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**OCSD Board Member Betty Pelzer pictured with Dr. Shawn Foster**

**OCSD SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER BETTY PELZER ACHIEVES LEVEL 4  
RECOGNITION FROM SCSBA BOARDMANSHIP INSTITUTE**

**ORANGEBURG, S.C.** — Orangeburg County School District (OCSD) is pleased to announce that School Board Member Betty Pelzer has achieved Level 4 recognition from the South Carolina School Boards Association (SCSBA) Boardmanship Institute. While Level 6 is the highest accolade within the institute, reaching Level 4 is a significant milestone that acknowledges Mrs. Pelzer's unwavering commitment to public education and governance excellence.

The SCSBA Boardmanship Institute, established in May 1982, offers a year-round training program designed to assist school board members in understanding and effectively acting upon governance-related issues for their local schools. Although the state mandates training only for new board members, Mrs. Pelzer's achievement of Level 4 status highlights her dedication to exceeding standard requirements.

Born and raised in Holly Hill, S.C., Mrs. Pelzer attended Roberts Elementary School and aspired to be a teacher since her sixth-grade year. She completed her undergraduate studies at Claflin University in Orangeburg, S.C., in 1975. Her educational journey continued with a Masters in Curriculum and Instruction from Lesley University in 2002, followed by a Masters in Educational Leadership from Western Governors University in 2011.

Achieving Level 4 status in the Boardmanship Institute is a noteworthy accomplishment and exemplifies Mrs. Pelzer's lifelong commitment to education. This recognition underscores her dedicated service to the students, staff, and community of Orangeburg County School District.

The District congratulates Mrs. Pelzer on this significant achievement and is grateful for her ongoing dedication to the educational success of all students in the district.

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