

## Senator Joe Schiavoni, Minority Leader

33<sup>rd</sup> Senate District

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Senator Joe Schiavoni represents the 33<sup>rd</sup> Senate District, which encompasses all of Columbiana and Mahoning Counties. In 2013, Senator Schiavoni's colleagues unanimously elected him the Democratic Leader of the Senate. He had previously served two years as Assistant Senate Democratic Leader.

As a legislator, Senator Schiavoni works to bring job creation and economic development to communities across Ohio. He is fighting for bills to upgrade and improve water infrastructure, which would create good-paying jobs and help protect against costly water crises like the ones that have occurred in Sebring and Youngstown's Mill Creek Park. He was also a leader in the fight against SB 5, which would have stripped workers' collective bargaining rights and jeopardized working families throughout Ohio.

Senator Schiavoni is a champion for public education in Ohio. He advocates for increased funding for K-12 education and fought to make charter schools accountable to taxpayers. When Governor Kasich and legislative leaders forced through legislation that would place control of Youngstown and all other struggling Ohio school districts in the hands of an unelected, unaccountable CEO, Senator Schiavoni traveled the state gathering opinions from parents, students, and educators to craft a community-driven alternative.

Joe Schiavoni grew up on the South Side of Youngstown before moving to Boardman, where he graduated from Boardman High School. He graduated from Ohio University with a Bachelor of Science in Communication. Schiavoni then earned his Juris Doctorate at Capital University.

Following law school, Schiavoni was admitted to the Ohio Bar as well as the West Virginia Bar. He has since practiced workers compensation law, protecting injured workers at the law firm Schiavoni, Schiavoni, Bush and Muldowney.

In 2008, Schiavoni was appointed to a vacant seat in the Ohio Senate, and was elected to a full, four year term for his Senate seat in 2010.

Back home in the district, Senator Schiavoni remains active in the community. He is a member of Big Brothers and Big Sisters of the Mahoning Valley, the Mahoning County Bar Association, Curbside Coaches, the local Farm Bureau, Boardman Civic Association, Italian-American Education Foundation, and the Legends of Leather



Boxing Organization.

Senator Schiavoni and his wife Margaret, a nurse-anesthetist, reside in Boardman with their sons Louie and Dominic.