuyahoga	Olmsted Falls	Olmsted Falls City Schools
Delaware	Delaware	Delaware City Schools
Delaware	Lewis Center	Olentangy Local Schools
Erie	Milan	EHOVE Career Center
Erie	Sandusky	Sandusky City Schools
Franklin	Columbus	Our Lady of Peace

Franklin	New Albany	New Albany Plain Local Schools
Fulton	Fayette	Gorham Fayette Local Schools
Greene	Beavercreek	Beavercreek City Schools
Hamilton	Loveland	Loveland City Schools
Lake	Perry	Perry Local Schools
Lake	Painesville	Riverside Local Schools
Lorain	Wellington	Wellington Exempted Village Schools
Montgomery	Centerville	Centerville City Schools
Montgomery	Dayton	Mary, Queen of Peace, Homewood Campus
Montgomery	Dayton	Precious Blood School
Portage	Mantua	Crestwood Local Schools
Stark	Canton	Canton Local Schools
Wood	Bowling Green	Bowling Green City Schools

2009 Stellar Honorable Mention Awards		
County	City	School or School District
Licking	Hebron	Lakewood Local Schools
Miami	Troy	Troy City Schools
Hardin	Ada	Ada Exempted Village Schools
Delaware	Westerville	St. Paul School
Cuyahoga	Fairview Park	St. Angela Merici School
Franklin	Columbus	St. Agatha School
Montgomery	Dayton	St. Albert the Great School
Montgomery	Dayton	Ascension School
Montgomery	Kettering	Kettering City Schools