The Eastwood Hall of Fame 2024

Denis Helm



Denis Helm is a lifelong resident of Luckey, Ohio, and a proud alumnus of Eastwood High School, Class of 1969. The Eastwood community has shown unwavering trust in Denis, re-electing him to the Eastwood Board of Education for 11 consecutive terms. By the end of his current term he will have dedicated 44 years to serving Eastwood Local Schools—a remarkable milestone that places him among just six board members in Ohio with over 40 years of service, ranking him in the top 1% statewide. Additionally, he is the longest-serving board member in Wood County history.

His dedication has remained constant even as his family has grown. His wife, Barbara, retired after 26 years as an Eastwood teacher, and his children — Brad, Kerry, and Amy—are all Eastwood graduates. Denis continues to be a familiar and enthusiastic presence at Eastwood events, proudly cheering on the Eagles.

- 44 years of service (1981–present), including 11 consecutive terms
- Among the top 1% of Ohio board members for tenure
- Longest-serving board member in Wood County
- OSBA Legislative Liaison in 2021, 2020
- OSBA Student Achievement Leadership Team representative in 2021, 2020
- Honored by the State of Ohio for his years of service
- Served numerous terms as Board President and Vice President
- Led the initiative to name the football stadium “Freedom Field” in honor of veterans
- Instrumental in the success of numerous levy campaigns, playing a key role in securing resources for Eastwood Local Schools