

## Edward Bernetich

### Biography

In August 2007, Edward Bernetich was named Director of Teacher Education at Case Western Reserve University. This new position was created to have one person direct the Office of Teacher Licensure, be certain our CWRU student teachers successfully complete all requirements, manage the university licensure accreditation process, and serve as a representative to state and national licensure bodies.

Prior to his joining CWRU, Edward Bernetich completed a successful 35-year career as a public school teacher and administrator. For the final 18 years he was Principal of Beachwood Middle School, arguably the finest and most recognized middle school in the country. The school received two **U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon School of Excellence Awards** (in 1992-1993 and 1999-2000). This award is the top honor an American K-12 school can receive. The school also received an Ohio Association of Elementary School Administrators (OAESA) **Hall-of-Fame School Award** and a **Harvard Business School Club Excellence in School Management Award**.

Under Bernetich's leadership, Beachwood Middle School became the first (and still only) one-to-one laptop school in Ohio. Dramatically changing its teaching-learning model to reflect the new technology, BMS received the **2004 National School of Distinction Award for Technology Excellence**. Amazingly, Intel presented this award to BMS, even though the school was 100% Mac school.

Bernetich served for eight years as a member of **the U.S. Department of Education National Review Panel** for the Blue Ribbon School Program. He went to Washington three times a year to review applications for recognition, and visited schools across the country as a site visitor. He also was a nationally acclaimed presenter and consultant in states from Florida to Alaska.

He was invited to be a keynote speaker in Beijing, China at the International Forum for Distinguished Principals in 2005. He also spoke at the Global Education Summit in Istanbul, Turkey in 2007.

Bernetich is the Primary Investigator for the **National Science Foundation's Robert Noyce Scholarship Program** that was awarded to CWRU in 2008 for \$749,000. The program is designed to recruit and retain math and science majors into the teaching profession. It also involves creating a "reflective triad" among the student, a master teacher from a partnership high school, and a CWRU faculty member in that discipline. This new format for improving teacher training can hopefully become a national model.