



Lion's Pride Award Recipient – Bob Dye, Learning Support Teacher and Lead Teacher for Special Education at Pine Road School

[Presented on Tuesday, November 27, 2012 at the School Board of Directors Meeting.](#)

Bob Dye receives this award for his service and dedication to our district. Bob is a very special individual. As many of you are aware, he is a Learning Support teacher and the Lead Teacher for Special Education classrooms at Pine Road School. This will be his 36th year of teaching in the Lower Moreland Township School District and his 40th year of teaching in the state of Pennsylvania. He has taught in all our schools, including the Red Lion Elementary building, and has worked with students at all grade levels, except for 11th and 12th grades. Throughout his teaching experience, he has worked with many types of students with varying academic, social, and emotional needs. Although he has a great deal of classroom experience, he still considers himself a “learner.”

In terms of credentials, Bob is a certified teacher in Pennsylvania in Special Education K-12, elementary education K-6, and secondary school education in Science and Social Studies. He is a graduate of Cornell University, and he received his Master's at Columbia University's Teacher's College. He also received additional post-graduate credits from Temple University and Arcadia University. His primary interest throughout the years has been in teaching Learning

Support students, although he has experience with Autism, Emotional Disturbance, Hearing Impaired, Visually Impaired, and so forth.

After graduating from Cedar Cliff High School in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania, Bob attended Cornell with the intention of becoming a lawyer. However, when he felt in his Senior Year law seminar that you become a lawyer to defend people's property rights and the wealth of rich people, he switched career goals and decided to go into to Special Education.

He selected Special Education since he has a cousin with Down 's syndrome and saw what a family had to go through at the county and state level to build services. When he was in Philadelphia, he participated in one of their first due process proceedings which reinforced for him the need to step up and support families who need help.

Bob is married and raised a family in Cheltenham family who shares a sense and appreciation for diversity and giving back to others. His wife, Susan Hoban-Dye, has a Behavior Analyst Certification and is President of Hoban & Associates, which was established in 1984 to provide education and support for infants and young children with special needs and their parents. Services are provided for children who are at risk for autism or who are on the autistic spectrum, children who are experiencing developmental delays in the areas of cognition, language and play skills, as well as young children who are experiencing behavioral difficulties.

His son Nick attended Ursinus College and is now a physical therapist. His younger son, Matthew, graduated from Pitt, where he majored in Neuroscience and taught Chemistry for a few years.

When looking back on his career, Bob is happy with the way the District and the regular education program could absorb students with different abilities. He has felt supported by the Board, colleagues and administration, which has made his time at Lower Moreland a joy. One highlight of his career was being recognized as Teacher of the Year in Montgomery County.