



## Seneca Valley School District Press Release

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### RETIRED SENECA VALLEY BOARD MEMBER EARNS SERVICE AWARD

**JACKSON TOWNSHIP, PA (July 24, 2024)** – The Pennsylvania Principals Association recently announced Randy Hart, a 1970 Seneca Valley Alumnus and former Seneca Valley School Board Member, as the 2024 recipient of its prestigious Service to Children Award.

This honor is bestowed annually upon individuals, groups or organizations that have made a substantial and positive impact on children across Pennsylvania’s elementary, middle and high schools. Mr. Hart, a former educator and long-time resident from Zelienople, was selected from the West Region, which covers intermediate units 1-7, 27 and 28.

Even in retirement, Mr. Hart’s commitment to education remains unwavering. His contributions to Seneca Valley span from his tenure as a school board member to his ongoing philanthropic efforts. Mr. Hart has supported educational enrichment through various initiatives, including funding mini grants for curriculum enhancements, physical education equipment and nature trails for student exploration. His dedication extends beyond financial support, encompassing emotional investment in the community’s safety and educational progress.

Denise Manganello, Seneca Valley Academy of Choice Principal, and the nominator for this award, highlighted Mr. Hart’s exceptional dedication. “Randy Hart truly deserves recognition for his unwavering commitment to our community,” she said. “As a former high school educator, he understands the vital role of community involvement in supporting our schools. Randy’s engagement goes beyond acknowledging projects; he actively partners with the district, providing both financial and emotional support to enhance our educational environment.”

Mr. Hart expressed his gratitude upon receiving the award. “I am overwhelmed and honored,” he said. “This year marks 50 years since I first stepped into a classroom as a young teacher, and 18 years since my retirement. I continue to share my educational experiences to support the next generation of educators. I am incredibly proud of the Seneca Valley administrators’ pursuit of excellence. In my view, the entire Seneca Valley staff is among the top 10% of educators in the country.”

With nearly 3,500 members, the Pennsylvania Principals Association is one of the largest state principals’ associations in the nation and is affiliated with the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) and the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP).