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Ohio charter school enrollment continues to fall

The number of Ohio charter school students declined again during the last school year, as did the number of schools they attended, according to the Ohio Department of Education's annual charter schools report. Released Dec. 31, the report showed an enrollment of 104,380 during the 2017-18 school year. That is a drop of over 6,500 students from the previous year and more than 16,500 students from charter schools' enrollment peak in the 2013-14 school year. The report said there were 340 charter schools in Ohio in the 2017-18 academic year, down from 362 the previous year. The 2013-14 school year was the high point for charter schools, with 395 schools in operation. The report is posted at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/82811>.

Share your expertise and experience as a Capital Conference presenter

OSBA is seeking workshop presentation nominations for the 2019 Capital Conference, Nov. 10-12 in Columbus. Long known as one of the nation's leading education conventions, the conference offers outstanding opportunities for learning, sharing and networking in over 150 workshops and informational sessions. To view a list of learning categories and potential topics, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/31264>. To nominate sessions, visit <http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org/nominate>. The deadline is March 8 at 5 p.m.

ODE accepting Summer Food Service Program applications

The application process for the federal Summer Food Service Program opened Feb. 1. The program provides cash reimbursements to sponsoring agencies, including schools, that serve nutritional meals during the summer to low-income children or children living in low-income areas. It is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and administered by the Ohio Department of Education (ODE). For further information, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/16730>.

ODE restructuring its operations into four centers

In conjunction with its five-year strategic plan, Each Child Our Future, the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) is restructuring its operations. ODE will be structured into four centers: Center for Student Supports; Center for Continuous Improvement; Center for Performance and Impact; and Center for Teaching, Leading and Learning. For more information, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/46417>.

Study compares states' strategies for developmental education

Improving developmental education, often called remedial education, is a key strategy for boosting postsecondary degree attainment. The Education Commission of

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Route workshop information to:

- ☐ Administrators
- ☐ Human resources directors
- ☐ Transportation supervisors

the States' 50-State Comparison study takes a detailed look at states' developmental education assessment and placement policies. Access the study at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/62782>.

Registration open for OSBA Board Leadership Institute

School board members can now register for the 2019 OSBA Board Leadership Institute, April 26-27 in Columbus. Designed by and exclusively for board members, the Friday-Saturday institute features keynote speakers, workshops, luncheons and networking events. For details and to register, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/33166> or contact **Laurie Miller** at (614) 540-4000 or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org.

Board recognition month deadline just days away

The deadline for districts to send OSBA news and photos of

Canton Local student acs ACT and SAT

Dinah Ward, a student at **Canton Local's (Stark) Canton South High School**, has a specific pretest routine.

The senior wakes up about 90 minutes early for breakfast and more practice questions.

"You don't want to be warming up on the first passage of your actual test," Ward told a local newspaper. "You already want to be ready."

The ritual — and hours of studying — paid off.

Ward earned a perfect score on both the ACT and SAT college entrance exams. Local educators can't remember anyone else accomplishing it.

She hopes to attend Columbia University and study English.

Source: The Repository

their School Board Recognition Month events is Feb. 15. OSBA will feature the events in the Journal and on its website. Send materials to **Scott Gerfen** at sgerfen@ohioschoolboards.org; 8050 N. High St., Ste. 100, Columbus, OH 43235; or online at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/84140>.

Association's 2019 Legislative Platform now available

The 2019 OSBA Legislative Platform is now on the OSBA website and soon will be sent to members. It is posted at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/platform>.

OSBA online

● www.ohioschoolboards.org

OSBA selectively endorses outside providers to deliver products and services offering special value or unique benefits to member districts. Programs range from electricity purchasing, electronic governance and strategic communications to risk-management and unemployment compensation representation, online payment and purchasing systems and a wide variety of insurance coverage. Learn more about these cost-saving programs and how your membership can pay for itself by visiting <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/32015>.



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BULLETIN BOARD

compiled by Melanie Price, senior administrative assistant of communication services

OSBA executive searches

Superintendent

District

- ① Napoleon Area City
- ② Canton City
- ③ Crestline EV
- ④ New Richmond EV

Deadline

- Feb. 13
- March 15
- March 22
- TBD

Contact

- OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
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Treasurer

District

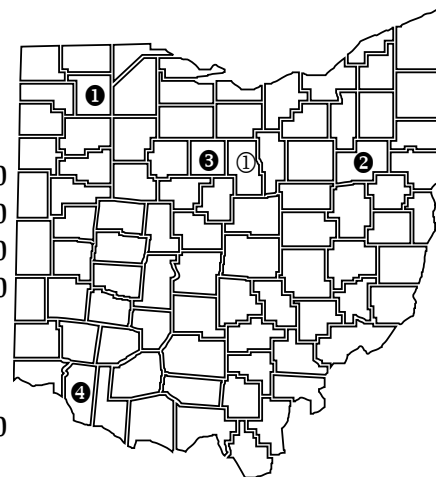
- ① Shelby City

Deadline

- Feb. 13

Contact

- OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000



Other searches

Position

Treasurer

Location

Dover City

Deadline

Feb. 15

Contact

Matthew A. King, treasurer, East
Central Ohio ESC, matt.king@ecoesc.org

Board changes

Berkshire Local (Geauga) Board of Education member **Robin Stanley** announced her resignation effective immediately.

●●● **Clinton-Massie Local (Clinton)** appointed **Kathleen L. Norman** to the board effective Jan. 21. She replaced

Christopher Harrison, who resigned. ●●● **Columbus City** appointed **Jennifer Adair** to the board effective Jan. 16. She replaced **Mary Jo Hudson**, who resigned.

Administrative changes

Superintendents

Canton City hired Human Resources Director **Barb Maceyak** as interim superintendent effective Jan. 15, replacing **Adrian E. Allison**. The district also hired Director of Instruction for Lower Elementary Grade Schools **Mallory Floyd** as interim assistant superintendent effective Jan. 15. ●●● **New Richmond EV** Superintendent **Adam Bird** announced his retirement effective July 31. ●●● **Scioto County Career Technical Center** Superintendent **Stan Jennings** announced his retirement effective July 31.

Treasurers

Madeira City Treasurer **Susan Crabill** announced her retirement effective Aug. 1. ●●● **Oakwood City** hired **Julia Belden**

Editor's note

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

as treasurer effective Jan. 22. She replaced **Kevin S. Philo**, who took the treasurer position at **Fairborn City**. Belden previously was the chief financial officer at Five Rivers Health Centers. ●●● **Ridgemont Local (Hardin)** Treasurer **Fred Reinemeyer** announced his retirement effective Feb. 28.

Sympathies

Former **Buckeye Local (Ashtabula)**, **Fairport Harbor EV** and **Jefferson Area Local (Ashtabula)** Superintendent and Buckeye Local Board of Education member **Jerry M. Peterson** died Jan. 17. He was 93. ●●● **Continental Local (Putnam)** Treasurer and former **Tri-County ESC** Assistant Treasurer **Beverly Sabo** died Jan. 4. She was 57. ●●● Former **Garaway Local (Tuscarawas)** Board of Education member **William Lee Ray** died Jan. 18. He was 82. ●●● Former **Indian Hill EV** Board of Education member **James R. Bridgeland** died Jan. 22. He was 89. ●●● Former **Liberty Local (Trumbull)** Board of Education member **John A. Baglier** died Jan. 19. He was 95. ●●● Former **Midview Local (Lorain)** Assistant Superintendent **William G. Reed** died Jan. 15. He was 83. ●●● **Anna M. Ford**, treasurer of the former **Plymouth School District** in Richland County, died Jan. 11. She was 88. ●●● Former **Southern Local (Columbiana)** and **Columbiana County Career & Technical Center** Board of Education member **Dennis Kyle Baker** died Jan. 19. He was 91. ●●● Former **Southern Local (Columbiana)** Board of Education member **Edward C. Todd** died Jan. 21. He was 80. ●●● **Eva Loraine Sexton**, treasurer of the former **Sugarcreek Local School District** in Greene County, died Jan. 11. She was 76.



REGIONAL ROUNDUP

by Scott Gerfen, assistant editor

Region spring conferences planned for March

The association's five regions are preparing to host their spring conferences in March, when hundreds of board members, administrators, students and guests come together for recognitions, networking and fellowship.

Reservation forms for the Central, Northeast, Northwest, Southeast and Southwest spring conferences were published in the Jan. 28 Briefcase. They also can be found on OSBA's website at **www.ohioschoolboards.org/regions**. Click on your respective region; the conference flier is listed under "Resources" on the upper right corner of the webpage.

OSBA President **John W. Halkias**, **Plain Local (Stark)**,

OSBA Chief Executive Officer **Richard Lewis** and OSBA Deputy Chief Executive Dr. **Kathy McFarland** will attend the conferences and provide association updates. Members of OSBA's Division of Legislative Services also will offer the latest information on state legislation impacting public education.

The March conferences recognize recipients of OSBA's Award of Achievement and Master Board Member honor. The latter award is a lifetime distinction given to those leaders who earn 300 Award of Achievement credits over a four-year period.

Board members can earn five credits toward the Award of Achievement for attending a

regional conference. Details about the Award of Achievement program are available at **<http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/43085>**.

Ohio Revised Code Section 3315.15 allows board members to create a service fund that can be used for expenses related to meetings, such as conferences.

Following are brief previews of what each region has planned for the spring conferences.

Central Region

The Central Region will hold its conference on Wednesday, March 13, at Villa Milano in Columbus. Region President **Stu Harris**, **Dublin City**, will preside over the evening's agenda, beginning with

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Intentional Practices in Public Education Workshop



Saturday, Feb. 23 • 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
OSBA office, Columbus • Cost is \$100

This workshop is designed to provide an up-close and personal look at what is positively impacting student achievement in urban districts. Academic leaders will share their experiences and success strategies from the urban perspective. This workshop is hosted by the OSBA Black Caucus.

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.

Agenda

9:30 a.m. Registration

10 a.m. Welcome and announcements

10:15 a.m. Intentional practices around using data to drive instruction

Background on Ohio Mid-Size Urban Leadership Collaborative, data review and using a data coordinator.

Donald J. Jolly II, superintendent, Warrensville Heights City

10:55 a.m. Break

11:05 a.m. Developing an instructional framework

What is an instructional framework, and why is it important to your district?

Dr. Charles T. Keenan, superintendent, Maple Heights City

11:45 a.m. Lunch (provided)

12:40 p.m. Instructional rounds — intentional practices to close the achievement gap

Learn how productive use of instructional rounds can collaboratively move a district forward.

Dr. Vilicia Cade, chief academic officer, Sandusky City

1:25 p.m. OSBA Black Caucus updates

2 p.m. Adjourn

Reasonable Suspicion Training



OSBA is offering a reasonable suspicion drug and alcohol training program for supervisors. Completion of this course is required for all supervisors of safety-sensitive (commercial driver's license) drivers, including school bus drivers. Best practice is that each district have at least two administrators trained in this requirement.

The course meets the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration U.S. Department of Transportation requirements. Attendees will receive a certificate of completion.

Details: This workshop is being offered on Wednesday, **Feb. 13**, from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the OSBA office. The cost is \$50

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

OSBA MASTER OF TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATION (MTA) PROGRAM

This series of 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, 43235. Visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/transportation-training-programs to learn about the MTA certification program.



Workshop dates and descriptions

Feb. 13 — Federal regulations, guidance and agencies

School transportation is not only governed by local rules but also is subject to a significant number of federal agencies, rules and regulations. We will look at the external impacts on transportation and review the federal alphabet soup, including FMCSA, NHTSA, NTSB, TSB and ODI, as well as landmark federal studies on school transportation.


March 6 or 13 — Laws, rules and policy — what, how and why

What is the difference between revised code, administrative code and department policy? Are they all mandates or just best practices? What happens when they conflict? Review the technical aspects of these various regulatory controls and the process through which ideas become rules or regulations. Learn how you can help influence the future.

April 3 or 10 — Hot topics — safety, trends and statistics

Review hot topics in student transportation, including seat belts in school buses. Learn about National Transportation Safety Board accident studies, Ohio school bus accident statistics and any topics that attendees bring from their local districts. While we look at these hot topics, an underlying focus also is on how to identify the learning points in each of these areas and share them with the staff that delivers our front-line transportation services.

Register by contacting **Diana Paulins** at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or mta@ohioschoolboards.org. You also can purchase a subscription plan for all the workshops in this series; contact Paulins for more information.



Friday, March 1
9 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.
Embassy Suites, Columbus
Cost is \$190 (includes a book)

Special Education Law Workshop

8:15 a.m. Registration and continental breakfast

8:55 a.m. Welcome

9 a.m. Ohio Department of Education (ODE) hot topics
You asked for it, and ODE will deliver. This session will focus on the activities of the Office for Exceptional Children (OEC), including proposed revisions to Ohio's operating standards.
Dr. Kim Monachino, director, OEC, ODE

10:15 a.m. Special education: Lightning round of special education updates
Court cases, administrative guidance revisions and more – this fast-paced discussion will review updates to “Special Education Law in Ohio,” the book included in the registration fee.
Susan Geary, Esq., Bricker & Eckler LLP, and Jennifer A. Hardin, deputy director of legal services, OSBA

10:45 a.m. Break

11 a.m. Ohio's comprehensive continuum of mental health and behavioral health supports
Learn why mental health and behavioral health (MH/BH) efforts should be systematically incorporated, in proactive and reactive ways, into schools. Discover resources that have been developed through Project AWARE Ohio to help staff recognize the signs and symptoms of MH/BH issues and refer students to the appropriate resources; know how to respond to youth in need; and be aware of the continuum of MH/BH supports and services in your communities.
Dr. Dawna-Cricket-Martita Meehan, director, and Debora Robison, administrator, Center for School-Based Mental Health Programs, Miami University

11:45 a.m. Lunch (provided)

12:30 p.m. Identifying and supporting students with mental health concerns
How does a district determine if mental or behavioral health problems are adversely affecting a student's educational performance? Learn about the challenges districts face when identifying and serving students with mental health concerns. Review socialemotional learning, warning signs, triggers, evaluations and communicating and collaborating with families.
Jessica Dawso, Esq., Scott Scriven LLP

2 p.m. Break

2:15 p.m. Proactive and reactive: Responding appropriately to students with extreme behaviors
What are your district's responsibilities, goals and legal requirements when one of your students is facing extreme mental or behavioral health challenges? When and how must the district intervene to keep all students safe and secure? This session will discuss bullying, social isolation, threat assessment and the appropriate learning environment for students with extremely challenging behaviors.
Jeremy Neff, Esq., Ennis Britton Co. LPA

3:45 p.m. Adjourn

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Valuing Evaluation

Strategies to Implement Superintendent, Treasurer and Board Self-Evaluations to Improve Leadership Team Relationships

Saturday, March 9 • 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. • OSBA office, Columbus • Cost is \$100

This workshop, appropriate for board members and administrators, will discuss the legal requirements associated with superintendent and treasurer evaluations as well as strategies and best practices to align and prioritize performance objectives to district goals. In addition, the value and benefits of board self-evaluation, also aligned with stated goals and objectives, will be discussed.

9:30 a.m.	Registration and coffee	12:30 p.m.	It's a process! (working lunch provided) Review a model evaluation calendar; the process to create a rubric using district goals and standards; the roles for administrators and board members during the process; and setting specific parameters and expectations. Wrap up this section by discussing the final product and what goes in the personnel file.
10 a.m.	By the book: Legal and policy issues associated with evaluation		
10:45 a.m.	Additional benefits of conducting evaluations Review the supervisory and guidance role of the board and how evaluation can be a key piece of board development.		
11:15 a.m.	The output's only as good as the input Learn how district vision and goal-setting affects evaluation and how to translate district goals to the superintendent, treasurer and board objectives and strategies. Also, discuss the standards associated with self-evaluations and 360-degree evaluations.	1:15 p.m.	Evaluating the evaluation How did you do in your evaluations? After you're finished, debrief the process by adjusting your process or calendar; discussing necessary training or facilitation for improvement; communicating evaluation to staff and community members; and moving forward with new strategies to meet goals.
12:15 p.m.	Break	2 p.m.	Questions and 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.

TAKE YOUR LEADERSHIP TO THE NEXT LEVEL

Attend the 2019 Board Leadership Institute



Ohio School Boards Association
Board Leadership
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April 26-27, 2019 • Hilton Columbus/Polaris

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 (BLI)**!

As a member of your school district's governing body, you are called on at every meeting to make important decisions. Some decisions are easy; others are complicated. That's why board member development is so important.



Reflections from 2018 attendees

"This was a great opportunity to connect with other board members and gain useful knowledge."

"The workshops that I attended were well planned and implemented. I learned a great deal that I can share with my fellow board members who were unable to attend."

"I want to compliment you on the blend of offerings. One of the best trainings I have attended. The sessions were strong, and the topics were all relevant."

Organizational leadership for tomorrow's schools

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 ongoing for all board members.

Five reasons to attend the Board Leadership Institute

- 1 Attend a seminar designed by and for board members**
Board members plan BLI breakout sessions
- 2 Receive superb professional development**
Experience a comprehensive two-day training event
- 3 Strengthen board governance skills**
Choose from 18 breakout sessions and hear two keynote speakers during the opening and closing sessions
- 4 Network with other board members**
Meet with colleagues to share success stories and learn from each other
- 5 Review information on sessions you missed**
Attendees have online access to all of the handouts from this board member-only event

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, 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.

Reflections from 2018 attendees

"BLI is a well-organized program with worthwhile topics and outstanding presentations and speakers. All the sessions I attended were very helpful and gave me a lot to think about."

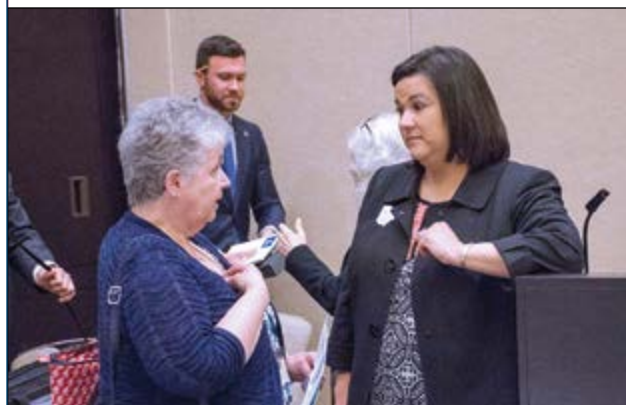
"I was extremely pleased with the institute and plan to attend again next year. I found it highly valuable in a multitude of ways."



2019 BLI schedule (tentative)

Friday, April 26

- 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
Sponsored by CompManagement
- 12:30 p.m. Breakout sessions
- 1:30 p.m. General session
- 2:30 p.m. Break
- 2:45 p.m. Breakout sessions
- 3:45 p.m. Adjourn for the day



Saturday, April 27

- 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. Breakout sessions
- 11:30 a.m. Closing luncheon
Sponsored by CompManagement Health Systems
- 1 p.m. Adjourn

Stay at the Hilton Columbus/Polaris

The Hilton Columbus/Polaris is the site of this comprehensive Friday-Saturday institute. The hotel is located in north Columbus at 8700 Lyra Drive, Columbus, OH, 43240. Parking is free.

Room rates

Call (614) 885-1600 for reservations. Mention OSBA to get a rate of \$139 for a single or double room. Room reservations must be made by April 5 to receive the special rate.

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Registration

The cost to attend this intensive two-day institute is \$285.

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OSBA Cyberlaw Workshop

Friday, March 15, 9 a.m. to 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. Recording devices in schools

Review the legal issues presented by recording devices in schools with an emphasis on how school officials can work with parents to strike a balance between the district's need to ensure privacy and safety with the benefits that technology can provide.
Sara C. Clark, chief legal counsel, OSBA

10 a.m. Break

10:15 a.m. Hot topics in cyberlaw

Back by popular demand, this session will review the most recent and hottest legal issues relating to school districts and their informational technology programs. Identify areas of caution and leave with practical tips for compliance.
Hollie F. Reedy, Esq., and Ryan M. LaFlamme, Esq., Ennis Britton Co. LPA

11:30 a.m. Lunch (provided)

12:15 p.m. Preventing and addressing cybersecurity threats

Stay up-to-date on the recent cybersecurity threats in the school district environment. While there are no foolproof methods to stop cybercrime, there are a number of easy-to-implement practices that can significantly reduce risk. Review best practices in this important area.

Rick Florence, supervisory special agent, cybercriminal unit, FBI; and David Kennedy, founder and CEO, and Chris Boesch, vice president of sales and marketing, TrustedSec

1:45 p.m. Break

2 p.m. The legal liabilities of social media

Using practical examples, this session will examine common issues that plague districts in the social media arena. Must the district retain texts a teacher sends from her personal cellphone to a parent? Is there an obligation to monitor or respond to disturbing social media posts students made off campus? Learn the answers to these questions and more.

Milko Cecez, Esq., and Taryn A. Weiss, Esq., Pepple & Waggoner Ltd.

3 p.m. Adjourn

This program has been approved by the Supreme Court of Ohio Commission on Continuing Legal Education for 4.75 hours of CLE credit.

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State Legislative Conference

Tuesday, March 19 **Sheraton Columbus at Capitol Square, Columbus**
9 a.m. to 1 p.m. **Cost is \$145**

Public education continues to be a hot topic at the Statehouse as we face another challenging year. The 2019 State Legislative Conference provides school board members, administrators and treasurers a great venue to meet with their state legislators and discuss issues impacting public education. It is a golden opportunity to get the message out on the importance of investing in a strong public school system and putting a local face on these issues.

During the morning session, school district leaders will hear briefings on proposed legislation that can be used in discussions with their legislators later that day. Attendees also will hear from legislative leaders about their respective views on public education and other legislative priorities.

Attendees are urged to schedule office appointments between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. to meet individually with their legislators and aides following the luncheon. We also encourage you to extend a personal invitation to them to attend the luncheon.

Don't miss this annual event and a chance to have your voice heard at the Statehouse. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. 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.

OSBA's Region Spring Conferences

Central Region Wednesday, March 13
Northeast Region Thursday, March 21
Northeast Region Monday, March 25
Northwest Region Thursday, March 14

Southeast Region Tuesday, March 19
Southeast Region Tuesday, March 26
Southwest Region Tuesday, March 12

Register online at www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops. If you have any questions about registration, contact **Melanie Price**, OSBA senior administrative assistant of communication services, at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or mprice@ohioschoolboards.org.

Central Region, March 13

Villa Milano, Columbus

Cost: \$40

Reservation deadline: March 6

Make your reservation online at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/crspring2019>

Northeast Region, March 21

Wayne County Schools Career Center, Smithville

Cost: \$35

Reservation deadline: March 15

Make your reservation online at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/nespring2019Smithville>

Northeast Region, March 25

Dilucia's Catering Services & Banquet Facility, Warren

Cost: \$35

Reservation deadline: March 18

Make your reservation online at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/nespring2019Warren>

Northwest Region, March 14

Apollo Career Center, Lima

Cost: \$30, or \$160 for a table (seats six — use code NWSRING19 when making your reservation);

\$20 for students and their parents (use code NWSTUDENT when making your reservation)

Reservation deadline: Feb. 28

Make your reservation online at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/nwspring2019>

Southeast Region, March 19

Pike County Career Technology Center, Piketon

Cost: \$38

Reservation deadline: March 15

Make your reservation online at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/sespring2019Piketon>

Southeast Region, March 26

Sheridan High School, Thornville

Cost: \$38

Reservation deadline: March 22

Make your reservation online at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/sespring2019Thornville>

Southwest Region, March 12

Warren County Career Center, Lebanon

Cost: \$38

Reservation deadline: March 6

Make your reservation online at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/swspring2019>

Authority for reimbursement

Ohio Revised Code Section 3315.15 authorizes the establishment of a service fund for board members. Such funds may be used for expenses incurred for meetings such as this one.

Award of Achievement

These conferences entitle board members to five Award of Achievement credits.



WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

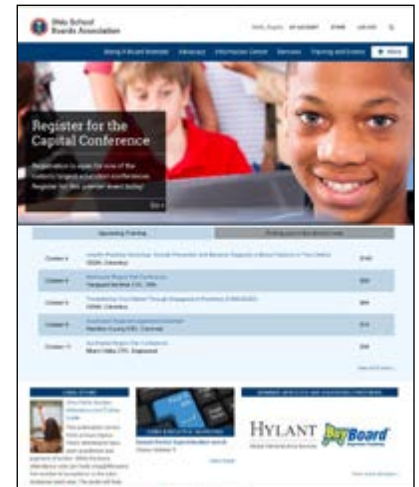
Register at www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops

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 the website. Log in using your email address on file and your password. Click "Reset your password" if needed.

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



OSBA Student Achievement Fair

Monday, Nov. 11, 2019
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 **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 24.

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 **Gwen Samet** (gsamet@ohioschoolboards.org) or **Teri Morgan** (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!

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networking at 5 p.m.

Dinner is at 6:15 p.m. followed by the program at 7 p.m.

Debra Smith, associate professor, Ohio University Lancaster campus, is the keynote speaker. Her presentation is titled “And one more thing — You have to translate the culture, too!” Outstanding board members, programs and schools, and veteran board members will be honored at the conference.

The cost to attend is \$40 per person. Make your reservation at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/crspring2019>. The reservation deadline is Wednesday, March 6. For more information, contact Regional Manager **Kim Miller-Smith** at (614) 635-1926 or kmillersmith@ohioschoolboards.org.

Northeast Region

The Northeast Region will hold two conferences. The first event is Thursday, March 21, at **Wayne County Schools Career Center** in Smithville, followed by the second conference on Monday, March 25, at Dilucia’s Catering Services & Banquet Facility in Warren.

Region President **Susie Lawson**, **Tri-County ESC** and Wayne County Schools Career Center, will oversee activities at both conferences, which begin with networking at 5 p.m. followed by a welcome and dinner.

Honorees include Ohio Teacher of the Year nominees; Ohio Department of Education (ODE) Momentum, Schools of Honor and

All-A recognitions; National Blue Ribbon Schools; and veteran board members.

The cost is \$35 per person. Reserve your spot online at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/nspring2019Smithville> for the March 21 conference or <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/nspring2019Warren> for the March 25 event. Reservations also can be emailed to **Melanie Price** at mprice@ohioschoolboards.org. The deadline for reservations is Friday,

March 15, for Smithville and Monday, March 18, for Warren. For more information, contact Price at (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA.

Northwest Region

The Northwest Region will hold its spring conference at **Apollo Career Center** in Lima on Thursday, March 14. Region President **Chris Varwig**, **Toledo City**, will preside.

The conference, titled “An

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Call for Presentations

Nominate a learning session for the 2019 OSBA Capital Conference and Trade Show!

Do you have a timely topic that will engage attendees in discussions involving the latest education trends, issues and solutions? Has your district created a successful project or program that can be replicated in another district?

Help us boost student achievement in Ohio by sharing your expertise and knowledge with over 9,000 school board members, administrators and education leaders at the Ohio School Boards Association Capital Conference and Trade Show, Nov. 10-12, in Columbus.

Submit your educational presentation proposal online at <http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org/nominate>.

Deadline: March 8, 2019

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evening at the Apollo: Celebrating hometown heroes," begins at 5:30 p.m. with networking. Dinner at 6 p.m. will be catered by **Carrie Prince**, culinary arts manager, Apollo Career Center Culinary Arts Program. **Bath Local's (Allen)** Bath High School Chamber Chorale, directed by **Sarah Haselman**, will perform.

Awards and recognitions include the 2018 region president; 2018 Capital Conference Student Achievement Fair participants; ODE academic achievements; the Northwest Region Excellence in Community Service, Who's Who Excellence for Outstanding Leadership and Humanitarian awards; and the Neil Pohlmann Award of Excellence in Education.

Reservations cost \$30 per person or \$160 for a table of six for OSBA members, guests and spouses (use the code NWSRING19 when making your reservation). The cost is \$20 for students and their parents (use code NWSTUDENT). You can make reservations online at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/nwspring2019> or email Melanie Price at mprice@ohioschoolboards.org. The reservation deadline is Thursday, Feb. 28. For questions, contact Regional Manager Dr. **Judy Jackson May** at (419) 581-9782 or jjacksonmay@ohioschoolboards.org.

Southeast Region

Two spring conferences will be held in the Southeast Region. The

first event is Tuesday, March 19, at **Pike County Career Technology Center** in Piketon, followed by the second conference on Tuesday, March 26, at **Northern Local's (Perry) Sheridan High School** in Thornville.

Region President **Larry A. Good**, **Muskingum Valley ESC**, will oversee activities at both events, which begin with networking at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner.

Honorees include Student Achievement Fair participants; ODE Momentum Awards, Schools of Honor and All A and Overall A awards; and veteran board members. Immediate Past President **Kim Harless, Jackson**

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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 website at www.oasbo-ohio.org or by calling (614) 431-9116.

Dates and locations:

- Monday, March 11
Hilton Garden Inn, Miamisburg
- Tuesday, March 12
Hilton Garden Inn, Findlay
- Wednesday, March 13
Northeast Ohio Medical University, Rootstown
- Thursday, March 14
Ohio University Inn and Conference Center, Athens
- Monday, March 18
OASBO office, Columbus



PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Scott Gerfen, assistant editor

Art students illustrate children's book for medical research

Art students at **Lancaster City's** Lancaster High School are helping share the story of a 2-year-old boy who is a daily inspiration to his mother.

Daisy Marcus asked the students to illustrate the book she had written for her son, **Erikson**, for his first birthday. She now plans to publish the book for a larger audience and raise money for medical research related to her son's rare condition.

She brought Erikson to meet the

students in December.

"She came in and she talked to us," student **Eleeya Ershadi** told a local newspaper. "She's such an inspiring person. She's been through so much, and she's so strong. I hope she likes what we do for her."

Erikson has bilateral schizencephaly, which means he's missing large portions of both sides of his brain. Marcus suffered a traumatic brain injury and was in a deep coma and hospitalized

for five months while pregnant.

"I asked the LHS class to illustrate because they are talented, and young creative minds can come up with great ideas," Marcus

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Art teacher **Shannon Fish** said the project has given students real-world experience, especially for those planning a career in the arts.

Source: Lancaster Eagle Gazette

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City, will be recognized at the March 19 event.

Reservations are \$38 per person. You may make your reservation online for the March 19 conference at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/sespring2019Piketon> or for the March 26 conference at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/sespring2019Thornville>. You also can email reservations to Melanie Price at mprice@ohioschoolboards.org. The reservation deadline is Friday, March 15, for Piketon and Friday, March 22, for Thornville. Contact Regional Manager **Paul D. Mock** at (740) 469-2724 or pmock@ohioschoolboards.org with questions.

Southwest Region

Warren County Career Center in Lebanon will host the Southwest Region Spring Conference on Tuesday, March 12. Region President **Linda A. Jordan**, **Clark County ESC**, will lead the conference, which begins at 5 p.m. with networking.

Northeastern Local's (Clark) Kenton Ridge High School Jazz Band, directed by **Jim Templeton**, will entertain attendees, and **Springboro Community City's** Springboro High School Air Force Jr. ROTC color guard, instructed by Master Sgt. **Michael Thiergart**, will present the colors.

Dinner begins at 6 p.m. followed by the program. The

region's 2018 effective school boards and veteran board members will be honored, and Special Recognition awards will be presented to outstanding staff members.

Retired teacher **David Speas** will receive the 2019 President's Award.

The cost to attend is \$38 per person. You may make your reservation online at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/swspring2019> or email Melanie Price at mprice@ohioschoolboards.org. The reservation deadline is Wednesday, March 6. Regional Manager **Ronald J. Diver** can answer questions at (937) 634-9025 or rdiver@ohioschoolboards.org.

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- 13 OSBA Master of Transportation
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agencies Columbus
- 23 Intentional Practices in Public Education
Workshop Columbus

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Workshop Columbus
- 1 *Last day to take action and deliver written
notice of nonrenewal of superintendent's
contract — RC 3319.01; last day to take
action on and deliver written notice of
nonrenewal of treasurer's contract — RC
3313.22; last day to publish joint statement
describing how district's business advisory
council has fulfilled its responsibilities —
RC 3313.821.*
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- 8 *Last day for voter registration for May
election — RC 3503.01, 3503.19(A) (30
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Administration Program: Hot topics —
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- 12 Diversity and Inclusion and the
Workplace Workshop Columbus
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Analysis Workshop Columbus
- 26-27 Board Leadership Institute Columbus
- 29 *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 2019

- 3 *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).*