

BRIEF CASE

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Governor signs fiscal year 2023-24 budget bill

Gov. Mike DeWine signed the biennial budget bill July 4. The final bill retained the EdChoice voucher expansion item without any additional accountability measures for nonpublic schools. It also included measures to transfer policymaking powers previously held by the State Board of Education to an unelected cabinet-level agency. There are, however, some wins for public education among these setbacks, including the continued implementation of the Fair School Funding Plan, the use of fiscal year 2022 data for base cost inputs, the inclusion of funding for a comprehensive study on the needs of economically disadvantaged students and changes to the mandatory retention under the Third Grade Reading Guarantee. Learn more in the Legislative Report, starting on page 9.

Nominate programs for this year's Student Achievement Fair

Do you have student programs or artwork from your district that deserves to be shown off at OSBA's Capital Conference? The 2023 Student Achievement Fair still has room for submissions. Although the performing group nominations are now closed, districts are invited to submit other programs for exhibit — from STEM initiatives to culinary arts courses and everything in between. Each district may submit multiple programs, but only two per district will be featured, so make sure to prioritize those you'd most like to see in the fair. One hundred booths in total will be selected. Learn more at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/achievementfair>.

Filing deadline for school board candidates approaching

Those seeking a school board seat are reminded that the deadline to file nominating petitions with their county's board of elections is 4 p.m. Aug. 9. Petition forms are available from your county board of elections or the Ohio secretary of state's office. A candidate in a city district with a population under 20,000 must have 25 valid signatures; a population of 20,000 to 49,999, 75 valid signatures; a population of 50,000 to 99,999, 150 valid signatures; a population of 100,000 or more, 300 valid signatures, according to Ohio Revised Code (RC) 3513.254. Educational service center governing board candidates must have 50 valid signatures (RC 3513.255). OSBA will host several board candidate workshops for those running for a seat. Visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/23842> for details.

Back to school sales tax holiday planned

Ohio's three-day sales tax holiday — created to help parents and teachers save money on back-to-school purchases — will take place Aug. 4-6. Sales tax will be suspended on clothing, school supplies and instructional materials within certain

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Route workshop information to:

- Administrators
- Principals
- Communication specialists
- Transportation supervisors

price ranges. The tax suspension also will apply to online purchases. For more information, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/78583>.

Federal department of education launches campaign to combat antisemitism

The U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights issued a letter to education leaders earlier this month reminding them of their obligations to provide a discrimination-free environment and announcing new resources designed to help schools address antisemitism and ensure that Jewish students have access to a safe and inclusive education. These include advisory visits to schools that are addressing antisemitic harassment, technical assistance opportunities for accommodating diverse religious identities and more. Learn more at

Federal Hocking Local students set sail at STEM camp

Grade school students at **Federal Hocking Local (Athens)** are getting a hands-on STEM experience this summer using 3D printers to build flat-bottomed boats that actually float.

Camp facilitator and Hocking STEM Curriculum Specialist **Teo Marti** told a local radio station that the experience requires math, science and art skills. “The learning curve is steep, and failure is OK,” Marti said. “Now you get the opportunity to do it differently and try a different way.”

Students start with a basic drawing of their design. Next, they construct a prototype out of building blocks. Then they rebuild their models using a 3D builder online, finally sending them to the 3D printers.

Source: woub.org

<http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/whitehouse/counter-antisemitism>.

Obligate IDEA part B funds by Sept. 30

If your district treasurer has identified remaining Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part B funds received in

fiscal year 2022, they must be obligated by Sept. 30 to remain legally available. These funds, granted under the American Rescue Plan IDEA Application, are to be used for programs supporting children ages 3 to 5 years old — including kindergartners — with disabilities. The Ohio Department of Education has provided several examples of allowable uses for this type of funding at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/idea-carryover>.

OSBA online

● www.ohioschoolboards.org

Board members and candidates can access free webinars and other key resources, including information on filing deadlines, campaign financing and more, on OSBA's Get on Board campaign website, www.getonboardohio.org. The site includes fact sheets, frequently asked questions and a flier to help candidates during their campaign.



Briefcase

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BULLETIN BOARD

compiled by Melanie Price, senior administrative assistant of communication services

Other searches

| Position | Location | Deadline | Contact |
|-------------------------------|--------------|----------|---|
| Middle school principal (6-8) | Ironton City | Aug. 1 | Joseph Geletka, superintendent, Ironton City, (740) 532-4133 |

Board changes

Cardinal Local (Geauga) appointed **Keith Strever** to the board effective June 14. He replaced **Wendy Anderson**, who resigned in May. ••• Dover City appointed **Anne Bruno** to the board effective June 30. She replaced **Robert Everett**, who resigned. ••• Leetonia EV appointed **Marilyn Heddleson** to the board effective June 28. She replaced **Richard Hendricks**, who resigned. ••• Loveland City Board of Education member **Kevin Dougherty** announced his resignation effective June 30. ••• Painesville City Local (Lake) appointed **Drez Jennings** and **Frances Webb** to the board effective June 30. They replaced **Katie Briggs** and **Kelly Falkner Williams**. Both resigned in June.

Administrative changes

Superintendents

Akron City hired Dr. **C. Michael Robinson Jr.** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace **Mary Outley**. Robinson is currently chief academic officer for **East Baton Rouge Parish** school system in Louisiana. ••• Lakota Local (Butler) hired Dr. **Elizabeth Lolli** as interim superintendent effective July 19. She replaced Interim Superintendent **Robb Vogelmann**. Vogelmann will continue to serve in his original role as the assistant superintendent. Lolli was previously superintendent at **Dayton City**. ••• Licking Heights Local (Licking) hired **Thomas Holdren** as assistant superintendent effective Aug. 1. Holdren was previously principal at **Marysville EV**. ••• Youngstown City hired Interim Superintendent **Jeremy Batchelor** as superintendent effective Aug. 1.

Treasurer

Ross Local (Butler) hired Director of Pupil Personnel and Fiscal Services **Steve Castator** as treasurer effective Aug. 1. He will replace Interim Treasurer **Jenni Logan**.

Sympathies

Former Ada EV Board of Education member **J. Robert "Bob" Daft** died June 28. He was 92. ••• Ayersville Local (Defiance) Board of Education member **H. Matthew Hanenkrath** died June 27. He was 40. ••• Former Finneytown Local (Hamilton) Board of Education member **Albert Earl Brown** died Feb. 1. He was 78. ••• Former Logan-Hocking Local (Hocking) and Tri-County Career Center Board of Education member **Catherine L. Krumlauf** died July 1. She was 71. ••• Former Ridgewood Local (Coshocton) Board of Education member Dr. **Sally Abbott Pomputius** died June 29. She was 82. ••• Former Sandy Valley Local (Stark) Superintendent **William "Gus" Dieringer** died May 13. He was 82. ••• Former United Local (Columbiana) Board of Education member **Charles M. Ellyson** died July 4. He was 86.



COMMUNICATIONS

by Angela Penquite, deputy director of communication services

Recognizing school boards' teamwork, commitment

Although it is a collection of its members' experiences and views, a board of education functions as one as those diverse members collaborate to ensure the success of the students they serve.

OSBA created the Ohio Boards of Distinction Award in 2020 to honor those boards of education that work collectively for the betterment of their schools, students and communities.

The award recognizes a school board that modeled ethical and appropriate leadership behaviors leading to excellence in school governance in support of quality education. To receive this award, each member of the board must participate in training and service activities. Additionally, the full board must demonstrate collaborative teamwork in areas such as strategic planning, board self-assessment or policy

governance that contribute to district progress.

"This award recognizes high-functioning board teams that commit to learning together as well as the activities and training that improve their leadership within the district," said **Cheryl W. Ryan**, OSBA director of board and management services. "We especially want to honor those boards where each member has shown a commitment to collaborative governance."

A board of education must earn 600 points in a two-year cycle to earn the Ohio Boards of Distinction Award, with each board member contributing a minimum of 100 points. The two-year cycle begins in January following board of education elections as school boards form new leadership teams. The award will be presented at the end of the two-year cycle, and districts may

only receive the award once during that cycle. The current cycle began in January 2022 and culminates at the 2023 OSBA Capital Conference.

Points are earned through mandatory and optional activities. Mandatory activities include conducting an annual board self-assessment; creating and maintaining an orientation process for new board members; reviewing and updating the district's policy manual; and attending an OSBA regional event. Optional activities range from implementing a community engagement survey to participating in a customized workshop to attending various OSBA conferences and training.

Boards are encouraged to submit applications by Oct. 10. You can download an application and learn more about this honor at www.ohioschoolboards.org/ohio-board-distinction.

 Ohio School Boards Association

PLANNING FOR SUCCESS

What will your district look like two, five or eight years down the road?

As leaders in your district, it's important to look toward the future and anticipate opportunities and roadblocks in preparing students for school and lifetime success.

Let OSBA be your partner in developing an effective, aligned strategic plan to map your district's future. Call OSBA's Division of Board and Management Services at (800) 589-OSBA to get started today.

Budget Analysis and Discussion Seminar



Why attend

Attend the Budget Analysis and Discussion Seminar for the most in-depth analysis on the 2024-25 state budget. This comprehensive seminar will provide insights on the budget process and final version of the legislation.

Key takeaways

- Learn about the school-funding changes in the biennial budget bill and what's to come.
- Hear about provisions in the budget bill that will impact schools and how they will be implemented.
- Get all of your budget questions answered.

Date and time

Tuesday, Aug. 1
8:55 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Location

Virtual or in person at:
Hilton Columbus/Polaris
8700 Lyra Drive | Columbus, 43240

Cost

\$205

Register

www.ohioschoolboards.org/events



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Ohio's Superintendent Association



Reasonable Suspicion Training



Why attend

Reasonable suspicion drug and alcohol training is the responsibility of all employers who manage drivers with commercial driver's licenses (CDLs) to ensure their staff is trained. OSBA's training is tailored specifically to school district needs. Completion of this course meets the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration U.S. Department of Transportation (FMCSA) requirements. Attendees will receive a certificate of completion. Best practice is that each district have at least two individuals on staff trained.

Date and time

Wednesday, Aug. 2
10 a.m.-noon

Location

Virtual

Cost

\$70

Register

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Attendance, Tuition and Custody Law Workshop

Why attend

This annual workshop will help you prepare to address enrollment and attendance challenges in the upcoming school year.

Key takeaways

- Learn how to address tricky enrollment questions.
- Cover some of the most common EMIS coding mistakes and how to avoid these pitfalls.
- Get answers to your questions on truancy, attendance tracking and more.

Date and time

Friday, Aug. 4
9 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Location

Virtual or in person at:
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Cost

\$205

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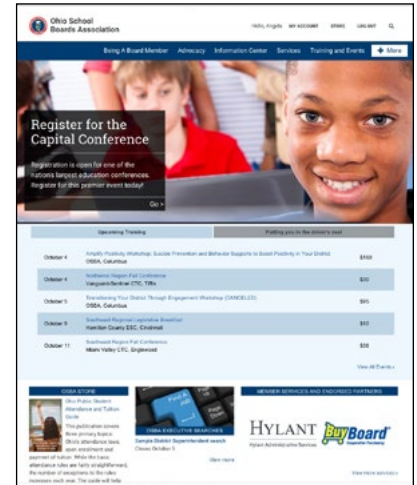
Register at www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops

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.



OSBA CAPITAL CONFERENCE

HOUSING WEBINAR

Join the OSBA team as we discuss the 2023 Capital Conference housing system and walk through the entire process from start to finish. We will have time at the end for all of your questions. Attending the Housing Webinar will give you the best chance of getting your first choice in a hotel for the 2023 Capital Conference.

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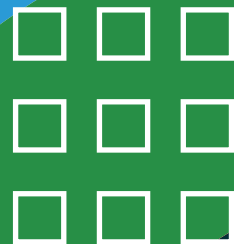
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AUG. 18, 2023

10 a.m.-11 a.m.



HOTEL





LEGISLATIVE REPORT

by Nicole Piscitani, lobbyist

General Assembly completes HB 33 the two-year budget bill

The Ohio legislature sent House Bill (HB) 33 to Gov. **Mike DeWine** on June 30 for his review and approval. DeWine signed the final budget on July 3, after the legislature included an amendment to pass a three-day interim budget so he had time to review it. The final budget contained numerous education-related items including the Fair School Funding plan, voucher expansion and the Ohio Department of Education reform provisions. It also includes additional education-related policy changes that impact transportation, literacy and teacher licensure, among other provisions.

Fair School Funding budget items

HB 33 continues year three and four of the six-year Fair School Funding Plan phase-in for traditional school districts and joint vocational school districts (JVSDs). The phase-in percentage in Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 was 33.33%. HB 33 will increase the percentage to 50% in FY 2024 and 66.67% in FY 2025. Additionally, the legislature updated the data used to calculate the base cost in the formula from FY 2018 data to

FY 2022 data. The legislature maintained the capacity calculation that was used in FY 2022 and FY 2023 but increased the minimum state share percentage from 5% to 10% for FY 2024 and FY 2025. This percentage is used to calculate several components of the foundation aid formula.

The budget continues the same formula used to calculate Educational Service Center funding in FY 2022 and FY 2023 for FY 2024 and FY 2025. Additionally, the formula includes the same phase-in percentage for year three — 50% in FY 2024 — and year four — 66.67% in FY 2025 — as for the traditional school district and JVSD formulas. However, the legislature did not increase the base cost inputs to FY 2022 as they did for traditional public schools and JVSDs. The formula still uses FY 2018 data.

HB 33 also includes funding for a comprehensive study on economically disadvantaged students. The study looks to determine the needs of economically disadvantaged students, the most effective services for meeting those needs,

and the costs to implement the services. The Department of Education and Workforce (DEW) will be required to issue a report on the results of the study, including recommendations regarding measures and parameters for determining student eligibility for services identified by the study, which must take into account existing state and federal resources. This study will help future conversations in the legislature when determining the budget allocations for disadvantaged pupil impact aid (DPIA).

Vouchers

The legislature expanded income-based voucher eligibility from the current 250% federal poverty level (FPL) threshold to a universal voucher plan that includes means testing. The voucher funding will be paid directly from the state to the chartered nonpublic school that the student attends. The new income-based universal voucher will expand eligibility to any student entering grades K-12 in the school year for which the voucher is sought. The student is not required to have attended a

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public school before requesting the voucher. The base voucher amount is determined by the statewide average base cost per pupil, which is \$6,165 for grades K-8 and \$8,407 for grades 9-12. The voucher amount that the student receives will be determined based on the following formula:

- A student whose household income is at or below 450% will receive the entire estimated voucher amount at \$6,165 for grades K-8 and \$8,407 for grades 9-12.
- A student whose household income is above 450% FPL but at or below 500% FPL, \$5,200 for grades K-8 and \$7,050 for grades 9-12.
- A student whose household income is above 500% FPL but at or below 550% FPL, \$3,650 for grades K-8 and \$5,000 for grades 9-12.
- A student whose household income is above 550% FPL but at or below 600% FPL, \$2,600 for grades K-8 and \$3,550 for grades 9-12.
- A student whose household

income is above 600% FPL but at or below 650% FPL, \$1,850 for grades K-8 and \$2,500 for grades 9-12.

- A student whose household income is above 650% FPL but at or below 700% FPL, \$1,300 for grades K-8 and \$1,750 for grades 9-12.
- A student whose household income is above 700% FPL but at or below 750% FPL, \$900 for grades K-8 and \$1,250 for grades 9-12.
- A student whose household income is above 750% FPL, \$650 for grades K-8 and \$950 for grades 9-12.
- Requires that a student beginning with FY 2025, a receives a minimum scholarship amount of 10% of the base amount.

The legislature did not include any additional auditing or testing requirements for students using the income-based voucher.

Department of Education and Workforce

HB 33 contains provisions that transfer most of the

responsibilities of the State Board of Education and the Superintendent of Public Instruction to a newly created governor-appointed Director of Education and Workforce. The director will oversee the newly named Department of Education and Workforce (DEW), which will be responsible for primary, secondary, special and career technical education. Within DEW, two divisions will be created, the Division of Primary and Secondary Education and the Division of Career-Technical Education, and each will be headed by a Deputy Director appointed by the Director of DEW.

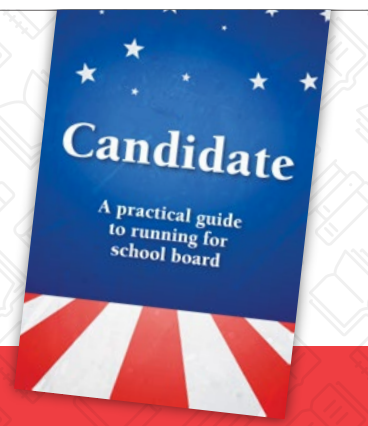
The State Board of Education and the state Superintendent retain duties and broad powers regarding educator licensure, licensee disciplinary actions and school district territory transfers.

The bill includes a 90-transition period. Governor DeWine has indicated that he has already identified a transition team to start planning out the process and addressing transition issues.

CANDIDATE

A practical guide to running for school board

This OSBA publication answers commonly asked questions related to getting started as a candidate. Topics covered include management of the campaign committee, financial reporting and ethical issues.



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PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Scott Gerfen, assistant editor

Springfield students appear in movie theater PSAs

They're not the feature attraction, but students from **Springfield City** middle schools have a message for moviegoers this summer.

Students from Roosevelt and Schaefer middle schools are appearing in public service announcements (PSAs), which focus on disconnecting from technology and rebuilding family connections.

"This is a great example of our students' learning coming to life,"

Springfield City Superintendent Dr. **Robert F. Hill** told a local newspaper. "These student groups have taken a challenging topic, like the effects of how much time we truly spend on our cellphones, and brought it to the forefront of movie audiences' thoughts in a dynamic way."

The district collaborated with WellSpring, which offers counseling programs for individuals and families in Springfield, Urbana and

Bellefontaine; and Clark County Partners of Prevention, which aims to reduce youth substance use by promoting positive activities for kids.

The PSAs also were shown at this year's Be the Change Youth Summit at Wittenberg University.

Watch at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/35823>.

The PSAs will run at UEC Theatres in Springfield before each film through August.

Source: Springfield News-Sun

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Summer special

Save up to \$200 on customized board development workshops scheduled with OSBA this summer!

Summer is a great time for district leadership teams to plan new initiatives, discuss governance topics, kick off the district's strategic plan and review how to best use current resources and build investment well into the future.

OSBA is offering a discount on customized workshops and retreats offered June 1 through Aug. 15. Districts can save \$100 on a half-day workshop and \$200 on a full-day workshop.

July 2023

31* Last day to submit certification for November income tax levy to Ohio. Department of Taxation — RC 5748.02(A) (100 days prior to election); last day for board of education to adopt a plan to require students to access and complete online classroom lessons (“blizzard bags”) in order to make up hours for which it is necessary to close schools — RC 3313.482(A)(1); semiannual campaign finance reports must be filed by certain candidates (by 4 p.m.) detailing contributions and expenditures made through June 30, 2023 — RC 3517.10(A)(4).

August 2023

1 Budget, Analysis and Discussion Seminar Columbus
 1 Last day to file statistical report with Ohio Department of Education — RC 3319.33.
 2 Central Region Executive Committee Meeting Columbus
 2 Northeast Region Executive Committee Meeting Wadsworth and virtual
 2 Reasonable Suspicion Training Virtual
 4 Attendance, Tuition and Custody Law Workshop Columbus and virtual
 4 Last day to submit emergency, current

operating expenses or conversion levy to county auditor for November general election — RC 5705.194, 5705.195, 5705.213, 5705.219(C) (95 days prior to election).
 8 Southwest Region Executive Committee Meeting Ripley
 8 Special Election Day (August election available only if district is under a fiscal emergency) — RC 3501.01 (first Tuesday after the first Monday).
 9 Last day to file (by 4 p.m.) a nominating petition as a board of education candidate for the November general election — RC 3513.254; 3513.255; 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 November election — RC 133.18(D); last day for county auditor to certify school district bond levy terms for November election — RC 133.18(C); last day to submit continuing replacement, permanent improvement or operating levy for November election to board of elections — RC 5705.192, 5705.21, 5705.25; last day to certify resolution for school district income tax levy or renewal of conversion levy for November election to board of elections — RC 5748.02(C), 5705.219(G);

last day to submit emergency levy for November election to board of elections — RC 5705.195; last day to submit phased-in levy or current operating expenses levy for November election to board of elections — RC 5705.251(A) (90 days prior to election).
 15 Coffee Chat: EasyProcure, What is that? Virtual
 18 OSBA Capital Conference Housing Webinar Virtual
 23 Central Region Legislative Open House Mount Vernon
 23 Northeast/Northwest Regions Open House Sandusky
 27 Northwest Region Executive Committee meeting Virtual
 28 Northeast/Southeast Regions Open House West Lafayette
 28 Last day to file (by 4 p.m.) as a write-in candidate for November general election — RC 3513.041 (72 days prior to the election).
 29 OSBA Forum Virtual

September 2023

7 Board Candidate Workshop Southern Region Lebanon
 8 Sports Law Module 1 Virtual
 9 Board Candidate Workshop Northern Region Smithville
 15 Sports Law Module 2 Virtual