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**MEDINA COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES'
WINDFALL SCHOOL EARNS SILVER AWARD**

Medina, Ohio, September 20, 2018 – The Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities' (MCBDD) Windfall School has earned a Silver Award from the Ohio PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention and Support) Network.

The Ohio PBIS Network is an education initiative by the Ohio Department of Education Office for Exceptional Children and is primarily composed of professionals from each of the 16 Ohio State Support Teams. It encourages schools to be proactive in creating learning environments for improving safety, social competence, and academic achievement for all students.

To emphasize this goal, Ohio PBIS Network has developed a three tiered award system to recognize schools that successfully implement school-wide PBIS programs and strategies to a high degree. The awards are given over a progressive three year time frame. Schools which meet all criteria in their first year of eligibility receive a bronze award; those which maintain and increase their efforts in the second year receive a silver award; those showing a commitment throughout the three year time period receiving a gold award in the final year. This tiered system encourages schools to maintain a commitment to continuing to improve their efforts.

During an onsite analysis of its program, the MCBDD's Windfall School was reviewed in areas such as consistently maintaining organized team based planning, maintaining high levels of administrative involvement and support, and systematically collecting, applying data for effective problem-solving processes. In 2017, Windfall School received a bronze award during its first year of eligibility and is proud to be recognized in 2018 for their achievements during their second year of eligibility. Windfall School staff will be recognized and receive their award at the 2018 Ohio PBIS Showcase in Columbus on November 29.

For more information on the MCBDD, visit www.mcbdd.org.

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About MCBDD

The Medina County Board of DD is the community resource responsible for connecting, coordinating and funding services for individuals of all ages with developmental disabilities. We help with everything from early intervention and education opportunities for children to employment and community inclusive living for adults. The mission of the Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities is to promote and empower over 1250 individuals with developmental disabilities, from birth to death, to live, learn work and socialize in their communities.