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WCBDD Superintendent elected Vice Chairperson of Special Olympics Ohio Board

(Lebanon, OH) – Warren County Board of Developmental Disabilities (WCBDD) Superintendent, Megan Manuel, was recently elected Vice Chairperson of the Special Olympics Ohio Board of Directors for the 2020-2021 term. Special Olympics Ohio is part of the global inclusion movement using sports, health education, and leadership programs to empower people with intellectual disabilities. Special Olympics provides year-round sports training and competition in 18 different sports for nearly 22,000 children and adults.

Manuel, who has served as the Superintendent of the Warren County Board of Developmental Disabilities for 11 years, was appointed to the Special Olympics Board in June of 2018, then served as Board Secretary in 2019. Currently, 13 members serve on the board with a variety of experience and expertise. Manuel's experience includes assistant basketball coaching and serving as a unified golf partner (in Marion, Ohio) for Special Olympics.

Upon her recent title, Manuel commented, "I am extremely honored to have been elected to serve as Vice-Chair of the Special Olympics Ohio Board of Directors for the 2020-2021 term." Manuel added, "I support the mission of Special Olympics and look forward to contributing to opportunities for the thousands of people in Ohio who are Special Olympic athletes."

This month, Manuel demonstrated her support by attending the Special Olympics Ohio Polar Plunge, a nationally recognized fundraiser that challenges community members to jump into frigid mid-winter waters. This year's Polar Plunge took place at Caesar's Creek. All proceeds contribute toward Special Olympics Ohio efforts in providing children and adults with disabilities, the opportunity to develop fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills, and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes, and the community.

Each year, more than 11,000 people donate their time, talent, and energy to volunteer for Special Olympics Ohio events. To learn about volunteer opportunities with Special Olympics Ohio, go to www.sooh.org.

