



**THE GREEN SCHOOLS
FOUNDATION**

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**GREEN SCHOOLS FOUNDATION ELECTS
MIKE ELKINS, LINDA MARTIN TO BOARD**

GREEN, OH – The Green Schools Foundation (GSF) today announced it has elected Mike Elkins and Linda Martin to its Board of Directors. Mike is superintendent of the City of Green Parks & Recreation and Linda is assistant superintendent for Green Local Schools.

“Mike and Linda bring a great deal of experience to our Board and will help us continue to strengthen our ties to the community and schools,” said GSF president Barry Hollis. “I look forward to working with Mike and Linda to support the excellent work of Green Local Schools and enrich the educational experiences of our students.”

Mike Elkins has been superintendent of Green Parks & Recreation since 1997 and is responsible for development of parks, programs and events, as well as maintenance and beautification, at ten properties encompassing 524 acres within the city. He works with organizations and businesses throughout the City of Green to promote the parks and provide opportunities for residents to enjoy them. Mike was one of several city officials who worked to acquire Southgate Park in 2005, which added more than 200 acres to the park system, including five lakes, miles of hiking trails and several historic buildings. Mike also serves as a trustee with The Green Heritage Foundation, is a member of the Ohio Parks and Recreation Association (OPRA) Youth sports Committee, is co-chair of

the 2010 OPRA conference committee, and an active volunteer at his local church. Mike received his bachelor of science degree from Kent State University in 19XX. He and his wife Kim live in Green and have three children who attend Green Local Schools.

Linda Martin has been assistant superintendent of Green Local Schools since 2007. From 2004 to 2007, she was director of Special Services for Coshocton City Schools and from 2002 to 2004, served as curriculum consultant for Muskingum Valley Educational Service Center. Linda also has worked as an elementary school principal, guidance counselor and classroom teacher during her more than twenty-year career in education. Linda received her bachelor of science degree from Kent State University in 1982 and her master of science degree from University of Dayton in 1982. She is currently enrolled in the doctoral program at Northcentral University in Prescott, Arizona. Linda and her husband Jim live in Dover, Ohio.

GSF is dedicated to promoting academic excellence in the Green Local Schools by providing scholarships and academic classroom grants to benefit elementary, middle, and high school students. Since it was established in 1992, GSF has provided more than \$150,000 in direct support to students of Green Local Schools. GSF is a nonprofit, 501(c)3 organization and is funded through memberships, corporate contributions and donations.

Individuals or companies interested in joining or sponsoring the GSF may contact Marty Ganzer at mganzer@thinkwelty.com. Annual memberships are available for \$25, \$50 and \$250. For more information, visit the GSF Web site at www.greenschoolsfoundation.com.