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Small Business Owner Appointed To Ohio Board of Education

COLUMBUS, January 11, 2021 – A small business owner and a 35-year member of NFIB, Tim Miller, has been appointed to a seat on the Ohio Board of Education by Ohio Governor Mike DeWine. Mr. Miller has been extremely active with NFIB in his local Area Action Council in Akron and also the statewide Leadership Council for the organization.

The State Board of Education consists of 19 members, 11 elected and eight appointed by the governor. The chairs of the education committees of the Ohio House of Representatives and Ohio Senate serve as non-voting ex officio members, and the Superintendent of Public Instruction serves as secretary of the State Board of Education.

Mr. Miller was also elected to serve for two terms on the Akron Public School Board. Serving on their Finance Committee gave him a great understanding of the intricacies of school funding. He also participated as a stakeholder in the Ohio School Board's Strategic Plan. While on the school board he did an excellent job of inviting educators to understand the needs of the business committee, bringing several to attend NFIB meetings as his guest.

He is active in the Akron Rotary and is also the current president of the Cascade Locks Park Association which serves to preserve, protect and promote the industrial, commercial and cultural heritage of the Park along locks 10-16 of the Ohio & Erie Canal.

"Tim Miller has the temperament, judgment, dedication, and desire to be an excellent member of the Ohio Board of Education. During his participation with NFIB, he has demonstrated a firm belief that the Ohio business and education communities can come together to prepare our students for the workforce in the Akron area, and now he can help carry that forward at the state level," said Roger Geiger, Executive Director for NFIB in Ohio.

"A thank you to Governor DeWine for appointing a small business owner who understands what skill sets it takes to be meaningfully employed in today's economic climate. It is important to have Tim's voice on the Ohio School Board of Education, bringing the perspective of job creators to the table," Geiger continued.

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