



Thanks Dave For Being Such A Good Friend

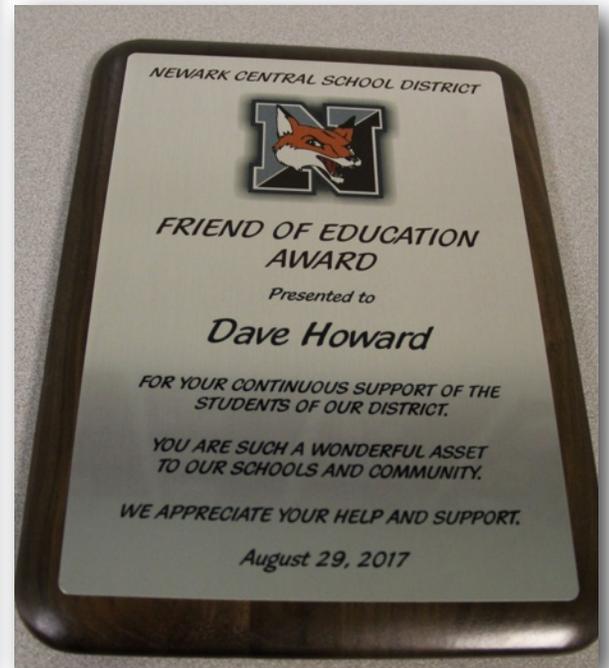
Ever since coming to Newark in 1983, Dave Howard has been active in volunteerism, much of it for the Newark Central School district and St. Michael's Church.

Before presenting Howard with the 2017 "Friend of Education" award at an afternoon assembly with NSCD staff in the Newark High School auditorium August 29th, NCS D Superintendent Matt Cook said Howard's volunteerism has been nothing short of extraordinary.

The award is given annually to an individual, organization or business that goes the extra mile to support Newark education.

Here's the short list of volunteer work Howard has been involved with:

- *Howard served on the Board of Education for four terms, 10 years as BOE president.*
- *He's been an announcer for NCS D Varsity Football for many years and also has been an announcer Newark TV for Varsity Boys Soccer and Varsity Boys Basketball. He's assisted Varsity Baseball Boosters with their annual circus fundraiser.*
- *He's been an Odyssey of the Mind coach.*
- *For many years he has overseen and built sets for musicals and dramas at Newark Middle School and Newark High School.*
- *Howard and wife, Julie, and family have hosted "Young Americans" in their home during their Newark tours.*
- *He and Julie have co-chaired Operation Graduation. Dave was involved with it for many years even before his oldest daughter, Emily was in High School.*
- *For many years Howard organized and worked at a weekly Bingo Night at St. Michael's Church. He and Julie were church school teachers there.*
- *He has been a lector and a member of the church activities committee.*
- *He and his family have worked each year at the St. Michael's Festival.*



After receiving the award, Howard, who is an Environmental Services Manager at del Lago Resort in Waterloo, said he was thrilled to receive the “Friend of Education” award, was quick to give a lot of the credit to his wife and family.

“It’s been a group effort involving all of my family,” he said.

He also said he and his family’s volunteerism has been a way of both supporting NSCD staff and giving back for all their efforts to provide Newark students with great education.

“You are our most important commodity and resource,” he told. “I have three wonderful children who came through Newark schools. Parents can’t do it alone without your help.”

Julie works as a library clerk at Newark Public Library. Emily, an attorney, works for Thomson Reuters in Rochester as an editor updating books lawyers use. She also is the director, producer and choreographer of NHS and NMS musical and the fall dramatic production at NHS. Olivia is a dance teacher at a public school in Brooklyn and Grant is a junior at Walsh University, where he is majoring in physical education and plays college lacrosse.