

# BRIEF CASE

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## Capital Conference session presentation proposals wanted

OSBA is seeking session presentations for the 2023 Capital Conference, Nov. 12-14, in Columbus. One of the nation's leading education conventions, the event features more than 150 workshops and informational sessions. Workshop proposals are selected based on innovation; relevance; proven success; strong interest; and practical, how-to information. To see tips on submitting a proposal, including a list of learning session focus areas and potential topics, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/31264>. To nominate sessions, visit <http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org/nominate>. The session nomination deadline is Wednesday, March 1, at 5 p.m.

## 2023 Leo Lucas Scholarship accepting applications

The OSBA Black Caucus is accepting applications for its 2023 Leo Lucas Scholarship, a program that provides graduating ethnically diverse high school seniors funds for college. A \$500 scholarship will be available to one student from each of the five OSBA regions. The program is named for the late Leo Lucas, a Dayton City school board member and educator who founded the caucus. A link to the online application is posted at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/leolucas>. The deadline to apply is March 31. For questions, contact **Mark E. Bobo** at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or [mbobo@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:mbobo@ohioschoolboards.org).

## Report highlights key areas where Ohio children need more funding

A report compiled by Policy Matters Ohio highlights areas where Ohio lags behind the rest of the nation, putting children at risk. Examples include pay for early childhood educators and day care workers, equitable distribution of educational resources and general child poverty. Drawing on successful programs from other states — as well as areas where Ohio is a leader, such as library access — the report recommends policy and budget steps to alleviate some of the most urgent problems facing Ohio students. You can view and download the report here: <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/policymattersohio>.

## Register now for spring region conferences

OSBA's spring region conferences begin next month. They feature dinner, awards, student entertainment and updates on key education issues. The meetings also offer opportunities to network with OSBA state and regional leaders and staffs as well as leaders from other districts. For details, visit [www.ohioschoolboards.org/events](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/events).

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### Route workshop information to:

- Administrators
- Principals
- Communication specialists
- Transportation supervisors

## Submit your nominations for OSBA Business Honor Roll

The association is inviting school districts to submit the names of businesses that support their schools for recognition in OSBA's Business Honor Roll program. The program offers districts a way to thank local businesses, both large and small for their contributions and helps schools maintain and build upon the support they receive from their local business community. For details and a resource kit with recognition ideas, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/39803> or contact **Wanda Bloch** at (614) 540-4000 or [wbloch@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:wbloch@ohioschoolboards.org). The nomination deadline is Friday, March 10.

## Sponsors needed for ODE summer food service program

The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) is seeking schools and other nonprofit agencies to be

sponsors or provide meal sites for the Summer Food Service Program, which provides children meals during the summer when they don't receive meals at school. Sponsors are reimbursed for the costs of providing food to children in eligible areas. The program is funded by the U.S.

Department of Agriculture and administered by ODE. Any organization interested in becoming a sponsor or providing meal sites should complete the potential sponsor survey at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/39822>.

## OSBA online

● [www.ohioschoolboards.org](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org)  
OSBA's podcast — Leading the Way — is more popular than ever in its sixth season. It's a great way to become better informed about education issues and OSBA resources while you drive, clean or mow the lawn. In the latest episode, OSBA Senior Deputy Director of Legal Services **Jennifer A. Hardin** answers all your questions about the recent state Supreme Court opinion regarding executive sessions. Subscribe to the podcast on Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts, Spotify or your favorite podcasting app. Episodes also are posted at [www.ohioschoolboards.org/osba-podcasts](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/osba-podcasts).

## NASA visits Chillicothe Intermediate School

Fifth-grade students at **Chillicothe City's** Chillicothe Intermediate School got the unique opportunity to work with NASA when the space agency chose their school to host a video presentation about learning from past mistakes.

In February 2003, the Space Shuttle Columbia disintegrated on reentry into the atmosphere, killing all seven astronauts on board. For the 20th anniversary, NASA's Next Gen STEM program chose three middle schools for a live virtual event with NASA expert **Michael Ciannilli**.

"One of the best roadmaps to plan for a successful future is to use our past experiences as our guide," Ciannilli said during the presentation.

Source: Chillicothe Gazette



## Briefcase

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# BULLETIN BOARD

compiled by Melanie Price, senior administrative assistant of communication services

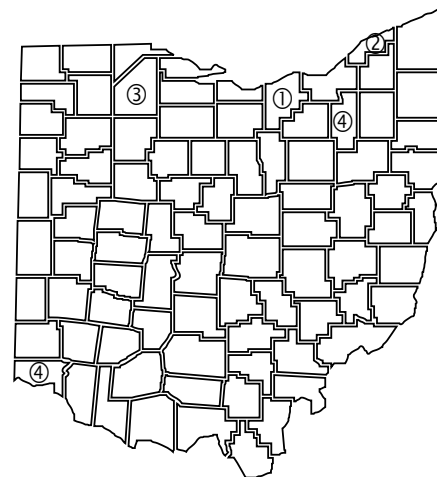
## OSBA executive searches

### Superintendent

District	Deadline	Contact
① Avon Lake City	Feb. 20	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
② Fairport Harbor EV	Feb. 24	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
③ Bowling Green City	March 29	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
④ Princeton City	TBD	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000

### Treasurer

District	Deadline	Contact
④ Stow-Munroe Falls City	Feb. 24	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000



## Other searches

Position	Location	Deadline	Contact
Treasurer	Warren County ESC	Feb. 17	Tom Isaacs, superintendent, Warren County ESC, (513) 695-2900
Director of business	Southeast Local (Portage)	Feb. 17	Kimberly Marsh, administrative assistant, Southeast Local, kmarsh@separates.org
Superintendent	Loudonville-Perrysville EV	March 1	Liz Shaffer, administrative assistant to the superintendent, Tri-County ESC, (330) 345-6771, ext. 233

## National searches

Position	Location	Deadline	Contact
Superintendent	Valdosta City, Georgia	Feb. 19	Mary Bailey, executive assistant for risk management and superintendent search services, Georgia School Boards Association, (707) 995-4371
Superintendent	St. Maries, Idaho	Feb. 20	Katie Drum, communications and program associate, Idaho School Boards Association, (208) 854-1476

### Editor's note

Job postings must be received six weeks before the application deadline to ensure timely publication.  
Thank you for your cooperation.

<b>Position</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Superintendent	Camden, North Carolina	Feb. 24	<b>Sam Thorp</b> , assistant legal counsel for superintendent searches, North Carolina School Boards Association, (919) 747-6706
Superintendent	Clayton, Wisconsin	Feb. 24	<b>Cherie Gullicksrud</b> , search services consultant, Wisconsin Association of School Boards, (715) 530-0121

### **Board changes**

**Ayersville Local (Defiance)** appointed **Joe Ewers** to the board effective immediately. He replaced **Shelby Martinez**, who resigned in December. ●●● **Bryan City** appointed **Caleb Turnbull** to the board effective Jan. 9. He replaced **Michael G. Stockman**, who resigned. ●●● **Carrollton EV** appointed **Jonathan Naylor** to the board effective immediately. He replaced **Michael A. Pozderac**, who resigned in January. ●●● **Conneaut Area City** appointed **Eric Nesbitt** to the board effective immediately. He replaced **Suzanne Bernardini**, who resigned. ●●● **Fairport Harbor EV** Board of Education member **Thomas Fazekas** announced his resignation effective Jan. 23. ●●● **Granville EV** Board of Education member **Rana Odeh** announced her resignation effective Jan. 31. She is moving outside the district. ●●● **Parma City** Board of Education member **Amanda M. Karpus** announced her resignation effective immediately. ●●● **Warren City** appointed **Patrick Flanagan Sr.** to the board effective immediately. He replaced **Jenna Daugherty**, who resigned due to moving outside the district. ●●● **Wellsville Local (Columbiana)** Board of Education member **John Morrow** announced his resignation effective immediately due to moving outside the district.

### **Administrative changes**

#### **Superintendents**

**Bethel Local (Miami)** hired Interim Superintendent **Matthew William Chrispin** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. ●●● **Bowling Green City** Superintendent **Francis R. Scruci** announced his resignation effective July 31. ●●● **Carrollton EV** hired high school principal **David Davis** as interim superintendent. He replaced Dr. **David Quattrochi**, who resigned. ●●● **Dayton City** Superintendent Dr. **Elizabeth Lolli** announced her retirement effective July 31. ●●● **Lakota Local (Butler)** hired Assistant Superintendent **Robb Vogelmann** as interim superintendent effective immediately. He replaced **Matthew J. Miller**, who resigned in January. ●●● **Middletown City** Superintendent **Marlon Styles Jr.** announced his resignation effective Feb. 28. ●●● **Olentangy Local (Delaware)** Superintendent **Mark T. Raiff** announced his retirement effective July 31.

#### **Treasurers**

**Kenston Local (Geauga)** hired **Ryan Pendleton** as interim treasurer effective immediately. He replaced **Paul J. Pestello**, who resigned effective Jan. 31. ●●● **Tiffin City** Treasurer **Sharon Perry** announced her retirement effective Aug. 31. ●●● **Wayne Local (Warren)** hired **Carolyn Huber** as treasurer effective April 3. She will replace **Ron James**, who is resigning effective July 31. Huber currently is treasurer at **Xenia Community City**. **Xenia Community City** hired **Sam Braun** as interim treasurer effective March 31.

### **Sympathies**

Former **Edison Local (Erie)** Superintendent **Don Gfell** died Jan. 22. He was 81. ●●● Former **Four County JVSD** Treasurer **Blake Justeen Shilling** died Jan. 10. She was 104. ●●● Former **Kettering City** Board of Education member **George Bayless Jr.** died Jan. 17. He was 85. ●●● Former **South Central Local (Huron)** Board of Education member **Sharon D. Dewitt** died Jan. 14. She was 80.



## Searching for a new superintendent or treasurer?

Ohio School Boards Association has provided fully customized executive searches for more than 40 years.

- Professional search consultants with school board experience
- Customized to your district's needs
- Affordable and competitive pricing
- OSBA guarantee

*Our guarantee is simple. In the unlikely circumstance you are unable to successfully appoint a candidate, OSBA will reopen the search and work with you until the right choice is made.*

Board members have many obligations, but one of the most critical is choosing the district's next educational and financial leaders. OSBA understands the importance of allowing the board to own its search process. Our search consultants expertly guide the board as it makes key decisions. We handle details and communications, so your board can focus on selecting a candidate and ensuring a smooth transition to new leadership.

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OSBA provided much more to our district and board than simply advertised. They brought a wealth of experience and expertise that aided the board every step of the way, from gathering and organizing information for the initial posting to involving staff and community members with the process and, ultimately, allowing us to select the right person for the job.

**Blake Regan**

Alexander Local (Athens) board member

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OSBA 2023  
**COFFEE  
- CHAT -**

**PURCHASING 101:  
WHAT BOARD MEMBERS  
AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS  
SHOULD KNOW**

**FEB. 21 | 8:30 a.m.-9 a.m.**

**Presented by: BuyBoard**

Learn how to maximize your budget and your internal team's efforts to provide the products and services your district needs. Discover how your district can minimize the internal costs associated with procurement.

**For more information and to register: [www.ohioschoolboards.org/events](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/events)**



**Master of Transportation  
Administration Program**

OSBA offers this training curriculum to support administrators who are responsible for student transportation. This program meets and exceeds the requirement in the administrative code for annual transportation in-service training.

**Feb. 22 | 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. | Cost: \$105 | Virtual or in-person**

**MTA 2023-5 Emergency transportation planning**

Overwhelmed in creating an emergency plan? This class will help identify what should be included in an emergency plan, how to develop the action plans and how to write a plan that anyone can follow. Your plan will include not only the major events that we hope will never happen but also routine incidents that occur, such as breakdowns, sick children and minor accidents.

This half-day workshop includes a working lunch and time for questions. Workshop will be offered virtually and in-person at the OSBA office, 8050 N. High St., Columbus, 43235. Contact **Doug Palmer**, OSBA senior transportation consultant, for more information.



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View class details and register:  
[www.ohioschoolboards.org/master-transportation-administration](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/master-transportation-administration)

# SchoolComp Seminars

## Get Answers



### Dates and Locations

<b>Feb. 27</b>	Southwest Region	Miamisburg
<b>Feb. 28</b>	Northwest Region	Findlay
<b>March 1</b>	Northeast Region	Rootstown
<b>March 3</b>	Central Region	Westerville
<b>March 6</b>	Southeast Region	Athens

### Cost

Free

### Time

9 a.m.-noon

Meet your two-hour requirement for safety training. Hear the latest on OSBA & OASBO's Ohio SchoolComp program, workers' compensation and unemployment claims updates & more. The workshop is open to all school districts. All seminars are in-person with the Central region being offered as a hybrid with Zoom links and recording.

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# OSBA FORUM

*Join us as we discuss the current issues in public education.*

### Date

Feb. 28

### Time

11:30 a.m. to  
12:30 p.m.

### Cost

Free

Save the date for this upcoming virtual event. OSBA Forums will tackle the critical issues facing public education today. We will discuss and provide insights and strategies to assist you in today's challenging environment.



Register at: [www.ohioschoolboards.org/events](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/events)

# THE OSBA BLACK CAUCUS Leo Lucas Scholarship

OSBA is accepting applications for the 2023 OSBA Black Caucus Leo Lucas Scholarship, a program that provides graduating ethnically and culturally diverse high school seniors funds for college.

**Application deadline is March 31.**



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Access the application at:  
[www.ohioschoolboards.org/osba-black-caucus](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/osba-black-caucus)  
For more information, contact Mark E. Bobo at  
(614) 540-4000 or [mbobo@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:mbobo@ohioschoolboards.org).

## OSBA CAPITAL CONFERENCE

### SHARE YOUR SUCCESS!

Do you have a timely topic that will engage, inspire and enlighten Ohio's education leaders?

Share your knowledge and expertise with school board members, administrators and education leaders at the 2023 Ohio School Boards Association Capital Conference and Trade Show.

**The deadline is March 1.**

**NOV. 12-14, 2023**

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CONVENTION CENTER

SUBMIT YOUR PROPOSAL: [CONFERENCE.OHIOSCHOOLBOARDS.ORG/NOMINATE](http://CONFERENCE.OHIOSCHOOLBOARDS.ORG/NOMINATE)



# Central Region

# Spring Conference



**Wednesday, March 8**

**5 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.**

**Location:** Villa Milano | Columbus

**Cost:** \$45

**Agenda:**

- 5 p.m.      Networking**
- 5:50 p.m.    Welcome and introductions**  
Dr. **Tina D. Pierce**,  
Central Region president;  
board member, **Columbus City**
- 6 p.m.      Legislative update**  
**Jennifer Hogue**,  
OSBA director of legislative services
- 6:15 p.m.    Dinner**  
Student entertainment  
Columbus City Schools
- 7 p.m.      Program**  
OSBA update  
**Christine Varwig**,  
OSBA president; board member, **Toledo City**  
OSBA comments  
Dr. **Kathy McFarland**,  
OSBA deputy chief executive  
Keynote speaker  
Recognitions
- 8:30 p.m.    Adjourn**



**Register by March 3 at:**  
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# Southwest Region

# Spring Conference

**Thursday, March 9**

**5 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.**

**Location:** Warren County Career Center | Lebanon

**Cost:** \$40

**Agenda:**

- 5 p.m. Registration and networking**
- 5:30 p.m. Opening Remarks and Pledge of Allegiance**  
**Mary Cleveland,**  
Southwest Region president; board member,  
**Princeton City** and **Great Oaks Career Campuses**
- 5:40 p.m. Student entertainment**  
**Finneytown Local (Hamilton)** Recorder Group  
Princeton City High School Jazz Band
- 6 p.m. Dinner**
- 6:30 p.m. Program**  
Introduction of guests and sponsors  
Greetings and updates from OSBA  
**Christine Varwig,**  
OSBA president; board member, **Toledo City**  
**Dr. Kathy McFarland,**  
OSBA deputy chief executive  
**Mark E. Bobo,**  
OSBA senior membership engagement consultant  
**Nicole Piscitani,**  
OSBA lobbyist  
Awards and recognition
- 8:30 p.m. Adjourn**



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# Southeast Region

## Spring Conference

**Tuesday, March 14**

**5 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.**

**Location:** Buckeye Hills Career Center | Rio Grande

**Cost:** \$40

**Agenda:**

**5:30 p.m. Registration and networking**

**6:15 p.m. Presiding**

**Mary Pat Hanson,**  
Southeast Region president;  
board member, **Morgan Local (Morgan)**

Dinner

Entertainment

Update and greetings from OSBA

**Christine Varwig,**  
OSBA president; board member, **Toledo City**

**Dr. Kathy McFarland,**  
OSBA deputy chief executive

**Mark E. Bobo,**  
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Recognition of:

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Student Achievement Fair participants

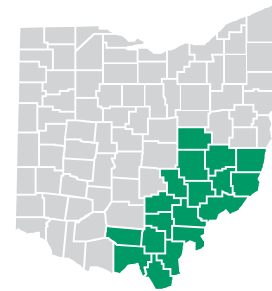
Veteran board members

Region past president

Program

**Jennifer Hogue,**  
OSBA director of legislative services

**8:30 p.m. Adjourn**



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# Southeast Region

## Spring Conference

**Tuesday, March 21**

**5 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.**

**Location:** John Glenn High School | New Concord

**Cost:** \$40

**Agenda:**

**5:30 p.m. Registration and social hour**

**6:15 p.m. Presiding**

**Mary Pat Hanson,**  
Southeast Region president;  
board member, **Morgan Local (Morgan)**

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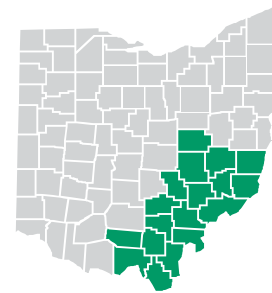
Veteran board members

Region past president

Program

**Jennifer Hogue,**  
OSBA director of legislative services

**8:30 p.m. Adjourn**



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# Northwest Region

## Spring Conference

Thursday, March 23

5 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.

Location: Ottoville Local Schools | Cost: \$40

Agenda:

5 p.m. **Networking**

5:30 p.m. **Welcome and introductions**

**Kevin Landin**, Northwest Region president;  
board member, **Ottoville Local (Putnam)**

Pledge of Allegiance and remarks:

**Jarrod Wehri**, superintendent, Ottoville Local

6 p.m. **Dinner**

Student entertainment:  
Ottoville Local Schools Music Department

6:50 p.m. **Program**

OSBA remarks: **Christine Varwig**,  
OSBA president; board member, **Toledo City**

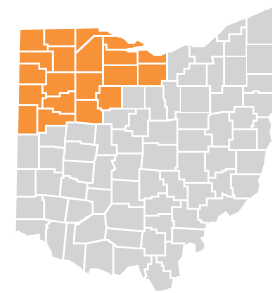
OSBA update: Dr. **Kathy McFarland**,  
OSBA deputy chief executive

**Mark E. Bobo**, OSBA senior membership  
engagement consultant

OSBA legislative update: **Jennifer Hogue**,  
OSBA director of legislative services

Awards and presentations:  
OSBA STAR Awards, Master Board Members,  
Veteran board members, Northwest Region  
Excellence in Community Service Awards,  
Neil Pohlman Award of Excellence in Education,  
Bonnie Eddy Educational Supply and Book  
Grant awards

8:30 p.m. **Adjourn**



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# Northeast Region

## Spring Conference

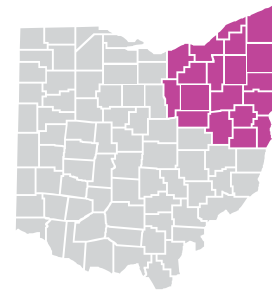
**Monday, March 27**

**5 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.**

**Location:** Dilucia's Banquet Facility | **Cost:** \$40

**Agenda:**

- 5 p.m. Networking**
- 5:45 p.m. Welcome**  
**Doug G. Stuart**, Northeast Region president;  
board member, **Rittman EV** and **Wayne County Schools Career Center**
- 5:50 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance**  
**Bruce Alexander**, Northeast Region president-elect; board member, **Akron City**
- 5:55 p.m. Invocation**  
**Albert Haberstroh**, **Trumbull County ESC** and **Trumbull Career and Technical Center**
- 6 p.m. Dinner**
- 6:45 p.m. Program**  
Introductions  
**Doug G. Stuart**  
Greetings and OSBA updates  
**Christine Varwig**,  
OSBA president; board member, **Toledo City**  
**Dr. Kathy McFarland**,  
OSBA deputy chief executive  
Membership update  
**Mark E. Bobo**,  
OSBA senior membership engagement consultant  
Legal hot topic update  
**Kevin J. Locke**, Pepple & Waggoner Ltd.  
Presentation of awards
- 8:30 p.m. Adjourn**



**Register by March 20 at:**

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# Northeast Region

## Spring Conference

**Tuesday, March 28**

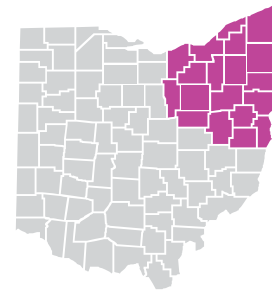
**5 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

**Location:** Wayne County Schools Career Center | Smithville

**Cost:** \$40

**Agenda:**

- 5 p.m. Networking and student showcase**
- 5:45 p.m. Welcome**  
**Doug G. Stuart**, Northeast Region president; board member, **Rittman EV** and **Wayne County Schools Career Center**
- 5:50 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance**  
**Bruce Alexander**, Northeast Region president-elect; board member, **Akron City**
- 5:55 p.m. National Anthem**
- 6 p.m. Dinner**  
Culinary Arts Program, Chef **Peter Kerling**
- 6:45 p.m. Program**  
Introductions  
**Doug G. Stuart**  
Greetings and OSBA updates  
**Christine Varwig**, OSBA president; board member, **Toledo City**  
Dr. **Kathy McFarland**, OSBA deputy chief executive  
OSBA Legislative Update  
**Nicole Piscitani**, OSBA lobbyist  
Membership update  
**Mark E. Bobo**, OSBA senior membership engagement consultant  
Legal hot topic update  
**Kevin J. Locke**, Pepple & Waggoner Ltd.  
Presentation of awards
- 8:30 p.m. Adjourn**



**Register by March 21 at:**

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Cancellations received at least three workdays before the day of the event may request a full refund. All others will be charged the full event fee.

**Authority for reimbursement**

Ohio Revised Code Section 3315.15 authorizes the establishment of a service fund for board members. This fund can be used for expenses incurred at a meeting such as this.

For questions about registration, contact **Melanie Price**, OSBA senior administrative assistant of communication services, at [mprice@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:mprice@ohioschoolboards.org) or (800) 589-OSBA.



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# WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

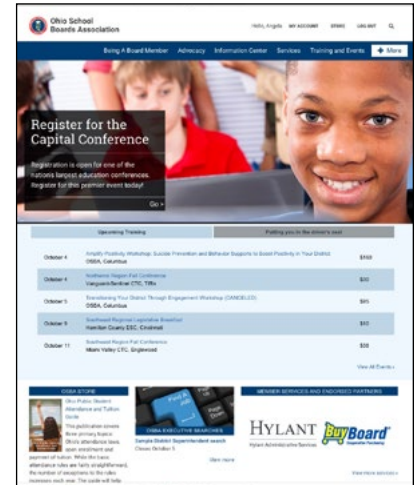
Register at [www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops)

OSBA members can access member-only information, including workshop registration, by logging in to the OSBA website.

## How to log in

Click on “Log in to your account” on the top right of the website. Log in using your email address on file and your password. Click “Reset your password” if needed.

If it says “We could not find your email address,” or if this is your first time logging in to the site, click “Create new account.” At the username prompt, enter your email address, select your affiliation and school district, and click “Submit.” Create a password and add your job title on the next screen. An email with a link to activate your account will be sent to you. Click on the link to activate your account, and you will be directed to a home screen.



# Cyberlaw Workshop

**Date**  
Friday, March 10

**Cost**      **Time**  
\$110      10 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Although advances in technology may provide additional educational opportunities or solutions for districts, they can also frustrate personnel, who are left wondering how to deal with the unique legal issues that the newest software, devices and technological trends may bring. The use and abuse of technology are hot legal topics and affect school districts in many different ways.

The 2023 Cyberlaw Workshop will provide an overview of these hot topics, along with practical guidance that districts can use to address these issues.



For more information and to register: [www.ohioschoolboards.org/events](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/events)





# FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

## New safety innovation grants available to Ohio schools

Ohio Attorney General **Dave Yost** announced that \$11.77 million in safety grants is available to Ohio schools through his office for the 2023-24 school year.

New this year, a limited number of “Innovation Grants” of up to \$20,000 will be awarded for technology that links schools with law enforcement agencies for improved safety, crime prevention and response.

“Every second counts when law enforcement is responding to a crisis in our schools — and every dollar we can provide can help buy time to save lives,” Yost said.

The new innovation grants can be used for one building or multiple buildings within a district. The office expects the money to be used for crisis-response technology designed to alert law enforcement of potential safety breaches on school property. Examples could include but are not limited to:

- systems allowing immediate camera access to responding law enforcement;
- silent panic alarms;
- shot-detection technology;
- license plate reader alerts for registered sex offender vehicles;
- protection-order alert systems;
- wanted/dangerous-person alert systems.

In addition to the innovation grants, Ohio schools are eligible for safety grants of \$2,500 or \$5.50 per student, whichever amount is greater. The funding is intended to give school leaders flexibility in determining how best to improve student safety. Among other things, the funding can be used for:

- certification training for a school resource officer;
- any active-shooter or school-safety training or equipment;
- educational resources for all grade levels;
- training to identify and assist students with mental health issues;
- school supplies or equipment related to school safety or for implementing a school-safety plan;
- any other training related to school safety.

Public schools, charter schools, chartered nonpublic schools, educational service centers, STEM

schools and schools operated by county boards of developmental disabilities can apply for the grant funding, which comes from House Bill 110.

Grant applications may be submitted via the Ohio Grants Portal at <https://grants.ohio.gov/fundingopportunities.aspx>. Please select “funding opportunities,” then select “Ohio Attorney General’s FY23 School Safety Grant,” or “Ohio Attorney General’s School/Law Enforcement Technology Linking Safety Grant.” There is a separate application for each type of grant opportunity.

Applications are due by 11:59 p.m. on March 31. Please direct all questions or concerns to [SchoolSafetyGrants@OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov](mailto:SchoolSafetyGrants@OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov) for the FY23 School Safety Grant, and [OfficerSchoolSafetyGrants@OhioAGO.gov](mailto:OfficerSchoolSafetyGrants@OhioAGO.gov) for the technology innovation grant.

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## LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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by Jennifer Hogue, director of legislative services

### Governor DeWine unveils budget proposal

On January 31, Gov. **Mike DeWine** outlined his biennial budget proposal during his State of the State address before the Ohio General Assembly. “It is a budget that focuses on our people, on our families, and on our children, for they are Ohio’s greatest asset,” he said. “It reflects our obligation to make sure every Ohioan has the tools to succeed, to get a good job, to live their dreams, whatever they may be.” Governor DeWine went on to discuss the individual initiatives within his budget proposal, many of which are focused on the education of Ohio’s children.

He began with the importance of literacy: the budget proposal includes \$174.1 million to focus on improving literacy proficiency through educator professional development. The proposal also includes funding for up to 100 new literacy coaches to be placed in schools and districts with low rates of reading proficiency.

Tutoring was another area addressed in State of the State. The governor’s proposal includes \$15 million in additional funding to build upon the high dosage tutoring program in colleges, universities and educational

service centers across Ohio. This program was initiated in the last General Assembly and is aimed at helping students recover from learning lags due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Gov. DeWine also talked about the important role career technical education plays in ensuring students are prepared for success, noting his recent visits to career technical education centers across the state. “We would ask about the number of students enrolled, and so often, the teachers would tell us that more kids want to take the courses, but there are waitlists because there simply aren’t enough open spots. In other cases, they told us they don’t have the most modern, up-to-date equipment needed to teach certain courses. We are going to change this!”

The budget proposal includes \$300 million of one-time funding for equipment and capital improvements for career technical education. The proposal also includes funding to launch new in-demand career-tech programs and industry-recognized credentials, incentives for students earning credentials to engage in work-based learning experiences and funding for career awareness

and exploration supports.

Another area of focus was increasing accessibility for College Credit Plus (CCP). The budget proposal includes \$15 million aimed at increasing access to the program. These dollars would be used to provide additional training and education for high school teachers thereby allowing them to instruct CCP courses on high school campuses.

Gov. DeWine also proposed creating a new state agency, the Department of Children and Youth. “The issues impacting the lives of our children are simply too important to leave scattered throughout multiple agencies, without a member of the Governor’s Cabinet driving them each and every day.... We are very excited about the prospect of this new department and what it will mean for Ohio children and their families.”

Programs from six state agencies are proposed to become the responsibility of the new agency. Those programs include: the physical health of mothers, infants, and children; children’s behavioral health and the early identification of and intervention in mental health needs; kids in foster care; and early childhood

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## PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Scott Gerfen, assistant editor

### Central Ohio special education students perform magic act

Special education students at **Gahanna-Jefferson City's** Gahanna Lincoln High School took center stage at what's billed as America's oldest annual magic convention.

"Our students are performing these magic tricks, and they are having fun, and they are working on skills they don't even know they are working on," Intervention Specialist **Jill Evans** told a local newspaper. "It's amazing."

There are 26 students in the Extended Support Services (ESS)

program, which serves students with multiple disabilities. This is the fifth year students from Gahanna Lincoln's special education program have performed in MagiFest.

Teaching magic tricks helps students in the special education program improve their hand-eye coordination, confidence, speech and language skills, math and reading skills, public speaking, research and writing skills, technology skills and teamwork,

Evans said.

"You can have a student who is so quiet in the classroom and on stage, they just light up," she added. "They are so confident."

Students performed a trick involving the Gahanna Barkery, which also operates out of ESS. The idea for the dog treat bakery started during the 2020-21 school year to help students practice vocational work skills during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Source: The Columbus Dispatch

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education.

School safety has been a focus area during the governor's first term. Gov. DeWine spoke about his continued commitment to school safety and his hopes to continue and expand the work of the Ohio School Safety Center. The budget plan also includes funding for all schools in Ohio who want to employ school resource officers.

Rounding out the education initiatives discussed were the Governor's plans for education funding in the state. Gov. DeWine proposed the continued

implementation of the Fair School Funding Plan, including funding for the third and fourth years of the phase-in. His budget proposal also includes the expansion of the EdChoice voucher program, raising the income eligibility to 400% of the federal poverty level. DeWine's proposal also calls for an additional \$3,000 for each economically disadvantaged student attending a charter school as well as an increase to the charter school per-pupil facilities funding from \$500 to \$1000 per student.

While the governor laid out his

priorities during his address, few details are available at this time. More information will be revealed in the coming days when the budget legislation is introduced in the Ohio House. Hearings will begin soon after the bill's introduction. OSBA's division of legislative services will be providing additional updates and resources as they become available. Please reach out to **Jennifer Hogue** at [jhogue@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:jhogue@ohioschoolboards.org) or **Nicole Piscitani** at [npiscitani@ohioscholobards.org](mailto:npiscitani@ohioscholobards.org) if you have any questions.

**February 2023**

- 21 Coffee Chat: Purchasing 101 — What Board Members and School Districts Should Know ..... Virtual
- 22 OSBA Master of Transportation Administration: Emergency transportation planning ..... Columbus and virtual
- 27 SchoolComp Seminar Southwest Region ..... Miamisburg
- 28 SchoolComp Seminar Northwest Region ..... Findlay
- 28 OSBA Forum ..... Virtual

**March 2023**

- 1 *Last day to take action and deliver written notice of nonrenewal of superintendent's contract — RC 3319.01; last day to take action on and deliver written notice of nonrenewal of treasurer's contract — RC 3313.22; last day to publish joint statement describing how district's business advisory council has fulfilled its responsibilities — RC 3313.821.*
- 1 SchoolComp Seminar Northeast Region ..... Rootstown
- 3 SchoolComp Seminar Central Region ..... Westerville
- 6 SchoolComp Seminar Southeast Region ..... Athens

- 7 Understanding the Challenges and Opportunities of Transportation Routing ..... Virtual
- 8 Central Region Spring Conference ..... Columbus
- 9 Southwest Region Spring Conference ..... Lebanon
- 10 Cyberlaw Workshop ..... Virtual
- 14 Coffee Chat: What is Ohio SchoolComp? ..... Virtual
- 14 Southeast Region Spring Conference ..... Rio Grande
- 21 Southeast Region Spring Conference ..... New Concord
- 21 State Legislative Conference ..... Columbus
- 23 Northwest Region Spring Conference ..... Ottoville
- 24 OCSBA Special Education Law Workshop ..... Columbus
- 27 Northeast Region Spring Conference ..... Warren
- 28 Northeast Region Spring Conference ..... Smithville
- 29 OSBA Master of Transportation Administration: Fleet compliance ..... Columbus and virtual
- 31 *End of second ADM reporting period — RC 3317.03(A).*

**April 2023**

- 3 *Last day for voter registration for May election — RC 3503.01, 3503.19(A) (30 days prior to election).*

**May 2023**

- 1 *Last day to submit certification for income tax levy to Ohio Department of Taxation for August election — RC 5748.02(A) (100 days prior to the election).*
- 2 *Special Election Day; Primary Election Day — RC 3501.01 (first Tuesday after first Monday).*
- 5 *Last day to submit emergency or current operating expenses levy to county auditor for August election — RC 5705.194, 5705.195, 5705.213 (95 days prior to the election).*
- 10 *Last day for school district to file resolution of necessity, resolution to proceed and auditor's certification for bond levy with board of elections for August election — RC 133.18(D); last day for county auditor to certify school district bond levy terms for August election — RC 133.18(C); last day to submit continuing replacement, permanent improvement or operating levy for August election to board of elections — RC 5705.192, 5705.21, 5705.25*