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Auditor Meacham is pleased to forward the following press release from Ohio Auditor of State Keith Faber's Office.

A representative from Keith Faber's Office will be present at the Mahoning County Commissioners' Meeting on Thursday, October 7, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. to officially announce the award.



For Immediate Release:

Auditor Faber Announces Qualifiers for Auditor of State Award with Distinction

Columbus – After a recent financial audits by Auditor of State Keith Faber's office, good record keeping has qualified the following entities for the *Auditor of State Award with Distinction*:

- City of Dublin (Franklin County)
- Regional Income Tax Agency (Cuyahoga County)
- Stark Area Regional Transit Authority (Stark County)
- Mahoning County (Mahoning County)
- City of Shaker Heights (Cuyahoga County)
- City of Westlake (Cuyahoga County)
- Greene County (Greene County)
- West Chester Township (Butler County)

“This award recognizes the hard work of fiscal offices to keep clean, accurate records,” said Auditor Faber. “Their efforts go a long way toward making Ohio more efficient, effective, and transparent.”

The Auditor's Office presents the *Auditor of State Award with Distinction* to local governments and school districts upon the completion of a financial audit. Entities that receive the award meet the following criteria of a “clean” audit report:

- The entity must file financial reports with the Auditor of State's office by the statutory due date, without extension, via the Hinkle System, on a GAAP accounting basis and prepare a Comprehensive Annual Financial Report;
- The audit report does not contain any findings for recovery, material citations, material weaknesses, significant deficiencies, Uniform Guidance (Single Audit) findings or questioned costs;

- The entity's management letter contains no comments related to:
 - Ethics referrals
 - Questioned costs less than the threshold per the Uniform Guidance
 - Lack of timely report submission
 - Bank reconciliation issues
 - Failure to obtain a timely Single Audit in accordance with Uniform Guidance
 - Findings for recovery less than \$500
 - Public meetings or public records issues
- The entity has no other financial or other concerns

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