

Cortland-Madison School Boards Association Board Member of Achievement Honoree



Sandy has been described by many as the perfect Board of Education member, a position she held with distinction and performed in a statesman-like manner at Cincinnatus Central School District for six (6) years from 2001-2007 (vice-president 2001-2005 and president 2005-2007). She always kept children first in every determination, made common sense the formula for success in all decision making, embodied fairness, listening, and humility in everyday life and as naturally as breathing, and extended herself to mentor new Board members treating them as her own grandchildren; with the utmost of care and respect. As notable, Sandy's positive outlook on education and life in general was contagious, especially her propensity to praise and to find the good in everybody. She is truly a person of pure grace and generosity.

Sandy began her career at Cincinnatus School in 1960 where she taught home economics for 27 years. In addition, she was a leader in the school as an advisor, teen pregnancy prevention organizer (1987) and the teacher's union secretary, vice president and, eventual, president.

Sandy has tirelessly served the children of the Cincinnatus School community beyond the school's walls as a CNY SBA Board of Director (2001-2009, vice president 2008-

2009) and an OCM BOCES Board member for eighteen (18) years (1992-2010). She continues to be an active representative of the school district as one of the founders (2008) of the Community Foundation to Support Education (CFSE) and the foundation's current president. Lastly, and as important, she is a mainstay in the school as she enjoys time with her grandchildren, who are current students.

Sandy epitomized what is considered the perfect Board member and the district truly benefitted from her service. The Cincinnatus Board of Education is most honored to have been blessed to work with Sandy and is most pleased with the CNYSBA's and the CMSBA's decision to recognize her for her many years of dedication and service to the children of Cincinnatus School and our OCM BOCES region.