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THE OHIO SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

Serving the public school leadership team



Worthington board member, former OSBA president, wins NSBA office

The National School Boards Association (NSBA) Delegate Assembly elected **Charlie Wilson, Worthington City**, as the association's secretary-treasurer during the recent NSBA Annual Conference & Exposition in San Antonio. It is the highest NSBA office achieved by an Ohio school board member. Wilson was elected as a Central Region representative to NSBA's Board of Directors in 2014 and served as OSBA's president in 2013. He also served on the OSBA Board of Trustees, Executive Committee and numerous other regional and state committees. While ascension to the NSBA presidency is not automatic, the selection as secretary-treasurer traditionally provides a track to that office.

Association accepting proposed changes to its legislative platform

Every member board in the state is invited to propose changes to the OSBA Legislative Platform, which is posted at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/43115>. These proposals will be shared with the OSBA Legislative Platform Committee in August when it meets to develop recommendations on amendments for the Delegate Assembly to consider. If your board of education supports a plank you believe should be incorporated into the platform or has a suggestion for an amendment to an existing position, contact the OSBA Division of Legislative Services for more information. The deadline to submit proposals is June 15. The platform guides OSBA's advocacy efforts and conveys to legislators, policymakers, the public and the media where OSBA stands on a variety of issues facing public education.

Northeast Ohio board member named to State Board of Education

The governor has appointed **Avon Lake City and Lorain County JVSD** board member **Charles Froehlich** to the State Board of Education. Froehlich resigned from the Avon Lake and JVSD boards March 23 to take the state position. He replaces **Kathleen McGervey**, who resigned her Second District seat earlier this year. His appointment lasts until Dec. 31, when the seat's term expires.

Join in Ohio's statewide celebration of in-demand jobs

May 7-11 is In-Demand Jobs Week, a time for communities, educators and businesses to highlight the jobs, industries and skills that are in demand in Ohio. Schools can take part by planning events that inspire students to explore these careers in their communities. The Ohio Department of Education and its partners have developed a guide to help schools and districts plan those events at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/89721>. Once schools plan their events, they can share them on the In-Demand Jobs Week Facebook page. Visit the In-Demand Jobs Week webpage at

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<http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/67551> to find additional information about in-demand occupations and more resources for this statewide celebration.

Retired OSBA Journal editor Scott Ebright dies at 65

Scott Ebright, former OSBA deputy director of communication services and Journal editor, died April 5. He was 65 and had been battling cancer. Ebright, an award-winning writer, photographer and publication designer, retired from OSBA in 2011 after 26 years of service. Throughout his career, and even in retirement, he was a strong advocate for students, school board members and public education.

OSBA SW Region seeking student programs to honor

OSBA's Southwest Region is looking for top student programs to recognize. Categories are:

Students' parody seeks donations for new band uniforms

Members of **Cincinnati City's** Walnut Hills High School Marching Band turned to YouTube in their quest to raise money for new uniforms.

Students rewrote the lyrics to the Academy Award-nominated best original song "This Is Me" from the film "The Greatest Showman" to encourage donations. The video shows students dancing in the school's hallways and on the football field. Watch it at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/60035>.

"While our uniforms may look fine from a distance, many are beyond repair because of worn fabric, torn and broken zippers and snaps, and years of mending and cleaning," the band members wrote on their fundraising page.

Source: WPCO

multidistrict impact, ongoing, new, volunteer and special recognition. The region will honor winners at its Oct. 11 fall conference. The nomination deadline is June 30; forms are available at www.ohioschoolboards.org/sw-region. For details contact Southwest Regional Manager **Ronald J. Diver** at

(937) 746-7641 or rdiver@ohioschoolboards.org.

General Assembly makes sales tax holiday permanent

The governor has signed a bill making the back-to-school sales tax holiday permanent. The bill previously had to be passed every year. The holiday begins the first Friday of every August. Clothing and shoes priced at \$75 or less and school supplies costing \$20 or less will be exempt from state and local sales taxes during the holiday.

OSBA online

● www.ohioschoolboards.org

Ohio school districts, education leaders and OSBA staff took part in numerous presentations and events at the National School Boards Association Annual Conference & Exposition earlier this month. Photos from the event are posted on OSBA's Flickr page at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/62726>.



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BULLETIN BOARD

compiled by Melanie Price, senior administrative assistant of communication services

OSBA executive searches

Treasurer

District

① Cuyahoga Falls City

Deadline

May 4

Contact

OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000



Other searches

Position

Superintendent

Location

Madison-Plains Local (Madison)

Deadline

April 30

Contact

Dr. Daniel R. Kaffenbarger,
superintendent, Madison-Champaign
ESC, (937) 484-1557

Chief academic officer

Sandusky City

May 18

caosearch@scs-k12.net

Board changes

Conotton Valley Union Local (Harrison) Board of Education member **Kari Galigher** announced her resignation effective March 31. ●●● Jefferson Area Local (Ashtabula) Board of Education member **Ron Watson** announced his resignation effective March 20.

Administrative changes

Superintendents

Clark-Shawnee Local (Clark) hired Assistant Superintendent **Brian C. Kuhn** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace **Gregg E. Morris**, who is retiring. ●●● Lakewood City hired Dr. **Michael Barnes** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace **Jeff W. Patterson**, who is retiring. Barnes currently is the assistant superintendent at **Mayfield City**. ●●● Monroe Local (Butler) hired **Kathy Demers** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. She will replace Dr. **Phil Cagwin**, who is retiring. Demers currently is the assistant superintendent at **Wyoming City**. ●●● West Clermont Local (Clermont) Superintendent Dr. **Keith Kline** announced his retirement effective July 31.

Editor's note

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

Sympathies

Former **Arcadia Local (Hancock)** Board of Education member **Paul B. Lee** died March 24. He was 96. ●●● Former **Berea City** and **Marietta City** Superintendent Dr. **Harry Fleming** died April 2. He was 69. ●●● Former **Fort Recovery Local (Mercer)** Board of Education member

Vincent A. "Vince" Fortkamp died March 24. He was 85. ●●● Former Hubbard EV Board of Education member Daniel Edward Bross died March 27. He was 75. ●●● Former Lexington Local (Richland) Board of Education member Glenn Martin Myers died April 2. He was 82. ●●● Former McDonald Local (Trumbull) Board of Education member Robert H. McClary died March 29. He was 90. ●●● Former Oak Hills Local (Hamilton) Treasurer Helen L. Arnott died March 24. She was 85. ●●● Former Ottoville Local (Putnam) Board of Education member Donald B. Miller died April 1. He was 86. ●●● Former Weathersfield Local (Trumbull) Treasurer Jack Thomas Owens died March 25. He was 91.



NEWS

by Scott Gerfen, assistant editor

New association lobbyist helps guide education policy

Will Schwartz has had a front-row seat for watching the state's education policy evolve over the

years.

His role at the Ohio Legislative Service Commission (LSC) aligned

him with education stakeholders across the state. The nonpartisan agency helps members of the Ohio General Assembly with legislation drafting, research, budget and fiscal analysis, training and other services.

"While spending eight years at LSC, specifically in education, I saw a lot of changes going on and really saw the impact it was having around the state," Schwartz said. "Part of my job was attending

stakeholder meetings, and I met with a lot of board members, administrators and parents and heard their concerns."

Schwartz didn't believe his career path would steer him away from LSC until he had an opportunity to help advocate on behalf of Ohio's more than 3,400 public school board members and the more than 700 districts they govern.

The Forest Hills Local (Hamilton) graduate joined OSBA as a lobbyist in January, a role once filled by Jennifer Hogue, who was promoted to director of legislative services. Jay Smith, the deputy director of legislative services, also is part of the association's legislative team.

Schwartz's duties include lobbying the General Assembly on behalf of Ohio public education, tracking legislation and testifying before legislative committees. He also monitors Ohio Department of Education activities and works with the OSBA Legislative

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Running a district is hard

Lighten your load with an updated policy manual

You need an up-to-date policy manual to run your district effectively. OSBA can help. Our policy specialists will assist in updating your manual, ensuring your district's policies are current and up-to-date with Ohio Revised and Administrative codes.

Contact OSBA at (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA to begin updating your manual today.



Transportation State Reports and Cost Analysis

Wednesday, April 25 • 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. • Cost is \$95
OSBA office, Columbus

Your district transportation funding depends upon the reports that you fill out and submit to the state — including the T-1 and the T-2. An error on either of these reports can have a significant impact on your district's funding.

Join us for a session that will delve into appropriate data collection, what you need to track and why, and how to collate that data into an accurate state report. We will review the calendar deadlines and best practices that you need to know to successfully file your reports and get accurate funding.

We also will share how to use this data to perform a district cost analysis and show you where to find the state average data from the previous year to determine if your district is operating efficiently.

Whether you are new to transportation or a veteran, or if you work in the transportation office or the treasurer's office, this class will provide the tools you need to file reports correctly and get all the funding your district is entitled to.

Register online at www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops or contact **Laurie Miller**, OSBA senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org.



Advocating for public education

Kids PAC gives board members the opportunity to belong to a political action committee (PAC) whose members are aware of the problems facing public education and whose goals are aimed at dealing with these issues.

With a PAC, we have a voice and can advocate for the future of public education. *Kids PAC* allows OSBA to advance its legislative platform by supporting candidates who believe in its goals.

Why is *Kids PAC* important?

Kids PAC supports candidates who are involved with and passionate about public education. It also raises the visibility of school board members' views, interests and concerns among influential legislators.

Join *Kids PAC* today!

Invest in their future

To be active advocates for Ohio's children, we need a strong PAC. Contribute to *Kids PAC* today! Contributions can be made online, by personal check made payable to *Kids PAC* or by cash up to \$100. By law, school district and corporate checks cannot be accepted. *Kids PAC* is a political action committee, and contributions are not tax deductible. Learn more at www.kidspac.org.

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because kids count



Ohio School
Boards Association

Take your leadership to the next level at the

Board Leadership Institute

April 27-28, 2018 • Hilton Columbus/Polaris

You are accountable for overseeing a multimillion dollar organization that serves your community's most important asset — its children. It's an enormous responsibility, one that calls for extraordinary skills. Learning what it takes to be an effective school board member has been estimated to take at least two years of board service. The challenge to stay effective is not only for new board members, it's ongoing.

Whether you're in your first year or your 50th, the ever-changing world of public education governance is one in which continuing education and professional development are critical. So, where does a board member go for ongoing training?

OSBA's Board Leadership Institute!

Learning doesn't stop when you're elected, it begins.

Almost all board members agree they could use more training, and they want training that is highly task-oriented, takes a short period of time, is done in small groups and is led by outstanding instructors.

To meet these requests, OSBA works with board members across the state to develop the annual Board Leadership Institute. This two-day institute is designed specifically *by* board members *for* board members and focuses on numerous timely topics.

Keynote speakers enhance BLI

BLI will kick off Friday, April 27, with Dr. **James Mahoney**, executive in residence with Ohio University Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Affairs and executive director emeritus of Battelle for Kids. Ohio Superintendent of Public Instruction **Paolo DeMaria** will update attendees during the Friday afternoon session, "A conversation with Ohio Department of Education leadership."



Mahoney



DeMaria



Ingram

Ohio Rep. **Catherine D. Ingram** (D-Cincinnati) will close

BLI on Saturday, April 28. Join Ingram, a former **Cincinnati City** school board member and 2005 OSBA president, for an update on state legislation impacting public education and implications for local school boards.

Registration

The cost to attend this intensive two-day institute is \$265. Register online at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/33166> or contact **Laurie Miller**, senior events manager, for registration information at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org.

Location

This comprehensive Friday-Saturday event will be held at the Hilton Columbus/Polaris, located in north Columbus at 8700 Lyra Drive, Columbus, OH, 43240. Parking is free.

Schedule of events

Friday, April 27

7:30 a.m.	Registration and breakfast <i>Breakfast sponsored by K&K Systems Inc.</i>
8:45 a.m.	Opening General Session with Dr. James Mahoney <i>Welcome — Richard Lewis, chief executive officer, OSBA</i> <i>Pledge of Allegiance, remarks and introduction of speaker — Randy Smith, OSBA president; board member, Forest Hills Local (Hamilton)</i>
10:30 a.m.	Student achievement concurrent sessions Building a strong foundation Lifting all students by credentialing Moving beyond 'Donuts with Dad' and 'Muffins with Mom'
11:30 a.m.	Networking luncheon <i>Luncheon sponsored by CompManagement</i>
1 p.m.	Resource development concurrent sessions Creating student growth through your athletic program Was Mark Twain right, or can boards really make a difference in student achievement? The good, the bad and the ugly — OSBA legislative update
2:15 p.m.	A conversation with Ohio Department of Education leadership — Paolo DeMaria
3:15 p.m.	Critical issues concurrent sessions #Not_Here — creating and sustaining a workplace free of harassment Ohio Ethics Law — can I do that? Be ready for it! An update on changes affecting the Ohio Teacher Evaluation System and Ohio Principal Evaluation System
4:15 p.m.	Adjourn

Saturday, April 28

7:30 a.m.	Breakfast
8:15 a.m.	Board leadership concurrent sessions It's not the picture, it's the frame Committees — kitchen cabinet or storage closet? Setting a course for the future
9:30 a.m.	Advocacy and community engagement concurrent sessions Getting the most from your five-year forecast Community-based facilities master planning Community engagement — the catalyst for positive transformation
10:45 a.m.	Diversity and equity concurrent sessions A structure for diversity — one district's model Does your district have a 'portrait' of a graduate? Ten things you need to know about children living in poverty
11:45 a.m.	Closing Luncheon with Ohio Rep. Catherine D. Ingram <i>Introduction of speaker — Randy Smith</i> <i>Luncheon sponsored by CompManagement Health Systems</i>

Note: Handouts will be online only through the OSBA website (www.ohioschoolboards.org). Bring a device to access the handouts during the event. You can print the handouts by logging in to your account on the OSBA website, clicking on "My Training" and choosing Board Leadership Institute to access the handouts beginning April 24.

Management Development Series #3: **Community Engagement**

Friday, May 11

OSBA office, Columbus

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Cost is \$95



9:30 a.m. Registration

10 a.m. A fresh take on community engagement

Discover the board's unique role in community engagement and its connection to student achievement. Explore the characteristics of effective engagement and how to use the engagement process to support school improvement.

Kim Miller-Smith, senior student achievement consultant, OSBA

11 a.m. Community-driven facilities planning

Hear the rationale for engaging in a master planning process, the various elements of a master facilities plan and how to authentically engage a diverse array of constituents. Learn how integral the involvement of the board of education is in the process.

Christopher R. Potts, chief operating officer, and Karen Truett, director of communications, Upper Arlington City

Noon Lunch (provided)

1 p.m. Authentic community engagement in developing CLCs

Community engagement is essential to the development and ongoing success of community learning centers (CLCs). Learn how to create the policies, processes and infrastructure that put the public back in public education.

Darlene Kamine, executive director, Community Learning Center Institute

2 p.m. Adjourn

Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. Register online at www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops or contact **Laurie Miller**, senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org.



Could your board benefit from the insight and direction of a governance expert?

OSBA's Division of Board and Management Services provides one-on-one consulting workshops that can help your team work through common governance issues such as:

- setting vision-focused goals and priorities;
- strengthening board and superintendent relations during periods of leadership transition;
- developing effective deliberation, meetings and communication;
- superintendent evaluation and board self-evaluation.

Call us at (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA. We'll connect you with a consultant who will work with your board to design strategies and services that best meet your needs.



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THE 41ST ANNUAL OHIO COUNCIL OF SCHOOL BOARD ATTORNEYS

SCHOOL ATTORNEY WORKSHOP

FRIDAY, MAY 11 • 9 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.

TUITION IS \$210

NATIONWIDE HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER, LEWIS CENTER

Agenda

8:30 a.m. Registration and continental breakfast

8:50 a.m. Welcome

9 a.m. School safety plans

Ohio law requires every school to develop and regularly file a comprehensive school safety plan to create safe and supportive learning environments and respond to potential threats. Review the elements for school safety plans and consequences for failing to develop an effective plan, and discuss who within school management is responsible for compliance with these requirements.

Kimberly Nagel, administrator, Center for P-20 Safety and Security; and Pamela Vest-Boratyn, general counsel, Ohio Attorney General's Office

10:30 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. Crisis management for attorneys and their clients

In a split second, school attorneys can find themselves in a position where they need to know how to manage crises for their client districts. Review the current media landscape, differences between a legal and reputational challenge, the need for collaboration between the district's attorney and its personnel and best practices for crisis communications plans.

Bruce M. Hennes, chief executive officer, Hennes Communications

Noon OCSBA Annual Business Meeting

12:15 p.m. Lunch (provided)

1:15 p.m. Insurance perspectives on school security

Any violence targeting children at school is cause for great concern, reminding us we must remain diligent in protecting students, administration and staff. Conversations on arming staff are occurring across the state. Districts debating this issue are encouraged to involve local law enforcement as part of a more comprehensive review of their safety and security measures. Improvements in the area of active participation by students and staff in hostile intruder response may prove to be more of a deterrent.

Travis Thompson, director of risk management, Ohio School Plan

2:15 p.m. Break

2:30 p.m. Arming and training school employees

One of the most polarizing topics before districts is whether to arm school employees. Review the history surrounding school shooting incidents, analyze why schools have become increasingly targeted and discuss the legal ramifications of arming and training school employees.

Van D. Keating, senior staff attorney, OSBA; and Dr. Richard C. Caster, instructor, Tactical Defense Institute

3:30 p.m. Ethics

4:30 p.m. Adjourn

This program has been approved by the Supreme Court of Ohio Commission on Continuing Legal Education (CLE) for 5.5 hours of CLE credits, with 1.00 hour of attorney professional conduct instruction.

This workshop is open to OCSBA members, school board members and in-house counsel of school districts that are members of OSBA. Unauthorized audio recording or videotaping of any session is strictly prohibited.

The workshop will be held at the Nationwide Hotel and Conference Center, 100 Green Meadows Drive South, Lewis Center, OH 43035. The phone number is (614) 880-4300. Register online at www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops or contact **Laurie Miller**, OSBA senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org.

Levy University

Monday, May 14 • 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

OSBA office, Columbus • Cost is \$160

Agenda

8:30 a.m. Registration

9:15 a.m. Roles and responsibilities

Review the board's unique role in preparing the district and community for putting a levy on the ballot.

Cheryl W. Ryan, director of board and management services, OSBA

10:15 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. Levy campaign do's and don'ts

This session will cover school board responsibilities and legal requirements as well as begin the discussion on campaign best practices.

Jerry Rampelt, executive director; Michael Collins, Ryan Collins and Andrea Kruse, consultants, Support Ohio Schools Research and Education Foundation; and Nathan Miner, president, Momentum Strategy Group

11:45 a.m. Lunch (provided)

1 p.m. Campaign best practices

This session will continue with best practices that districts can use with any district-support organization. It will include practical guidance on volunteer recruitment; planning and organization; polls and surveys; community involvement; effective messaging; fundraising; social media campaigns; and effective printed materials.

Jerry Rampelt, Ryan Collins, Andrea Kruse, Michael Collins and Nathan Miner

3 p.m. Adjourn

Register online at www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops or contact **Laurie Miller**, OSBA senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org.



Webinar: Ins and Outs of Board Committees

Tuesday, May 1 • 11 a.m. to noon • Cost is \$50

Learn about best practices related to several key aspects of board committee work and structure, including legal and practical distinctions between board and administrative committees. Topics include the role and structure of board committees as well as the various types of board committees commonly used in Ohio school districts. Hear examples of typical board committees and get answers to your questions.

Register online at www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops or contact **Laurie Miller**, OSBA senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org.





New Board Member Workshop: How's it going so far?

Saturday, June 9
OSBA office, Columbus

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Cost is \$95

For board members still in their first term of office, every budgetary, evaluation, appointment or adoption deadline presents a first opportunity to make the best decision for the school district. Many new or relatively new board members make these decisions while learning to work – often for the first time – with administrators and other board members. This workshop will offer participants a chance to network, ask questions and dive a little deeper into the details of board governance. Topics include board and staff communications, managing difficult decisions, providing a consistent and professional message to staff and community members and a calendar of tips and topics to manage goal setting and evaluation.

Agenda

8:30 a.m. Registration and continental breakfast

9 a.m. Welcome and introductions

9:15 a.m. Board governance challenges

Let's talk about issues related to board meetings, executive session, social media and other governance topics that often create challenges. Learn how changing or rethinking your policies, processes or board agreements can improve efficiency and culture.

10:45 a.m. The right way to send a message

Difficult conversations? Different perspectives? These are part of life but can be more challenging when they pop up in public – as in a board meeting or a public record. This session will help board members do and say what's necessary but do so professionally, ethically and appropriately.

11:30 a.m. Lunch (provided)

Noon Goal setting and evaluation

It's often said that it's hard to get somewhere if you don't know where you're going. That's even truer of board work. Learn how important it is for the board to agree on a process to set goals, align performance objectives and do objective evaluations to generate positive momentum and progress.

1 p.m. Adjourn

Register online at www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops or contact **Laurie Miller**, senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org.



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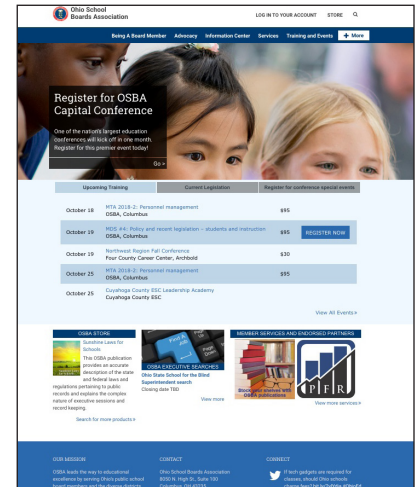
Register at www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops

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

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 MASTER OF TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATION (MTA) PROGRAM

The 2017-18 MTA workshops will help those involved in student transportation better understand and perform day-to-day operations.

These half-day workshops — offered from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. — include a working lunch and time for questions. Each class is scheduled twice; participants may sign up for either session. Each class is \$95, or you can purchase an MTA subscription for the workshop series. Contact **Diana Paulins**, OSBA senior administrative assistant of board and management services, for subscription information. All workshops will be at the OSBA office, 8050 N. High St., Columbus, OH, 43235. Visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/transportation-training-programs to learn about the MTA certification program.

May 2 or 9 — Designing your operational plan and building keys for success

Review how to put the operational plan together, including timelines and how to schedule or delegate projects. Discover how building support networks and stakeholder groups are key to your success.

For questions about the program or to register, contact **Diana Paulins** at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or mta@ohioschoolboards.org.



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Platform Committee and Delegate Assembly.

"There's really nobody I'd rather advocate for than OSBA," Schwartz said. "I agree with the policies, the platforms and the association's work, and I don't think anyone other than OSBA would be able to get me to leave LSC."

Schwartz's legislative background includes a congressional internship in Washington, D.C. While there, he

also worked as a production intern for an Arabic TV station.

Schwartz graduated from Miami University with a Bachelor of Arts in international studies, with an emphasis on Middle East and Islamic studies. His education included spending a summer in Amman, the capital of Jordan, where he studied Arabic. Outside of class, he was active in student government and organizations, and political parties.

"Will is a great addition to our team," Hogue said. "His extensive education policy knowledge, coupled with the relationships he has built with members and staff of the General Assembly, have allowed him to hit the ground running."

Schwartz and his wife, Allie, have been married for more than a year, and enjoy time with their dog, Layla, a boxer-Labrador retriever mix.



OSBA Student Achievement Fair

Monday, Nov. 12, 2018
10:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
Greater Columbus Convention Center

Do you want to see your district's students involved in the November OSBA Capital Conference? The Student Achievement Fair, held in conjunction with the OSBA Capital Conference, highlights outstanding student performing groups and fresh, innovative initiatives from public school districts across the state.

Student Achievement Fair performing groups

One performing group from each of OSBA's five regions will be chosen to perform during the Student Achievement Fair. Past performances have included cheerleaders, choirs, bands, orchestras and percussion ensembles. Each group will perform for 20 minutes. Submit a nomination at <http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org/saf-nominations> and email an electronic video audition or YouTube link to **Gwen Samet**, administrative assistant of board and management services, at gsamet@ohioschoolboards.org. Only electronic recordings will be accepted. The nomination deadline is Friday, May 25.

Student Achievement Fair district programs

OSBA is accepting nominations for programs that showcase exemplary student achievement. Examples of previous presentations include graphic design demonstrations, world languages, industrial technology projects, career center culinary arts programs, STEM projects and outdoor education. View the list of 2017 Student Achievement Fair district programs at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/60021>. One hundred programs will be chosen, and nominations will be accepted until all booths have been filled. Complete a nomination at <http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org/saf-nominations>.

Visit <http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org/saf-nominations> to nominate a student performing group or district program today!



LEGISLATIVE REPORT

by Jay Smith, deputy director of legislative services

Bill would substantially change Ohio School Report Card

Rep. Mike Duffey (R-Worthington) recently introduced legislation, House Bill (HB) 591, that would make substantial changes to the annual Ohio School Report Cards. The bill, which was introduced after several stakeholder meetings, is designed to create a system that is understandable, provides value and can be trusted by school districts, parents and legislators.

The proposed system presents data as raw scores, which can be viewed as percentiles. It also prohibits the use of performance indicators, which have been a point of contention due to the lack of clarity in computing results.

HB 591 proposes a new state report card system, without the use of letter grades, to assess student performance. The legislation would establish seven separate performance measures for school districts, school buildings, charter schools, STEM schools and college-prep boarding schools. These measures include state test results, graduation rates, student growth, closing gaps for vulnerable populations, third-grade reading, college or career-readiness, and enrichment and support measures. Duffey envisions that the system would continue to use a dashboard approach that presents transparent

and easily digestible information.

The test results measure includes results from state-required achievement assessments, national standardized assessments measuring college and career-readiness and high school end-of-course exams.

The graduation rates measure includes four- and five-year graduation rates, the percentage of special education students who have an individualized education program and have not yet graduated and the percentage of students who have dropped out. It also includes the percentage of students who graduated in the year prior to the report card who have been admitted to a higher education institution, are gainfully employed, have enlisted in the military, are participating in an apprenticeship program or are unemployed.

The current student growth measure, otherwise known as the progress measure, uses a methodology involving a complex formula that is not disclosed to stakeholders and often is skewed or confusing. HB 591 proposes to convey the amount of progress a student has made over the school year using a methodology that enables school districts to validate and replicate the results. The proposal prohibits the use of a

proprietary formula and must include an explanation of factors that influence student growth beyond the classroom, including parental and community influence and student attitude.

The measure for closing gaps for vulnerable populations includes a graphic representation of comparative performance trends. The data must be presented for each student subgroup in a district or school by the subgroup's raw score and the percentile ranking relative to all other students in that subgroup statewide.

The third-grade reading measure would be based on student performance and the percentage of students who are not retained under the third-grade reading guarantee.

The college and career-readiness measure includes the percentage of students who have taken a national standardized college admission test and the percentage of those students who have attained remediation-free scores. This measure also includes the percentage of students who receive at least 12 points of industry-recognized credentials; the average amount of Advanced Placement (AP) class credit earned per student; the average scores on AP

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Central Ohio district honored for innovative technology

Pickerington Local (Fairfield) received recognition for its innovative technology at the National School Boards Association's (NSBA) Annual Conference and Exposition held earlier this month in San Antonio.

The district was one of 45 nationwide to receive a Digital School District Survey Award, which recognizes "innovating in exemplary ways by investing in tools and learning models for the next-generation learners,"

according to a news release.

The Center for Digital Education honors districts annually for digital learning initiatives, expanded STEM instruction and labs, and more.

"School boards are embracing technology initiatives that help them govern more effectively and empower their districts to operate more efficiently," NSBA Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer **Thomas J. Gentzel** said in the news release. "The variety of

districts recognized by this survey, in both size and 'urbanicity,' serve as examples for others who want to introduce innovative approaches within their communities."

The Center for Digital Education honors school boards and districts that most fully implement technology benchmarks in the evolution of digital education, as represented in the survey questions. All U.S. public school districts are eligible to participate.

Source: NSBA

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tests by subject; the average scores on International Baccalaureate assessments by subject; the average amount of college credits earned per student through the College Credit Plus program; and the percentage of students who enlisted in the military after graduation.

The enrichment and support measure includes the percentage of students who have been screened and identified as gifted and the percentage of students identified as gifted who are receiving services that meet their needs and are consistent with their areas of identification. In addition, as a voluntary component, districts are able to report the total number and

number per 100 students of reading intervention specialists, school librarians, art teachers, music teachers and AP courses offered.

The bill modifies the existing report card for career-technical schools to include measures of achievement, graduation rates, post-program outcomes and prepared for success.

HB 591 maintains the existing report card system for current law provisions affected by letter grades or ratings. However, as previously mentioned, the bill prohibits including letter grades or ratings on the report card under the new system. Letter grades or ratings would continue to affect the

establishment and administration of academic distress commissions, state academic intervention, eligibility for school vouchers and charter schools. Duffey indicated during his sponsor testimony that this is an area he intentionally left out of the bill draft, because he thought it would be best to discuss it during committee hearings.

In addition, the bill eliminates several annual reports and non-graded measures associated with the existing report card system.

The bill is being heard in the House Education and Career Readiness Committee.

Editor's note: Information in this article was current as of April 12, 2018

April

- 25 Transportation State Reports and Cost Analysis Workshop Columbus
- 27-28 Board Leadership Institute Columbus
- 29 Southeast Region Executive Committee Meeting Zanesville
- 30 Last day to submit certification for August income tax levy to Ohio Department of Taxation — RC 5748.02(A) (100 days prior to the election).

May

- 1 Ins and Outs of Board Committees webinar
- 2 OSBA Master of Transportation Administration Program: Designing your operational plan and building keys for success..... Columbus
- 2 Northeast Region Executive Committee Meeting Wadsworth
- 4 Last day to submit August 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).
- 8 Special Election Day; Primary Election Day — RC 3501.01 (first Tuesday after first Monday).
- 9 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; last day to certify resolution for school district income tax levy for August election to board of elections — RC 5748.02(C); last day to submit emergency levy for August election to board of elections — RC 5705.195; last day to submit phased-in levy or current operating expenses levy for August election to board of elections — RC 5705.251(A) (90 days prior to the election).

- 9 OSBA Master of Transportation Administration Program: Designing your operational plan and building keys for success..... Columbus
- 11 Management Development Series #3: Community Engagement..... Columbus
- 11 OCSBA School Attorney Workshop..... Lewis Center
- 14 Levy University workshop Columbus
- 15 Last day for certain board members and all administrators to file financial disclosure forms with the Ohio Ethics Commission — RC 102.02.

June

- 1 Last day to take action to nonrenew contracts of administrators other than superintendent and treasurer — RC 3319.02; last day to take action on and give written notice of intent not to re-employ teachers — RC 3319.11(D); last day to take action on and give written notice of intent not to re-employ nonteaching employees (Note: this requirement does not apply to municipal school district employees as defined in RC 3311.71) — RC 4141.29(I)(1)(f).
- 9 New Board Members: How's it going so far? Columbus
- 15 Sports Law Workshop Columbus
- 20 Creating and Sustaining a Workplace Free of Harassment webinar
- 24 Northwest Region Executive Committee Meeting Ottawa
- 30 2017-18 school year ends — RC 3313.62; end of third ADM reporting period — RC 3317.03(A).

July

- 1 2018-19 school year begins — RC 3313.62; last day for board to notify teaching and nonteaching employees of succeeding year salaries — RC 3319.12, 3319.082.