

# BRIEF CASE

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## Ohio educator a finalist for 2020 National Teacher of the Year

Ohio's Teacher of the Year, **Norwood City's Leila Kubesch**, is a finalist for 2020 National Teacher of the Year honors. Kubesch teaches English as a second language and Spanish, develops community partnerships, encourages student advocacy and speaks on behalf of emancipated foster youth. The National Teacher of the Year Program, run by the Council of Chief State School Officers, identifies exceptional teachers, celebrates their outstanding work, amplifies their voices and enables them to take part in policy discussions at the state and national levels. The National Teacher of the Year will be named in the spring and spend a year traveling around the nation as an ambassador for education and an advocate for teachers and students.

## OSBA Black Caucus accepting scholarship applications

Applications are being accepted for the 2020 OSBA Black Caucus Leo Lucas Scholarship, a program that provides graduating ethnically diverse high school seniors funds for college. The program is named for the late **Leo Lucas**, a **Dayton City** school board member and educator who founded the caucus. A link to the application is posted at [www.ohioschoolboards.org/osba-black-caucus](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/osba-black-caucus). The deadline to apply is March 6. For questions, contact OSBA's **Mark E. Bobo** at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or [mbobo@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:mbobo@ohioschoolboards.org).

## Registration opens for State Legislative Conference

It's time to register for the State Legislative Conference, set for March 18 in Columbus. The event provides Ohio's school leaders an opportunity to hear key legislative updates and meet one-on-one with state legislators and association lobbyists. It also features a luncheon with legislators and their aides. The annual event is hosted by OSBA, the Ohio Association of School Business Officials and the Buckeye Association of School Administrators. Be sure to make your district's voice heard at the Statehouse by registering today at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/76844>.

## ODE seeks applicants for 2020 Summer Food Service Program

The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) is seeking local nonprofit agencies, including schools, to be sponsors or meal sites for the 2020 Summer Food Service Program. The program ensures that children continue to receive nutritious meals during the summer break when they do not have access to school breakfast or lunch. Sponsoring organizations receive reimbursement to cover the costs of providing nutritious meals and snacks to children in eligible areas. It is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and administered by ODE. To learn more, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/37946>.

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### Route workshop information to:

- ☐ Administrators
- ☐ Transportation supervisors
- ☐ Technology directors
- ☐ Counselors
- ☐ Student services directors

## Student mental health/SEL summit just two weeks away

There's still time to register for the Mental Health and Social-Emotional Learning Summit. The free event is set for Feb. 25 in Columbus. OSBA and nearly 20 education groups, mental health organizations and state and community agencies are hosting the event to offer schools training on how to better serve their students' mental health and social-emotional learning needs. It features keynote speakers, 24 workshops and a Resource Fair staffed by agencies that provide mental health and social-emotional services. For details and to register, visit [www.ohioschoolboards.org/mental-health-summit](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/mental-health-summit).

## Ohio by far tops in nation for LEED-certified schools

The Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC) recently announced that **Cleveland**

## Students set sail in cardboard boats, learn unique lesson

Students at **Hillsdale Local's (Ashland)** Hillsdale Middle School spent a day on the water in a unique team-building lesson.

The 40 eighth-graders could only use cardboard and packing tape to build boats and race them across the Mansfield YMCA pool. History teacher **Todd Miller** got the idea after seeing a Cleveland-area school hold a similar event.

In teams of two, the students aimed to paddle as far as they could. The Speed Demon, manned by **Vincent Scalesi** and **Drew Johnson**, won the event.

"We tried to make it really stable, and we think it paid off," Scalesi told a local newspaper. "We made it so it would cut through the water with less resistance."

Source: [www.richlandsource.com](http://www.richlandsource.com)

**Municipal's** Halle School has become the 350th Ohio school to earn the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) designation. Ohio has more LEED-certified school buildings than any other state, OFCC said. Second is Pennsylvania, with 129. The LEED program, run by the U.S. Green

Buildings Council, rates buildings on criteria that include design and construction practices; indoor air quality; building operations and maintenance; water efficiency; and minimized environmental impact.

## OSBA offers expansive calendar of key dates

As you continue planning for 2020, please know that OSBA offers many tools and resources to help you keep track of important legal deadlines, upcoming workshops and other important dates. To learn more, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/77509>.

## OSBA online

● [www.ohioschoolboards.org](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org)

The OSBA BillTracker page lets you search for bills OSBA's legislative division is tracking in the Ohio General Assembly. Visit [www.ohioschoolboards.org/billtracker](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/billtracker) to stay up to date on the latest legislation and how it will affect your schools.



## Briefcase

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# BULLETIN BOARD

compiled by Melanie Price, senior administrative assistant of communication services

## OSBA executive searches

### Superintendent

District	Deadline	Contact
① Franklin Local (Muskingum)	March 6	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000

### Treasurer

District	Deadline	Contact
① New Richmond EV	Feb. 14	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
② Sandusky City	Feb. 14	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000



## Other searches

Position	Location	Deadline	Contact
Treasurer	Sandy Valley Local (Stark)	Until filled	Joe Chaddock, superintendent, Stark County ESC, (330) 492-8136, ext. 1350

## National searches

Position	Location	Deadline	Contact
Superintendent	Wenham, Mass.	Feb. 21	Ann-marie Martin, Massachusetts Association of School Committees, (617) 523-8454

## Board changes

Archbold-Area Local (Fulton) appointed Tyson Stuckey to the board effective Jan. 15. ●●● Canal Winchester Local (Franklin) appointed Monika Talley to the board effective Jan. 18. She replaced Brian J. Niceswanger, who resigned in December. ●●● Canfield Local (Mahoning) appointed Nader Atway to the board effective Jan. 16. He replaced Craig Olson, who resigned in December. ●●● Central Local (Defiance) Board of Education member Roger Zeedyk Jr. announced his resignation effective Jan. 14. ●●● Edon-Northwest Local (Williams) appointed Patty Eicher to the board effective Jan. 13. ●●● Goshen Local (Clermont) appointed Bill Herrera to the board effective Jan. 13. He replaced Tommie Bixler, who resigned. ●●● Manchester Local (Summit) appointed Steve Rector to the board effective Jan. 7. He replaced Mark Tallman, who resigned in December. ●●● Napoleon Area City Board of Education member Rob M. Rettig announced his resignation effective Jan. 14. ●●● Perry Local (Allen) Board of Education member Tammy Lehman-McDonnell announced her resignation effective Jan. 16. ●●● Ridgemont Local (Hardin) appointed Matthew Jennings to the board effective Jan. 23. ●●● Strongsville City appointed Seth Roberts to the board effective Jan. 22. He replaced Duke Evans, who resigned Jan. 9. ●●● Washington Local (Lucas) Board of

### Editor's note

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

Education member **Thomas Ilstrup** announced his resignation effective May 31. ●●● **Youngstown City** appointed **Jerome Williams** to the board effective Jan. 17.

## **Administrative changes**

### **Superintendents**

**Aurora City** Superintendent **Pat Ciccantelli** announced his retirement effective July 31. ●●● **Berne Union Local (Fairfield)** hired **Jon Parker** as interim superintendent effective Jan. 15. He replaces **Richard R. Spindler**, who is resigning effective March 31. Parker previously was the district's high school principal. ●●● **Galion City** Superintendent **James Grubbs** announced his retirement effective July 31. ●●● **Miamisburg City** Superintendent **Dr. David S. Vail** announced his retirement effective July 31. ●●● **Perry Local (Allen)** Superintendent **Alison Van Gorder** announced her resignation effective June 17.

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# OSBA Student Achievement Fair

Monday, Nov. 9, 2020  
10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Greater Columbus Convention Center

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

### **Student Achievement Fair performing groups**

OSBA will choose one performing group from each of the association's five regions 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 **Heather Lantz**, administrative assistant of board and management services, at [hLantz@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:hLantz@ohioschoolboards.org). Only electronic recordings will be accepted. The nomination deadline is **Friday, May 22, 2020**.

### **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.

Contact **Heather Lantz** ([hLantz@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:hLantz@ohioschoolboards.org)) or **Teri Morgan** ([tmorgan@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:tmorgan@ohioschoolboards.org)) at (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA with any questions.

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





# An Introduction to Collective Bargaining in Schools

Monday, Feb. 24 • OSBA office, Columbus • Cost: \$180 (includes the book "Labor Relations in Ohio Public Schools")

Join us to learn about the collective bargaining process, your role in that process and what you can do to ensure bargaining in your district goes smoothly. Learn tips for effective bargaining and discuss frequently exchanged bargaining proposals. This workshop is designed for new board members and new attorneys.

**8:30 a.m. Registration**

**8:55 a.m. Welcome**

**9 a.m. Collective bargaining basics: Why, what and how to negotiate**

We'll look at the legal scope of bargaining, the duty to negotiate in good faith, mandatory versus permissive subjects of bargaining and various bargaining models. This session also will discuss unfair labor practice charges.

*Van D. Keating, senior staff attorney, OSBA*

**10 a.m. Break**

**10:15 a.m. Preparation, proposals, goals and strategies**

Gathering information, analyzing data and developing and drafting proposals are important steps that often are underestimated or overlooked yet have a significant impact on the outcomes of negotiations. Learn how careful preparation can result in successful negotiations.

*Kevin J. Locke, Esq., co-managing partner, Pepple & Waggoner Ltd.*

**11:30 a.m. Lunch (provided)**

**12:15 p.m. The bargaining team: Selection, roles and responsibilities**

Representing a school district in negotiations can be a frustrating experience for anyone unfamiliar with the process. Face-to-face bargaining can be confrontational and, at times, very personal. This presentation will focus on how to best select bargaining team members, recognize group dynamics, assign responsibilities and ensure that every team member is prepared.

*Kevin J. Locke, Esq.*

**1 p.m. Effectively managing the bargaining process**

Once negotiations start, developing an efficient plan for discussing proposals, making counter-proposals, reaching agreements and managing time can become significant issues for the parties. Learn how to manage the strict negotiations deadlines established in Ohio law and use those deadlines to your advantage.

*Van D. Keating*

**2 p.m. Impasse, settlement or strike?**

Learn the consequences of failed negotiations and the processes that surround impasse and the union's option to go on strike. Discuss impasse, mediation, fact-finding, strike notices, strike planning and how districts can operate effectively during a strike.

*George Albu, consultant and mediator, Federal Mediation & Conciliation Service; Kevin J. Locke, Esq.; and Van D. Keating*

**3 p.m. Adjourn**

## To register

Visit [www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops) or email **Laurie Miller** at [Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org).

# Mental Health and Social-Emotional Learning Summit

Feb. 25, 2020 • Greater  
Columbus Convention Center



OSBA and a coalition of education groups, mental health organizations and state and community agencies will host the Mental Health and Social-Emotional Learning Summit and Resource Fair Feb. 25 in Columbus. The **free** event is designed for school board members, administrators, educators, counselors, psychologists, support staff, mental health professionals and parent leaders.

Districts are encouraged to bring a team so that staff can attend multiple breakout sessions. The summit also will include a Resource Fair in which agencies can share information on their resources that are available to district staff.

Visit [www.ohioschoolboards.org/mental-health-summit](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/mental-health-summit) to view the full agenda, see a list of speakers and register.



Ohio School Boards Association

## Questions about workers' comp rates?

# Get answers at the SchoolComp Workshops



Hear the latest on the SchoolComp program, Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) changes and experience review. These sessions meet BWC's two-hour safety training requirement.

The workshops will be held at five sites around Ohio, beginning at 8:30 a.m. and ending at 12:30 p.m. While there is no fee, registration is requested to accommodate those attending. You can register on the Ohio Association of School Business Officials (OASBO) website at [www.oasbo-ohio.org](http://www.oasbo-ohio.org) or by calling (614) 431-9116.

### Dates and locations:

- Monday, March 2  
Hilton Garden Inn, Miamisburg
- Tuesday, March 3  
Hilton Garden Inn, Findlay
- Wednesday, March 4  
Northeast Ohio Medical University, Rootstown
- Thursday, March 5  
Ohio University Inn and Conference Center, Athens
- Friday, March 6  
OASBO office, Westerville



# School Finance 101:

## What board members should know

Friday, Feb. 28, 9 a.m.–3 p.m. • OSBA office, Columbus • Cost: \$170

School finance is a complicated subject. As board members, it is important for you to know the basics.

Learn from the experts about state and local funding, levies and five-year forecasts. Become your district's expert and find out how to access data and what questions to ask.

8:45 a.m.	Registration	1 p.m.	Understanding five-year forecasts <i>Matt Bunting, Forecast5 Analytics Inc.</i>
9 a.m.	State funding formula: What school board members should know <i>Aaron Rausch, director, Office of Budget and School Funding, Ohio Department of Education</i>	1:55 p.m.	Break
		2:05 p.m.	Levies, levies, levies and local funding <i>Mike Sobul, Forecast5 Analytics Inc.</i>
10:30 a.m.	Break	3 p.m.	Wrap-up and adjourn
10:40 a.m.	Property tax/school-funding formula <i>Dr. Howard Fleeter, consultant, Ohio Education Policy Institute</i>		
12:15 p.m.	Lunch (provided)		

### To register

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This workshop is Stop 2 in the 2020 New Board Member Passport. The passport includes six workshops that expose you to topics that are important to new board members in their first year. Visit [www.ohioschoolboards.org/passport](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/passport) to learn more.



## We can help you reach agreement

OSBA's bargaining consultation services offer your district comprehensive representation services during negotiations and/or traditional and alternative bargaining styles.

Bargaining consultation clients receive:

- low-cost service fees;
- flexible rates;
- experienced negotiators;
- statewide experience.

For more information on how bargaining consultation can work for your district, contact OSBA's legal services division at (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA.





# Special Education Law Workshop

**Friday, March 6 • 9 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. • Cost: \$185**  
**Nationwide Hotel & Conference Center, Columbus**

Learn from some of the most experienced special education lawyers representing school districts in Ohio.

**8:15 a.m. Registration and continental breakfast**

**8:55 a.m. Welcome**

**9 a.m. Ohio Department of Education (ODE) — Office for Exceptional Children**

Join the new director of the Office for Exceptional Children (OEC) and other staff members as they provide updates about amendments to the operating standards, and Doe settlement as well as other developments in the office.

*Jo Hannah Ward, director, OEC, ODE*

**9:45 a.m. Special education for students who are homeless or in foster care**

Students who are homeless or in foster care are among the most vulnerable in any school. This session offers steps to identify, evaluate and provide appropriate services to special education students who are homeless or in foster care to ensure districts are meeting their obligations to provide free appropriate public education to all students.

*Jessica L. Dawso, Esq., Scott Scriven LLP, and Kristin E. Hildebrant, Esq., Disability Rights Ohio*

**11 a.m. Break**

**11:15 a.m. Hot topics in special education**

Hear about new and developing topics in the field of special education, including education for students who are incarcerated or hospitalized; Functional Behavioral Assessments, Behavior Intervention Plans and behavior goals in individualized education programs (IEPs); recent due process decisions from ODE; and ensuring family involvement for English learners with disabilities.

*Christina Henagen Peer, Esq., Walter Haverfield LLP*

**12:15 p.m. Lunch (provided)**

**1:15 p.m. The IEP playlist: Tips for effective IEP meetings**

This fast-paced and interactive session will cover tips and best practices to help school districts make IEP meetings effective. Learn about the importance of preparation, documentation and follow-up and hear case examples to illustrate what districts should avoid.

*Laura G. Anthony, Esq., Bricker & Eckler LLP*

**2:30 p.m. Break**

**2:45 p.m. Getting — and keeping — parents involved in the special education process**

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act mandates that districts include parents at every step of the special education process. How can districts get parents more actively involved? What can derail a district's relationship with parents? Learn the answers to these questions and more.

*Leighann K. Fink, Esq., Roetzel & Andress*

**3:45 p.m. Adjourn**

Unauthorized audio recording or videotaping of any session is strictly prohibited.

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May 1-2,  
2020

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# Ohio School Boards Association Board Leadership Institute



Your role. Your peers. Your growth.  
**Your conference.**



As a member of your school district's governing body, you are called on to make important decisions at every meeting. Some decisions are easy; others are complicated. That's why board member development is so important. And that's why OSBA offers the Board Leadership Institute (BLI).

## Your role.

As a school board member, you're accountable for overseeing a multimillion dollar organization that serves your community's most important asset — its children.

Serving in this capacity is an enormous responsibility; one that calls for extraordinary skills.

Whether you're in your first year of board service or your 30th, the ever-changing world of public education governance requires continuing education and professional development.

That's why OSBA is proud to offer BLI: your go-to event for ongoing training specific to your role as a board member.

## Your peers.

Who better to plan a conference for board members than board members?

BLI is an event that's planned *by* board members *for* board members. Nowhere else will you find professional development tailored so specifically to your role.

What's more, BLI is your chance to network with your colleagues from around the state as well as OSBA staff.

Unlike other events, BLI is only open to board members, meaning you'll get the chance to talk about issues important to you, with people who understand your role and the challenges you face.

## Your growth.

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

Almost all board members agree they could use more training in tackling school district issues and needs.

When asked, board members say they want training that is highly task-oriented, is concentrated, allows for networking and is led by outstanding instructors.

BLI meets each of these needs.

This unique two-day institute is designed to further your professional development by focusing on timely topics and allowing opportunities for you to speak with the experts.





# Top five reasons to attend BLI:

1. **It's the premier conference designed by board members for board members.** Your peers from around the state work together to plan BLI breakout sessions.
2. **You'll receive exceptional professional development.** This comprehensive, two-day event is full of relevant sessions that will leave you feeling inspired.
3. **It's a great opportunity to strengthen your board governance skills.** In addition to hearing from two keynote speakers, you'll be able to choose from 18 breakout sessions on topics that appeal to you the most.
4. **You can network with other board members.** Meet with colleagues from across Ohio to share success stories and learn from each other.
5. **Attendees have online access to all handouts.** You can view resources for the sessions you missed.



## Your conference.

### Reflections from past attendees:

"The speakers were well-informed and delivered presentations that held my interest."

"I received great information and best practice opportunities to share with our board members and district."

"I have attended many BLI programs, but the 2019 session was outstanding."

"The sessions were very valuable and in tune with experiences that each school has on a daily basis."

"This was my first time attending, and I was greatly excited about another training session, especially a two-day event. I was blown away by the speakers and the breakout sessions. They were all relevant and interesting!"

## 2020 BLI schedule (tentative)

### Friday, May 1

8 a.m. Registration/breakfast  
9 a.m. Opening General Session  
10:15 a.m. Break  
10:30 a.m. Breakout sessions  
11:30 a.m. Networking luncheon  
12:30 p.m. Breakout sessions  
1:30 p.m. Break  
1:45 p.m. Keynote presentation  
2:30 p.m. Break  
2:45 p.m. Breakout sessions  
3:45 p.m. Adjourn for the day

### Saturday, May 2

7:30 a.m. Breakfast  
8:15 a.m. Breakout sessions  
9:15 a.m. Break  
9:30 a.m. Breakout sessions  
10:30 a.m. Break  
10:45 a.m. Breakout sessions  
11:45 a.m. Closing Luncheon  
1 p.m. Adjourn



Don't miss the  
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board members.

## Registration

The cost to attend this intensive two-day institute is \$290.

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## Accommodations

The Hilton Columbus/Polaris is the site of this year's Board Leadership Institute. The hotel is located in north Columbus at 8700 Lyra Drive, adjacent to Polaris Fashion Place mall, countless restaurants, additional shopping and entertainment. Parking is free.

### Room rates

Call the Hilton Columbus/Polaris at (614) 885-1600 for reservations. Mention OSBA to get a rate of \$143 for a single or double room. Reservations must be made by Thursday, April 9, 2020, to receive this special rate.

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*Check out this workshop  
designed for board members  
and key administrative leaders*



# A Deep Dive Into Alternative Funding Resources

Thursday, March 12 • 9 a.m.-3:15 p.m. • Embassy Suites, Columbus • Cost: \$180

Hear from your peers and experts how to optimize your school district's financial health through alternative funding resources. Learn how strong partnerships among the leadership team can lead to success in your district.

**8:30 a.m. Registration**

**9 a.m. All about grants**

Discover how to locate grant opportunities and assess whether they are worth pursuing; make your district's application stand out from the crowd; and manage grants to get the most benefit for your district and students.

**10:30 a.m. Break**

**10:45 a.m. Partnering with education support groups**

Learn the legal basics and suggested best practices for partnering with your district's education foundation, booster groups and other education support groups to augment, supplement or enhance your district's financial resources.

**12:15 p.m. Lunch (provided)**

**1 p.m. Partnerships for communitywide progress**

Explore some of the ways districts have joined forces with established community groups to extend and create opportunities for students and staff without constraining budgets.

**2:30 p.m. All about crowdfunding**

Get an in-depth look at crowdfunding best practices, practical tips and OSBA's model crowdfunding policy. Review the **donorschoose.org** platform as a district-focused option that has helped the nation's public schools secure millions of dollars in resources.

**3:15 p.m. Q&A and adjourn**

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# OSBA Cyberlaw Workshop

Friday, March 13, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.  
OSBA office, Columbus  
Cost is \$170

**8:30 a.m. Registration and continental breakfast**

**8:50 a.m. Welcome**

**9 a.m. Hot topics in cyberlaw**

This perennial favorite will review the most recent legal issues relating to technology in school districts. Identify potential areas of concern for your district and leave with ways to combat issues.

*Ryan LaFlamme, Esq., Ennis Britton Co.  
LPA*

**10:15 a.m. Break**

**10:30 a.m. Cybersecurity: Reducing and responding to threats**

Recent legislation created Ohio Cyber Reserve and Ohio Cyber Range. Find out how these groups, staffed by volunteer cybersecurity experts, can help reduce cyberthreats and provide education to the students in your district.

*Mark Bell, cybersecurity outreach  
coordinator, Ohio National Guard Ohio  
Adjutant General's Department*

**11:45 a.m. Lunch (provided)**

**12:30 p.m. Protecting privacy while using online services**

Schools across the state are using computer software, mobile apps and other web-based tools to foster and enhance the learning process. The use of online technologies can positively transform the educational process but comes with potential risks. Review the legal requirements, best practices and tools districts should employ and consider when evaluating the use of online educational products and services.

*Sara C. Clark, chief legal counsel, OSBA*

**1:45 p.m. Break**

**2 p.m. Monitoring and responding to off-campus social media**

All schools want to stop school violence and cyberbullying, but does monitoring students' off-campus social media accounts fulfill the goal? Review the benefits and risks of using social media monitoring services and how a district should respond when it is alerted of potential issues online.

*Derek Towster Esq., Scott Scriven LLP*

**3 p.m. Adjourn**

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## Trauma Informed Education

**Saturday, March 14 • 10 a.m.–2 p.m. • OSBA office, Columbus • Cost: \$100**

Research has shown that when children are exposed to traumatic events, they can be impacted academically, socially and emotionally. We must take a more integrative approach when supporting these children in our schools.

Join us for this engaging and informative workshop hosted by the OSBA Black Caucus. You'll learn trauma-informed practices to support students, strategies for creating trauma-informed schools that can accelerate learning and much more.

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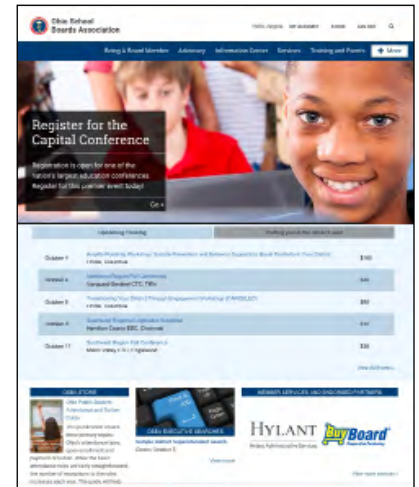
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**Deadline: March 4, 2020**



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### **Treasurers**

**Niles City** hired **Rhonda L. Baldwin-Amorganos** as treasurer effective Feb. 3. She replaced Interim Treasurer **Craig Yaniglos**. Baldwin-Amorganos previously was treasurer at **Howland Local (Trumbull)**. ●●● **Perry Local (Allen)** hired **Mandy Gossard France** as treasurer effective Feb. 10. She replaced **Esther Anne Ruhe**, who resigned in December. France previously was treasurer at **Benjamin Logan Local (Logan)**.

### **Sympathies**

Former **Kettering City** Board of Education member **Virginia Elizabeth Welss** died Jan. 15. She was 88. ●●● Former **Liberty Union-Thurston Local (Fairfield)** Board of Education member **Francis E. George** died Jan. 24. He was 91. ●●● Former **Lordstown Local (Trumbull)** Board of Education member **Edward T. Chiles** died Jan. 12. He was 78. ●●● Former **Ottawa Hills Local (Lucas)** Board of Education member **Shirley Levy** died Jan. 24. She was 91.

# OSBA Master of Transportation Administration (MTA) Program

These workshops will help those involved in student transportation better understand and perform day-to-day operations.

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### **Workshop dates and descriptions**

#### **March 4 or 11 — Emergency transportation planning**

Transportation departments are required to have a viable, documented emergency plan in place. The plan includes not only the major events that we hope will never happen but also routine incidents that occur in this industry, including breakdowns, sick children and minor accidents. This class will help identify what should be included in an emergency plan, how to develop the action plan and how to write a plan that anyone can follow, even in your absence.

#### **April 1 or 8 — Fleet management and bus purchasing**

This course will review the Ohio school bus construction standards, approved options for school buses, Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards requirements and the need to keep your fleet compliant. Delve into the value of a preventive maintenance plan, bus purchasing and using data to determine an effective vehicle replacement plan. Finally, we will focus on how to make the best use of the driver pretrip inspection to meet the need for safety checks and state patrol motor vehicle inspections.

### **To register**

Visit [www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops) or contact **Diana Paulins** at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or [mta@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:mta@ohioschoolboards.org). To purchase a subscription plan for all the workshops, contact Paulins for more information.



## LEGISLATIVE REPORT

by Will Schwartz, deputy director of legislative services

### General Assembly extends EdChoice voucher deadline

With just a few hours remaining before the Feb. 1 deadline, the General Assembly pushed back to April 1 the application window for the Educational Choice Scholarship Program (EdChoice), Ohio's largest voucher program. The extension, contained in Senate Bill (SB) 120, would buy the legislature time to reach an agreement on how to address the explosion in the number of public schools designated as EdChoice-eligible. In fiscal year (FY) 2019, that list stood at 255 buildings in 31 school districts. If the legislature fails to reach an agreement on a new plan, that list would balloon to 1,227 buildings in 426 districts for FY 2021.

Gov. **Mike DeWine** signed SB 120 Jan. 31.

During January, House Speaker **Larry Householder** (R-Glenford) and Senate President **Larry Obhof** (R-Medina) were engaged in negotiations on several voucher solutions that would implement short-term fixes to the eligibility list and revise other components of the program. Those talks continued late into January but ultimately stalled as the Feb. 1 deadline drew near. Lawmakers found themselves forced to move the Feb. 1 deadline to April 1 to allow time to consider more viable solutions.

Efforts to address the voucher issue began to surface around the Ohio Statehouse in mid-January. The main proposal in circulation was offered by Sen. **Matt Dolan** (R-Chagrin Falls). It would have immediately trimmed the list of

1,227 buildings to 328, a reduction of 899 buildings. It also would have increased the income threshold from 200% to 250% of the federal poverty level for the income-based EdChoice Expansion program. In addition, it would restrict voucher eligibility to private school students or home-schooled students who completed eighth grade if their public school was voucher-eligible, instead of grades eight through 11. The plan also would have appropriated \$10 million to school districts in FY 2021 to offset losses due to this provision.

Shortly after this amendment gained notoriety, a similar amendment appeared. The newer amendment froze the eligibility to

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## PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Scott Gerfen, assistant editor

### Tuslaw Local Schools' work-study program brings skills, spirit

The small nook inside the cafeteria of **Tuslaw Local's (Stark)** Tuslaw Middle School is filled with school pride. Large foam fingers, lanyards and more spirit wear hang on the walls, painted blue and white.

The merchandise inside the student-run Tuslaw Spirit Shop also includes tie-dyed T-shirts sporting the Tuslaw Mustang Blue Pride slogan and wristbands created by students.

The spirit shop is the creation of

the school's work-study program, which helps special needs students learn transition skills, improve interpersonal communication, problem solve, manage money and build employment skills, instructor **Brittany Snee** told a local newspaper.

"We don't want to leave them without any kind of skills that set them up for success," she said. "We want them to get a job and keep a job."

Students began building the business through the Massillon WestStark Chamber of Commerce Business Plan Development Program. Through donors, local school districts receive monetary awards for business education-related purposes.

One of the students' earliest plans was to find a local T-shirt company to produce shirts to sell at a profit, Snee said. The business plan grew from there.

Source: The Repository

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what currently is in law, effectively capping the list at 500 buildings. The amendment also increased the income threshold to 300% of the federal poverty level. Finally, the amendment failed to include an appropriation despite maintaining the eighth-grade eligibility provision.

The Senate Higher Education Committee then met on Jan. 29 to amend and pass House Bill (HB) 9, which included a similar version of the second amendment. Key differences included trimming the eligibility list down to 420 buildings — a reduction of 807 buildings — and a \$20 million appropriation to offset losses due

to the eighth-grade eligibility provision. Of those 420 buildings, 191 received an overall grade of A, B or C on their most recent report card. The amendment also would have dissolved the academic distress commission for the **Lorain City** School District. The Senate then passed HB 9 by a vote of 26-7 with an additional \$10 million and a reduction in voucher payments due from the **Cleveland Municipal** School District.

The House then evaluated the Senate's changes, and rumors soon began to surface that Householder was considering shifting to an entirely income-based voucher system in which vouchers would be

funded by the state. He expressed his intent for such a transition in a Jan. 30 statement to the press.

Seemingly unwilling to consider such an undiscussed and not-yet-fleshed-out legislative change and running short on time, Obhof declined to accept Householder's solution, and the two chambers walked away with no deal. Knowing the status quo was unacceptable, lawmakers bought 60 days by passing SB 120 in order to craft a viable solution to the voucher explosion.

*Editor's note:* Information in this article was current as of Jan. 31, 2020.

## February 2020

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|----|---|----|--|
| 11 | Clearinghouse Training.....Bowling Green  | 3  | SchoolComp Workshop.....Findlay  |
| 12 | OSBA Master of Transportation Administration Program: Driver records, background checks and compliance records.....Columbus | 4  | SchoolComp Workshop.....Rootstown  |
| 18 | Clearinghouse Training.....Akron  | 4  | OSBA Master of Transportation Administration Program: Emergency transportation planning.....Columbus |
| 18 | <i>Last day for voter registration for March election — RC 3503.01, 3503.19(A) (30 days prior to election).</i>             | 5  | SchoolComp Workshop.....Athens   |
| 19 | Urban Network winter meeting.....Columbus   | 5  | Northeast Region Spring Conference.....Cleveland   |
| 24 | An Introduction to Collective Bargaining in Schools.....Columbus  | 6  | SchoolComp Workshop.....Columbus   |
| 25 | Mental Health and Social-Emotional Learning Summit.....Columbus   | 6  | Special Education Law Workshop.....Columbus  |
| 28 | School Finance 101: What school board members should know.....Columbus  | 10 | Southwest Region Spring Conference.....Lebanon   |

## March 2020

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| 1 | <i>Last day to take action and deliver written notice of nonrenewal of superintendent's contract — RC 3319.01; last day to take action on and deliver written notice of nonrenewal of treasurer's contract — RC 3313.22; last day to publish joint statement describing how district's business advisory council has fulfilled its responsibilities — RC 3313.821.</i> | 11 | Central Region Spring Conference.....Columbus  |
| 2 | SchoolComp Workshop.....Miamisburg   | 11 | OSBA Master of Transportation Administration Program: Emergency transportation planning.....Columbus |

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| 12 | Northwest Region Spring Conference.....Perrysburg                     | 24 | Southeast Region Spring Conference.....St. Clairsville     |
| 12 | A Deep Dive Into Alternative Funding Resources.....Columbus           | 30 | Northeast Region Spring Conference.....Warren              |
| 13 | OSBA Cyberlaw Workshop.....Columbus                                   | 31 | <i>End of second ADM reporting period — RC 3317.03(A).</i> |
| 14 | OSBA Black Caucus Workshop: Trauma Informed Education.....Columbus    |    |  |
| 17 | Southeast Region Spring Conference.....McArthur                       |    |  |
| 17 | Primary Election Day — RC 3501.01 (third Tuesday after first Monday). |    |  |
| 18 | State Legislative Conference.....Columbus                             |    |  |

## April 2020

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| 1  | OSBA Master of Transportation Administration Program: Fleet management and bus purchasing.....Columbus   |
| 8  | OSBA Master of Transportation Administration Program: Fleet management and bus purchasing.....Columbus   |
| 22 | Transportation State Reports and Cost Analysis Workshop.....Columbus   |
| 27 | <i>Last day to submit certification for income tax levy to Ohio Department of Taxation for August election — RC 5748.02(A) (100 days prior to the election).</i> |

## May 2020

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| 1-2 | Board Leadership Institute ....Columbus  |
| 1   | <i>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).</i> |