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Conference hotel online reservation process opens Sept. 4

Capital Conference hotel reservations will be taken online on a first-come, first-served basis starting at 9 a.m. Sept. 4. You must be registered for the conference or exhibiting in the Trade Show to be eligible for conference lodging. To reserve rooms, use the link and unique housing code that was sent with the conference registration confirmation email. For details, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/96066>.

Stand up for your schools by highlighting outstanding programs

OSBA launched its Stand Up for Public Schools campaign earlier this year to raise awareness about the importance of public schools and locally elected school boards. With the new school year beginning, the association is gain encouraging districts to submit their success stories to appear on the campaign website. Visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/42079> to submit your district's success stories, photos and videos. Success stories highlight innovation instruction, outstanding students, exemplary programs or anything that shows how your district is making a difference. Learn how you can get involved with the campaign at www.standupforOHpublicschools.org.

National Hispanic Heritage Month kicks off Sept. 15

Since 1968, Sept. 15 through Oct. 15 has been designated National Hispanic Heritage Month, a time to recognize Hispanic-Americans' contributions, heritage and culture. There are a number of resources school districts can use to plan activities and lessons, including: www.hispanicheritagemonth.org; <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/81693>; and <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/62696>.

Cost of BCI criminal background checks not increasing for Ohio schools

In response to an OSBA inquiry, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) said there will be no increase in the cost of criminal background checks on school

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employees conducted by a board of education's appointing or hiring officer. The fee for a BCI background check is \$22; the FBI background check fee is \$24. Currently, there are no plans for BCI to increase those fees. However, there is a possibility that Ohio WebCheck agencies are raising the fees they charge for submitting fingerprints electronically to the Ohio attorney general's office. If you have any additional questions or concerns, contact OSBA's legal division.

Back-to-school costs expected to be nearly \$670 per family

The back-to-school shopping season is under way. According to the National Retail Federation's 2014 Back-to-School Survey, the average family with children in grades K-12 will spend \$669.28 on clothes, shoes, school supplies and electronics. That's up about 5% from 2013's \$634.78. The federation

estimates that total U.S. back-to-school spending will top \$26 billion.

ODE lists reading guarantee instruction programs

The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) has posted the approved list of reading

instruction programs for the 2014-15 school year that meet the State Board of Education's criteria for the third-grade reading guarantee. As part of the reading guarantee, ODE is required to ensure all approved research-based reading instruction programs align with the State Board's reading competencies. Qualified programs for the coming school year, as well as the reading competencies, can be found at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/33604>.

OSBA online

● www.ohioschoolboards.org

As the new school year begins, be sure to check out the large collection of books offered in the online OSBA Store. These publications can help you keep abreast of the latest education issues as well as increase your leadership skills. Check out the store's nearly 150 books at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/84768>.

Longtime Whitehall board member named 'Living Legend'

Longtime **Whitehall City** board member and public servant **Walter S. Armes** recently received two distinguished awards for his dedication to his community.

Armes was named Citizen of the Year by the Whitehall Community Celebration Association and received the Living Legend award from the Whitehall Education Foundation for his contributions to student and staff achievement in and beyond the classroom. "I think we all need to give back to our communities," Armes told a local newspaper, saying he was humbled by the awards.

Armes has been a school board member for 21 years and has been active in his district and with OSBA in a variety of roles.

Source: *ThisWeek Community News*



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BULLETIN BOARD

compiled by Melanie Price, administrative assistant of communication services

OSBA executive searches

Superintendent

District

① Princeton City

Deadline

Sept. 1

Contact

OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000

① = Superintendent



Board changes

Boardman Local (Mahoning) appointed **Mark Fulks** to the board effective July 17. He replaced **Niklaus Amstutz**, who passed away in June. ●●● **Clark-Shawnee Local (Clark)** Board of Education member **Neal Weber** announced his resignation effective July 31. He is moving out of the district. ●●● **Oregon City** appointed **Dan Saevig** to the board effective July 15. He replaced **P.J. Kapfhammer**, who resigned. ●●● **Springfield Local (Summit)** appointed **Neal Hess** to the board effective immediately. He replaced **Cindy Collins**, who resigned. ●●● **Tri-County North Local (Preble)** Board of Education member **Susan Steck** announced her resignation effective immediately. The board appointed **Rod Schaar** to the board effective July 21. ●●● **Woodridge Local (Summit)** appointed **Jeff McHugh** to the board effective July 24. He replaced **George DeBord**, who resigned.

Administrative changes

Superintendents

Crestview Local (Richland) hired **L. Randy Dunlap** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He replaced **Scott Will**, who resigned effective July 31. Dunlap was a principal at **Clinton-Massie Local (Clinton)**. ●●● **Lowellville Local (Mahoning)** Superintendent **Rocco Nero** announced his resignation effective July 31. He has taken a part-time superintendent position at **Southington Local (Trumbull)** effective Aug. 1. ●●● **Madison-Plains Local (Madison)** hired district Treasurer **Tim Dettwiller** as superintendent effective Aug. 12. He will replace **Bernie Hall**, who resigned effective Aug. 1. ●●● **New Miami Local (Butler)** hired **Patricia Blake** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. She replaced **David Gibson**, who accepted the superintendent position at **Felicity-Franklin Local (Clermont)**. Blake previously was the assistant superintendent at **Three Rivers Local (Hamilton)**. ●●● **Northern Local (Perry)** hired **Angie Gussler** as interim superintendent effective Aug. 1. She replaced **Thomas Perkins**, who took the superintendent position at **Mid-East Career and Technology Centers**. Gussler previously was the district's curriculum director. ●●● **Ohio Hi-Point Career Center** Superintendent **Jeff S.**

Editor's note

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

Price announced his retirement effective July 31, 2015. ●●● **Richmond Heights Local (Cuyahoga)** hired **Renee Willis** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. She replaced Dr. **Robert J. Moore II**, who resigned. ●●● **Springfield Local (Summit)** Superintendent **William M. Stauffer** announced his retirement effective Jan. 31. The board hired district Director of Special Services **Chuck Sincere** as assistant superintendent effective Aug. 1. Sincere will assume the role of superintendent effective Feb. 1. ●●● **Stark County ESC** Superintendent **Larry L. Morgan** announced his retirement effective Aug. 1, 2015. The board hired **Minerva Local (Stark)** Superintendent **Joe Chaddock** as superintendent effective Aug. 1, 2015. ●●● **United Local (Columbiana)** Superintendent **Steven Viscounte** announced his retirement effective June 30, 2015. ●●● **Warren City** hired Assistant Superintendent **Steve Chiaro** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He replaced **Michael R. Notar**, who took the superintendent position at **Conneaut Area City**.

Treasurers

Akron City hired **Clifford Reinhardt** as interim treasurer effective July 31. He replaced **Jack Pierson**, who took the treasurer position at **Howland Local (Trumbull)**. ●●● **Columbus City** hired **Stanley Bahorek** as treasurer effective Aug. 1. He replaced **Penelope R. Rucker**, who took the treasurer position at **Beavercreek City**. ●●● **Jackson City** hired **Rachel King** as treasurer effective Aug. 11. She replaces **Brenda Hill**, who is retiring. King previously was the chief financial officer at Rio Grande Community College. ●●● **Kettering City** Treasurer **Steven G. Clark** announced his resignation effective immediately. ●●● **Oak Hills Local (Hamilton)** hired **Steve Bain** as treasurer effective Aug. 1. He replaced

Ronda C. Johnson who took the treasurer position at **Mason City**. Bain previously was the treasurer at **Southwest Local (Hamilton)**. ●●● **Trimble Local (Athens)** Treasurer **Cindy J. Rhonemus** announced her retirement effective Dec. 1. ●●● **Vermilion Local (Erie)** hired **Suzanne M. Wilson** as treasurer effective Aug. 25. She replaced **Paul Ryan Lockwood III**, who took the interim treasurer's position at **Springfield Local (Lucas)**. Wilson currently is the treasurer at **Wellington EV**.

Sympathies

Former **Bay Village City** Board of Education member **Robert L. Fedor** died July 20. He was 84. ●●● Former **Belpre City** Assistant Treasurer **Mary Ella Holdren Parsons** died July 12. She was 100. ●●● Former **Benton-Carroll-Salem Local (Ottawa)** Board of Education member **Harold V. Ashley** died July 17. He was 90. ●●● Former **Bexley City** Superintendent and **Orange City** Assistant Superintendent **John A. Blough** died July 11. He

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Learn how you can save time and money with these webinars



BoardDocs is the exclusive eGovernance partner of OSBA. Join OSBA for the free informational webinar demonstrations on the dates and times listed below. The webinars will showcase BoardDocs' cloud-based solutions and demonstrate why it is the eGovernance leader, not only in Ohio, but across the nation. Participants will learn how to save money, time and be more effective with BoardDocs.

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Information for districts considering paperless board meetings

Wednesday, Aug. 20, 10 a.m.–11 a.m.

<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/522201248>.

Information for current users:

BoardDocs policy management

Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2 p.m.–3 p.m.

<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/326030592>

Once registered, you will receive an email confirming your registration with the information you need to view the webinar. For questions about these webinars, contact **Laurie Miller**, OSBA senior events manager, at (800) 589-OSBA, (614) 540-4000 or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org. For more information about BoardDocs, visit www.boarddocs.com.



School Communication in the Digital Age

Learn the latest on social media, electronic newsletters and other new communication tools

Wednesday, Aug. 13
OSBA office, Columbus

9 a.m.-3:15 p.m.
Cost \$150

Technology is rapidly transforming the way we live and communicate. Smartphones, tablets and other mobile devices have put the Internet constantly at our fingertips, presenting both opportunities and challenges for school districts striving to communicate with their communities.

This comprehensive workshop sheds light on how districts — both those with and without full-time communication staff — can effectively and efficiently leverage new communication tools. Experienced school communication professionals will provide replicable, real-world examples and explain how districts can use websites, blogs, social media, Web videos and electronic newsletters to engage, inform and connect school communities. Learn manageable and cost-effective ways to communicate digitally in these ever-changing times.

8:30 a.m.	Registration and continental breakfast (provided)	Noon	Lunch (provided)
9 a.m.	Welcome	12:30 p.m.	Show, don't tell — using video to carry your message Let your students, staff and parents tell your story. No matter how modest your budget, Shaker Heights City explains how you can create compelling viral Web videos to attract new families, keep residents informed and even sell levies. Find out how to make maximum impact with minimal investment.
9:15 a.m.	A new approach to newsletters In today's hectic world, parents, staff and your constituents do not always have the attention span to wade through pages of newsletter content, either in print or online. Learn how New Albany-Plain Local (Franklin) worked to "dial it back" to improve reader engagement and efficiency with newsletters and focused communications.	1:45 p.m.	Break
10:30 a.m.	Break	2 p.m.	School websites for today Websites are not a new communication tool. However, how you use your site to enhance, link and support your other communication tools is important. See how Hilliard City uses its website to connect its tools and target messages to reach the right audiences.
10:45 a.m.	Socially speaking — leveraging the power of social media Social media offers school districts a powerful communication tool — one with risks and rewards. OSBA shares how social media can benefit a district, how districts are effectively using it, tips for engaging your community and social media best practices, including pitfalls to avoid.	3:15 p.m.	Adjourn

The cost of this workshop is \$150, which includes registration, continental breakfast, lunch and materials. Register online at www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops or by contacting **Laurie Miller**, senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org.

Management Development Series #4: **OTES and pay for performance**

Wednesday, Sept. 10
OSBA office, Columbus

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Cost is \$90

As Ohio school districts begin to implement the new Ohio Teacher Evaluation System (OTES), questions about performance pay continually arise. Some ask about the basic principles of performance pay, while others question how OTES can be built upon to create a complete performance-pay system. And performance pay, like any other compensation system, has strengths and weaknesses that need to be carefully considered with respect to achieving and raising district goals.

Jeff Rahmberg, of Rahmberg Stover & Associates, has long been recognized as an expert in public school employee compensation and has developed performance-pay systems for school districts in Ohio and neighboring states. He also has worked with OSBA in providing superintendent, treasurer and administrator salary analyses, as well as presented on performance pay at numerous seminars. OSBA Director of Management Services **Van D. Keating** also will speak.

This workshop will explore the latest incarnation of OTES, performance-pay fundamentals and possible ways to meld them into new evaluation systems. Presenters will show districts what could be accomplished, how it would look and what they should expect. They also will discuss what has and has not worked in other states. The session will be filled with interesting and timely information for board members and administrators alike.

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. Cost for the workshop is \$90 per attendee, and includes lunch and materials. 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.



Get on board with **OSBA** **School** **Transportation** **SERVICES**

OSBA can help districts assess their transportation needs and offer personal assistance with transportation rules interpretations, policy questions and technical advice. OSBA also provides the following services:

- transportation operation cost analysis and benchmarking studies;
- routing analysis;
- fleet management assistance;
- general operations evaluation;
- regional coordination studies;
- in-service presentations for drivers and administrators;
- evaluation of specific transportation services, including payment in lieu of transportation;
- bus purchasing and specification development;
- driver qualifications compliance review;
- transportation emergency plan development;
- development of local student transportation handbooks.

To learn more, contact **Pete Japikse** at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or schoolbus@ohioschoolboards.org.

2014 Treasurers' Clinics

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- ◆ ***Six convenient locations across Ohio***

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Friday, Sept. 5	Northeast Ohio Medical University, Rootstown
Friday, Sept. 26	Embassy Suites, Columbus
Tuesday, Sept. 30	Hilton Garden Inn, Perrysburg
Thursday, Oct. 2	Hilton Garden Inn Dayton South, Miamisburg
Friday, Oct. 3	Kent State University at Tuscarawas, New Philadelphia
Tuesday, Oct. 7	Ohio University Inn and Conference Center, Athens

Plan now to attend the 2014 OSBA Treasurers' Clinics to be held in six locations around the state. These clinics provide the most current information on school district fiscal issues. Treasurers, business managers, board members, administrators and treasurer's office personnel are encouraged to attend.

The Treasurers' Clinics offer timely information on a multitude of topics relevant to all members of a district's management team. Attendees also can fulfill their local and state professional development needs, including in-service, LPDC and continuing professional education credits.

Registration and continental breakfast begin at 8 a.m.; the clinic runs from 8:25 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The fee is \$150, which includes registration, continental breakfast, lunch and materials. You can register by contacting **Laurie Miller**, senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org.



WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

School Communication in the Digital Age

☐ Aug. 13, Columbus, \$150

MDS #4: OTEs and pay for performance

☐ Sept. 10, Columbus, \$90

Treasurers' Clinic

☐ Sept. 5, Rootstown, \$150

☐ Sept. 26, Columbus, \$150

☐ Sept. 30, Perrysburg, \$150

☐ Oct. 2, Miamisburg, \$150

☐ Oct. 3, \$150, New Philadelphia, \$150

☐ Oct. 7, Athens, \$150

OSBA Workshop Registration Form

Workshop name _____ Workshop date _____

Attendee name _____ Title _____

Daytime phone _____ Email _____

District/firm _____ County _____

Enclosed is a check for \$ _____ or P.O.# _____ to cover _____ registration(s). Make checks payable to OSBA and mail to 8050 N. High St., Suite 100, Columbus, OH 43235-6481, fax to (614) 540-4100 or email **Laurie Miller**, senior events manager, at Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org. Include a purchase order number with fax or email.



_____ *Please check here if you require special accommodations. Contact us or attach a written description of needs.*

Please photocopy this form for each person

OSBA workshop registration procedures

OSBA sends email confirmation of registration if an email address is provided. Registration is open to all boards and staff of OSBA members. "Walk-in" registrations are welcome on a space-available basis only. Please call OSBA to check the status of registration before you arrive at the workshop. To register, you must have a purchase order number or a check payable to OSBA and a completed registration form. You may register with a purchase order number by phone, fax, email or Web page 24 hours a day.

Award of Achievement/LPDC

Most workshops entitle members to Award of Achievement credits. Local Professional Development Committee certificates of attendance will be issued to all workshop attendees.

You may register on our website at www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops. You will need a username and password.



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Phone
or fax

OSBA Registration Hotline,
(614) 540-4000, ext. 300;
toll free (800) 589-OSBA,
ext. 300; or fax us at
(614) 540-4100.



PHONE

Email registrations can be sent to Laurie Miller at Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org. Please include a purchase order number.

Cancellation and refund policy

- Cancellations received by OSBA at least five workdays before the date of the workshop will receive a full refund or no charge to the district.
- Cancellations received less than five workdays before the date of the workshop will be charged half of the registration fee.
- No-shows and cancellations the day of the workshop will be charged the full registration amount.

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was 84. ●●● **Robert E. Armstrong**, a member of the former **Degraff** Board of Education in Logan County, died July 23. He was 96. ●●● **Martha Wise Spaulding**, a former member of the State Board of Education and **Elyria City** Board of Education, died July 22. She was 80. ●●● Former **Jefferson Local (Madison)** Board of Education member **Jack A. Pfeil** died July 13. He was 85. ●●● **New Richmond EV** Board of Education member **David Hawkins** died July 10. He was 62. ●●● Former **Osnaburg Local (Stark)** Board of Education member **Shirley C. Holden** died July 12. She was 73. ●●● Former **Southington Local (Trumbull)** Board of Education member **Olaf Tietz Jr.** died July 11. He was 83.



FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

compiled by Angela Penquite, assistant editor

STEM grants for schools using FirstEnergy Corp. companies

FirstEnergy Corp. is offering STEM Education Grants for educators in schools served by its electric operating companies. The grants are for any upcoming creative classroom projects related to science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

Maximum awards: \$500

Eligibility: pre-K-12 educators in a school using a FirstEnergy Corp. electric operating company (Ohio Edison, The Illuminating Co. and Toledo Edison)

Deadline: Sept. 19

Contact: <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/83118>

Funds for classroom gardens

The Herb Society of America will select four classrooms to receive a grant to establish an outdoor herb garden.

Maximum awards: \$200

Eligibility: teachers of grades three to six who have at least 15 students in their class

Deadline: Oct. 1

Contact: <http://herbsociety.org/resources/samull-grant.html>

NEA Foundation Learning & Leadership grants

The National Education Association (NEA) provides grants for public school teachers, faculty and staff. Grants are awarded for one of two purposes: to fund participation in high-quality professional development experiences, such as summer institutes or action research, or to fund collegial study,

including study groups, action research, lesson study or mentoring experiences for faculty or staff new to an assignment. All professional development must improve practice, curriculum and student achievement.

Maximum awards: \$2,000

Eligibility: K-12 public school teachers and public school education support professionals

Deadline: Oct. 15

Contact: www.neafoundation.org/pages/grants-to-educators

Searching for the right direction? Let OSBA put you on the path to success!

OSBA can help your district create a strategic plan to ensure you always know which path to take. Call **Kathy LaSota** at (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA to get started on the right path today!



INFORMATION

Ohio School Breakfast Challenge helps kids eat right, be bright

OSBA is among more than 20 organizations supporting the Ohio School Breakfast Challenge. The challenge is a statewide campaign to increase and sustain participation in the federal School Breakfast Program and help students start each day ready to learn. The initiative is sponsored by the American Dairy Association Mideast, Children's Hunger Alliance, Ohio Action for Healthy

Kids and the Ohio School Nutrition Association.

Why serve school breakfast? It's simple. Breakfast affects students' health and learning, and can make economic sense to your school. The Ohio School Breakfast Challenge encourages all schools to give their students the best start they can with a healthy breakfast.

Serving breakfast is an easy, cost-effective way to help students

be and do their best. Studies show that children who eat breakfast perform better in school, are better behaved and have higher test scores. Skipping breakfast reduces students' alertness, attention, memory and problem-solving skills, which diminishes their overall cognitive performance.

A 2013 national report by Share Our Strength's No Kid Hungry campaign showed that, on average, students who eat school breakfast attend 1.5 more days of school per year and score 17.5% higher on standardized math tests. A snapshot of results in Maryland showed a 7.2% drop in absenteeism where schools served breakfast in the classroom.

Breakfast also serves up financial benefits

Serving breakfast also may benefit your school financially. It can protect operating funds, balance food costs and maximize U.S. Department of Agriculture reimbursements. Ohio schools that serve breakfast also may be eligible to apply for a breakfast expansion grant.

Serving school breakfast can make a big difference in your district. For example, **Kettering**

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OSBA Student Achievement Fair

Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2014

Greater Columbus Convention Center

The OSBA Capital Conference Student Achievement Fair highlights outstanding initiatives from school districts across the state. OSBA is seeking fresh, innovative programs or practices your district is willing to share with thousands of Ohio school district representatives. One hundred programs and practices will be selected based on creativity and impact on student achievement. The fair will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 11, during the OSBA Capital Conference.

OSBA is accepting nominations for district programs. While multiple programs may be submitted for consideration, space is limited, so districts should prioritize their submissions.

Nominate your district at www.ohioschoolboards.org/saf-nominations. The nomination deadline is Aug. 29.

Deadline
extended
to Aug. 29



PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Bryan Bullock, assistant editor

Oregon City school club adds math learning to summer break

An **Oregon City** school developed a creative approach to keep students' math skills up over summer.

Teachers at Coy Elementary School organized a summer club that awarded prizes to students who practice math skills at home. The math club ran from June 17 to Aug. 12. The goal of the program was to get students to log at least an hour per week during the summer doing arithmetic. From 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. each Tuesday,

children and parents were encouraged to visit the school to report practice time and visit teachers, who donated their time.

"I'm excited by the hope that the kids will come in and remember the (math) facts this (school) year," teacher **Lisa Kessler** told a local newspaper.

The math activities vary for students based on grade level. Parents and students have responded positively to the club.

About a quarter of the school's

enrollment — 83 students — participated in the math club. The students logged more than 27,000 minutes practicing math.

To motivate students, children collect weekly prizes, which include candy and other small items purchased by the school's parents association. Math club participants also are entered into a drawing for donated prizes like tickets to the movies, Toledo Zoo or Toledo Mud Hens games.

Source: *The (Toledo) Blade*

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City's Greenmont Elementary School began offering a grab-and-go breakfast in the school's main hallway last school year. Students could select breakfast items from a cooler and kiosk and head to their classrooms to eat. The school, with 341 students, almost doubled its breakfast participation of 55 daily breakfasts in the 2012-13 school year to 100 the next school year.

The new system had minimal start-up costs and required just 15 minutes of additional food service labor a day. The low expenses, combined with increased participation, boosted revenue, with the additional 45 daily breakfasts generating an extra

\$6,000 during the school year.

Despite evidence showing the many benefits breakfast provides, only 36.3% of Ohio teens report eating breakfast every day. And it's not just teens. Only 40% of Ohio students eligible for free or reduced-price school meals eat breakfast at school.

Ohio ranks 24th in the U.S. for school breakfast participation, but the Ohio Breakfast Challenge is working to help the state's schools improve this ranking.

How can my school participate?

Schools that offer the federal School Breakfast Program are automatically entered in the Ohio

School Breakfast Challenge.

Schools participate by planning to begin or expand their breakfast services and implementing those plans. Those meeting the challenge's goals will be recognized for their accomplishments.

Throughout the 2014-15 school year, schools will be offered resources, marketing materials and other assistance to help them successfully meet the challenge. Visit www.ohioschoolbreakfastchallenge.com to raise your hand for school breakfast and find tools and resources to help make your breakfast program as successful as possible. Help your students eat right and be bright.

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- 2 Treasurers' ClinicMiamisburg
- 3 Treasurers' Clinic New Philadelphia
- 6 Last day for voter registration for November election — RC 3503.01, 3503.19(A) (30 days prior to the election).
- 7 Treasurers' ClinicAthens
- 9 Southwest Region Fall Conference..... Lebanon
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- 23 BoardDocs webinar: Information for non-users

- 27 Last day to submit certification for February income tax levy to Ohio Department of Taxation — RC 5748.02(A) (100 days prior to the election).
- 31 Last day to submit February emergency or current operating expenses levy to county auditor for February election — RC 5705.194, 5705.195, 5705.213 (95 days prior to the election); end of first ADM reporting period— RC 3317.03(A).

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- 1 Last day for classroom teachers to develop online classroom lessons ("blizzard bags") in order to make up hours for which it was necessary to close schools — RC 3313.482
- 4 General Election Day — RC 3501.01(first Tuesday after the first Monday).
- 5 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 February election — RC 133.18(D); last day for county auditor to certify school district bond levy terms for February election — RC 133.18(C); last day to submit continuing replacement, permanent improvement or operating levy for February election to board of elections — RC 5705.192, 5705.21, 5705.25.