

# BRIEF CASE

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## Proposals being accepted for Capital Conference presentations

OSBA is seeking workshop presenters for its 2020 Capital Conference. One of the nation's top education conferences, the event features more than 170 learning sessions covering topics of special interest to board members and administrators. Workshop proposals are selected based on innovation; relevance; proven success; strong interest; and practical, how-to information. Nominations can be submitted online at <http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org/nominate>. The deadline is March 4 at 5 p.m. The Capital Conference runs Nov. 8-10 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center.

## Registration now open for Board Leadership Institute

Registration has begun for the 2020 OSBA Board Leadership Institute, set for May 1-2 in Columbus. The comprehensive training event — offered exclusively to school board members — provides a wealth of professional development opportunities for every level of board experience. It includes keynote speakers, 18 breakout sessions in six learning tracks and multiple networking opportunities. For more information and to register, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/BLI> or contact OSBA.

## Updated OSBA Legislative Platform booklet now available

The 2020 OSBA Legislative Platform has been released. OSBA is mailing a hard copy to all new board members and those without email addresses and will email it to all other board members. It also is posted at [www.ohioschoolboards.org/legislative-platform](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/legislative-platform). The platform informs legislators, policymakers, the public and the news media about OSBA's positions on education issues. For questions about the platform or any other legislative issues, contact OSBA's legislative division.

## Show off your schools' successes at the Student Achievement Fair

OSBA is seeking innovative academic programs and student performing groups to highlight at the 2020 Student Achievement Fair. Set for Nov. 9 at the association's Capital Conference in Columbus, the fair features 100 displays of student programs and five entertainment groups. To submit nominations, visit <http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org/saf-nominations>.

## ODE seeking nominations for Ohio Teacher of the Year

The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) is accepting nominations for the 2021 Ohio Teacher of the Year through April 3. The program annually identifies exceptional teachers and celebrates their effective, inspiring work both inside and outside of the classroom. It also offers educators opportunities for professional growth and gives teachers a voice as leaders and advocates for public education. The program has two

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### Route workshop information to:

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

levels of recognition: the regional State Board District Teacher of the Year and the state-level Ohio Teacher of the Year. School district leaders, colleagues, community members, parents or students can nominate someone for this honor. For more information, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/31345>. For questions, contact **Angela Dicke**, the program's state coordinator, at [angela.dicke@education.ohio.gov](mailto:angela.dicke@education.ohio.gov).

### **Association's spring region conferences kicking off soon**

OSBA's spring region conferences begin next week. They feature dinner, awards, student entertainment and updates on key education issues. The meetings also offer opportunities to network with OSBA state and region leaders and staff, as well as leaders from other districts. For details, visit [ohioschoolboards.org/regions](http://ohioschoolboards.org/regions) or see page 4 in this issue.

### **Kindergartner raises money for kids in need**

**Maddox Collins** might only be a kindergartner, but he's taken on a big project to help other kids play sports.

The **Girard City** Board of Education heard about it and honored Maddox during a meeting in January.

With his parents' help, Maddox began making and selling bracelets, necklaces and key chains. He sells them for \$2 apiece.

"My dad just cuts the string and ties a knot on the bottom, then we just put beads on them," he told a local TV station.

In two weeks, Maddox raised \$1,500, with some of the money going toward the youth baseball association and some to a food pantry to help hungry children. He said he got the idea from a commercial he saw.

Source: [fox8.com](http://fox8.com)

### **Nearly 100 schools honored for military families support**

Ninety-four schools across Ohio recently were honored with the Purple Star Award. The Purple Star designation recognizes schools that demonstrate a major commitment to serving students and families connected to the

United States armed forces. A list of new honorees is posted at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/65346>.

### **Study compares teacher shortages across states**

Districts across the U.S. face severe shortages of teachers, especially in certain subjects and underserved schools. A new Education Commission of the States study compiles state data on teacher shortages and offers a national comparison of policies to recruit and retain teachers. Access the study at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/59309>.

### **OSBA online**

● [www.ohioschoolboards.org](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org)  
Looking for a school law attorney in your area? Then check out the Ohio Council of School Board Attorneys roster at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/35132>. The roster includes attorneys' location and contact information.



## **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



### Other searches

Position	Location	Deadline	Contact
Superintendent	Benton-Carroll-Salem Local (Ottawa)	March 19	Brooke Moore, personnel coordinator, North Point ESC, (419) 627-3908

### National searches

Position	Location	Deadline	Contact
Superintendent	Beaufort, N.C.	March 2	Allison Schafer, legal counsel/director of policy, North Carolina School Boards Association, (919) 841-4040

## Board changes

Aurora City appointed Michael J. Acomb to a vacant seat on the board effective Jan. 27. ●●● Greene County ESC appointed Rita Canty to a vacant seat on the board effective Jan. 14. ●●● Otsego Local (Wood) appointed Jessica Mehl to a vacant seat on the board effective Jan. 28.

## Administrative changes

### Superintendents

Tiffin City superintendent Gary A. Barber submitted his resignation effective July 31.

### Sympathies

Former Chippewa Local (Wayne) Board of Education member Richard D. First died Jan. 26. He was 74. ●●● Former Louisville City Board of Education member Robert Lee Keirn died Jan. 5. He was 83. ●●● Former Minster Local (Auglaize) Board of Education member Norman J. Stueve died Jan. 29. He was 97. ●●● Former Noble Local (Noble) board member Ruth M. Nau died Feb. 4. She was 75. ●●● Former Pike-Delta-York Local (Fulton) Board of Education member Barbara Ford died Jan. 7. She was 70. ●●● Former Springfield Local (Lucas) Board of Education member Larry L. Glenn died Jan. 27. He was 78.

### Editor's note

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



## REGIONAL ROUNDUP

by Scott Gerfen, assistant editor

### OSBA regions gearing up for spring conferences

If you've ever attended one of OSBA's region conferences, you know all about the numerous opportunities for networking, fellowship, learning and recognition at these annual spring and fall events.

The association's five regions — Central, Northeast, Northwest, Southeast and Southwest — are preparing to host hundreds of board members, administrators, students and guests for their spring conferences.

OSBA President **Lee Schreiner**, **South-Western City**; OSBA Chief Executive Officer **Rick 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.

Reservation forms for the Central, Northeast, Northwest, Southeast and Southwest spring conferences were published in the Jan. 27 briefcase. They also can be found on OSBA's website at [www.ohioschoolboards.org/regions](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/regions). Click on your respective region; the conference flier is listed under "Resources" on the upper right corner of the webpage.

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 these.

The March conferences honor recipients of OSBA's Award of Achievement as well as the Master Board Member award, which is a lifetime distinction.

Under the association's new STAR Awards Program, school board members can earn five credits toward the Training Award for attending a regional conference. More information about the new awards program is available at [www.ohioschoolboards.org/STAR-awards](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/STAR-awards).

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 11, at Villa Milano in Columbus. Region President **Renda M. Cline**, **Mansfield City**, will preside over the evening's agenda, beginning with networking at 5 p.m.

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

The keynote speaker is Dr. **Norman Jones**, dean and director and professor of English at Ohio State University Mansfield.

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/crspring2020>. The reservation deadline is Monday, March 2. For more information, contact Regional Manager **Kim Miller-Smith** at (614) 635-1926 or [kmillersmith@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:kmillersmith@ohioschoolboards.org).

#### Northeast Region

The Northeast Region will hold two conferences. The first event is Thursday, March 5, at **Cleveland Municipal's** Max S. Hayes High School, followed by the second conference on Monday, March 30, at Dilucia's Catering Services & Banquet Facility in Warren.

Region President **Robert M. Heard Sr.**, **Cleveland Municipal**, will oversee activities at both conferences, which begin with networking and student entertainment at 5 p.m. followed by a welcome and dinner.

Honorees include Ohio Teacher of the Year nominees; Ohio Department of Education (ODE) Schools of Promise, Schools of Honor and All A, Overall A and Momentum awards; the region's

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National Blue Ribbon Schools; veteran board members; Lester C. Marrison Teacher Education Book Grant winners; and the President's Award of Excellence.

**Kevin J. Locke**, an attorney with Pepple & Waggoner Ltd., will provide a legal update.

The cost is \$40 per person. Reserve your spot online at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/>

**nespring2020Cleveland** for the March 5 conference or <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/nespring2020Warren> for the March 30 event. Reservations also can be emailed to **Melanie Price** at [mprice@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:mprice@ohioschoolboards.org). The deadline for reservations is Monday, March 2, for Cleveland and Monday, March 23, for Warren. For more information,

contact Regional Manager **Reno Contipelli** at (330) 485-3731 or [rcontipelli@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:rcontipelli@ohioschoolboards.org).

## Northwest Region

The Northwest Region will hold its spring conference at **Penta Career Center** in Perrysburg on Thursday, March 12. Region President **Thomas C. Patterson**,

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# School Finance 101: What board members should know

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

School funding drives everything your district is able to do. This workshop breaks down a complex subject into an easy-to-understand way of knowing the basics.

8:45 a.m.	Registration	12:15 p.m.	Lunch (provided)
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 p.m.	Understanding five-year forecasts <i>Matt Bunting, Forecast5 Analytics Inc.</i>
10:30 a.m.	Break	1:55 p.m.	Break
10:40 a.m.	School-funding implications: EdChoice vouchers and HB 305 <i>Dr. Howard Fleeter, consultant, Ohio Education Policy Institute</i>	2:05 p.m.	Levies, levies, levies and local funding <i>Mike Sobul, Forecast5 Analytics Inc.</i>
		3 p.m.	Wrap-up and 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).

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.





# OSBA's Region Spring Conferences

Register today for your local spring conference! You don't want to miss this outstanding professional development opportunity and your chance to celebrate achievements from throughout your region.

For more information, visit the link below for your local event. If you have any questions about registration, contact **Melanie Price**, OSBA senior administrative assistant of communication services, at [mprice@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:mprice@ohioschoolboards.org), (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA.

## **Central Region, March 11**

Villa Milano, Columbus

Cost: \$40

Reservation deadline: March 2

Make your reservation online at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/crspring2020>

## **Southeast Region, March 17**

Vinton County High School, McArthur

Cost: \$38

Reservation deadline: March 13

Make your reservation online at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/sespring2020mcarthur>

## **Northeast Region, March 5**

Max. S. Hayes High School, Cleveland

Cost: \$40

Reservation deadline: March 2

Make your reservation online at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/nespring2020Cleveland>

## **Southeast Region, March 24**

Belmont-Harrison Career Center, St. Clairsville

Cost: \$38

Reservation deadline: March 20

Make your reservation online at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/sespring2020stclairsville>

## **Northeast Region, March 30**

Dilucia's Banquet Facility, Warren

Cost: \$40

Reservation deadline: March 23

Make your reservation online at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/nespring2020Warren>

## **Southwest Region, March 10**

Warren County Career Center, Lebanon

Cost: \$38

Reservation deadline: March 3

Make your reservation online at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/swspring2020>

## **Northwest Region, March 12**

Penta Career Center, Perrysburg

Cost: \$40

Reservation deadline: Feb. 24

Make your reservation online at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/nwspring2020>

## **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.



# Special Education Law Workshop

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

Experienced subject-matter experts will discuss critical and emerging issues affecting vulnerable students. This workshop is designed for board members, administrators and staff whose duties include special education.

**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, the Doe settlement and 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.

## To register

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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 about 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 M. 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 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**

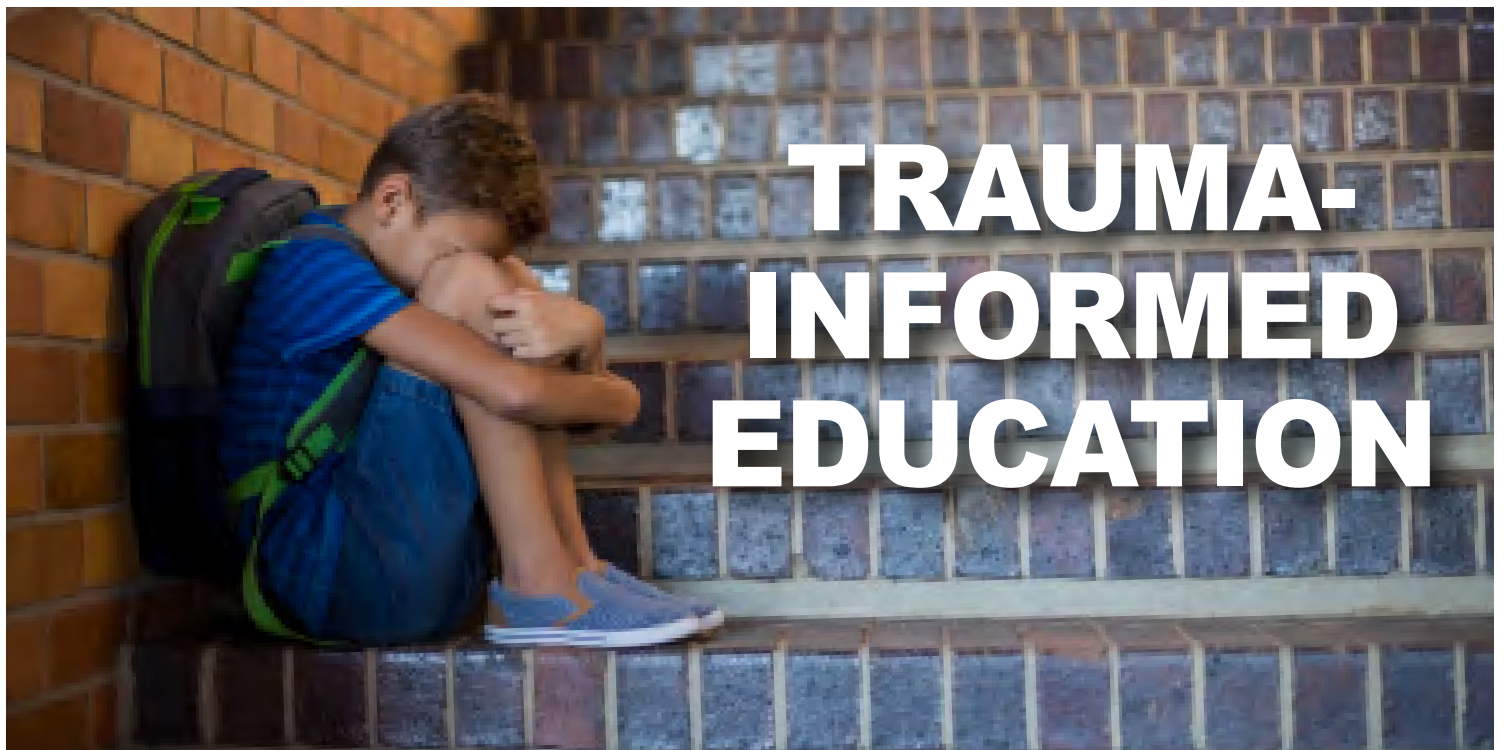
All schools want to stop school violence and cyberbullying, but does monitoring students' off-campus social media accounts fulfill the goal? Review the benefits and risks of using social media monitoring services and how a district should respond when it is alerted of potential online issues.

*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**

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.

**9:30 a.m. Registration**

**10 a.m. Welcome and announcements**

**10:15 a.m. Reaching and teaching distressed students**  
Every day, more and more children are experiencing trauma, which has a direct impact on their ability to learn and self-regulate. Chronic trauma alters the architecture of the brain, and teachers are struggling to help these students due to a lack of tools. This session will share important research on trauma-informed teaching strategies that will enable board members to advocate for improved school environments, resulting in happier students, less teacher burnout and better state report cards.  
*Meryl Johnson, member, State Board of Education*

**10:55 a.m. Break**

**11:05 a.m. Don't mistake my trauma for drama**  
Learn how trauma impacts the students and families you serve from high-needs communities. This session will explain a new paradigm and show strategies for creating trauma-informed schools that can help accelerate learning.  
*Dr. Vilicia Cade, chief academic officer, Sandusky City*

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

**12:40 p.m. A call to action: Trauma-informed practices to support students**  
Research has shown that when children are exposed to traumatic events they can be impacted academically, socially and emotionally. These challenges include, but are not limited to, anxiety, depression and difficulty focusing. This interactive session will take foundational information pertaining to trauma-informed practices and help participants create an action plan that they can use to integrate trauma-informed practices into their school districts.  
*Dr. Dakota King-White, assistant professor and school counseling coordinator, Cleveland State University*

**1:25 p.m. Caucus updates**

**2 p.m. Adjourn**

**To register**

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# State Legislative Conference

**Wednesday, March 18 • 9 a.m.–1 p.m. • Cost: \$145 • Sheraton Columbus at Capitol Square, Columbus**

Public education continues to be a hot topic at the Statehouse as we face another challenging year. The 2020 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.**

#### To register

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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 (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





# WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

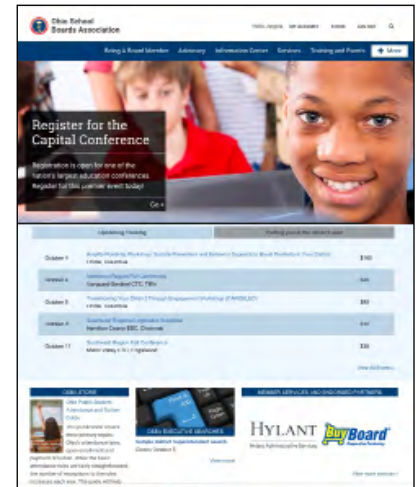
Register at [www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops)

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 Master of Transportation Administration (MTA) Program

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

Offered from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the workshops include a working lunch and time for questions. Each class is scheduled twice; participants may sign up for either session. The cost is \$100 per class, or you can purchase a subscription for the series. All workshops will be at the OSBA office, 8050 N. High St., Columbus, 43235. Visit [www.ohioschoolboards.org/transportation-training-programs](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/transportation-training-programs) to learn about the MTA certification program.

### 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

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**Sandusky City**, will preside.

The conference, titled Celebrating hometown heroes, begins at 5:30 p.m. with networking. Dinner is at 6 p.m. and will be catered by the Penta Culinary Arts Program Culinary I, II and III, led by instructors **Jim Rhegness, Janea Makowski and Sarah Sadlier**. Sandusky City's Sandusky High School Choir will perform. **Springfield Local's (Lucas)** Springfield High School JROTC color guard, led by 1st Sgt. **Rickey Thomas**, JROTC leader, will present the colors.

Recognitions include the 2019 region president and executive committee; 2019 Capital Conference Student Achievement Fair participants; ODE Schools of Promise, Schools of Honor and All A, Overall A and Momentum awards; the Northwest Region Excellence in Community Service; Northwest Region Who's Who Excellence in Outstanding Leadership; and Northwest Region Humanitarian awards; veteran board members; and the Neil Pohlmann Award of Excellence in Education.

Reservations cost \$40 per person. You can make reservations online at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/ nwspring2020> or email Melanie Price at [mprice@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:mprice@ohioschoolboards.org). The reservation deadline is Monday, Feb. 24. For questions, contact Regional Manager Dr. **Judy Jackson May** at (419) 581-9782 or [jjacksonmay@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:jjacksonmay@ohioschoolboards.org).

## Southeast Region

Two spring conferences will be held in the Southeast Region. The first event is Tuesday, March 17, at **Vinton County Local's (Vinton)** Vinton County High School in McArthur. The second conference is Tuesday, March 24, at **Belmont-Harrison Career Center** in St. Clairsville.

Region President **Terry Halley, Gallia County Local (Gallia)**, 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 Schools of Promise, Schools of Honor and All A, Overall A and Momentum awards; the region's National Blue Ribbon School; veteran board members; and the region's immediate past president, **Larry A. Good, Muskingum Valley ESC**.

Reservations are \$38 per person. You may make your reservation online for the March 17 conference at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/sespring2020mcarthur> or for the March 24 conference at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/sespring2020stclairsville>. You also can email reservations to Melanie Price at [mprice@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:mprice@ohioschoolboards.org). The reservation deadline is Friday, March 13, for McArthur and Friday, March 20, for St. Clairsville. Contact Regional Manager **Paul D. Mock** at (740) 469-2724 or [pmock@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:pmock@ohioschoolboards.org) with questions.

## Southwest Region

**Warren County Career Center** in Lebanon will host the Southwest Region Spring Conference on Tuesday, March 10. Region President **Fred Hunt, Hamilton County ESC and Great Oaks Career Campuses**, will lead the conference, which begins at 5 p.m. with networking.

**Middletown City's** Middletown High School Jazz Band, directed by **David Leisten**, will entertain attendees. **Lebanon City's** Lebanon High School Air Force Jr. ROTC Color Guard, led by Maj. **Robert Marlow**, will present the colors.

Dinner begins at 6 p.m. followed by the program. The region's 2019 effective school boards and veteran board members will be honored. Special recognition awards will be presented to outstanding staff members.

Ohio's 2020 Teacher of the Year, **Leila Kubesch, Norwood City**, will be honored. **Harold Dexter Carpenter**, a coach and custodian at **Northwest Local (Hamilton)**, will receive the 2020 President's Award.

The cost to attend is \$38 per person. You may make your reservation online at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/ swspring2020> or email Melanie Price at [mprice@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:mprice@ohioschoolboards.org). The reservation deadline is Tuesday, March 3. Regional Manager **Ronald J. Diver** can answer questions at (937) 634-9025 or [rdiver@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:rdiver@ohioschoolboards.org).



## LEGISLATIVE REPORT

by Will Schwartz, deputy director of legislative services

### Conference committee considers EdChoice voucher legislation

The Ohio House of Representatives on Feb. 5 passed Senate Bill (SB) 89 by a vote of 88-7. The bill contains the House's plan to address the explosive growth in the Educational Choice Scholarship Program (EdChoice), Ohio's largest voucher program. Despite the overwhelming majority of representatives supporting the plan, members of the Ohio Senate disagreed, rejecting it on Feb. 12 by a vote of 24-7. In response, the House requested a conference committee be convened to reconcile the differences between the two chambers' versions of the bill.

This legislative action comes on the heels of a lawsuit filed on Feb. 3 against the state by a group representing parents of students, private schools and school choice organizations. The lawsuit alleges, in part, that SB 120, a recently passed bill that delays the start of the EdChoice application period from Feb. 1 to April 1, did not legally qualify under the Ohio Constitution to take effect immediately.

Even before the lawsuit and passage of SB 89, Senate leaders expressed hesitancy to advance the House proposal, citing the lack of hearings and public input gathered on the lower chamber's plan. In response, Rep. **Don Jones**

(R-Freeport), under the direction of House Speaker **Larry Householder** (R-Glenford), announced nine committee hearings over a 10-day period focused exclusively on the voucher issue.

The hearings, which began Feb. 11, are being held in the conference committee on House Bill (HB) 9. That bill includes the Senate's plan to address the voucher issue. Members of the committee consist of Jones, who serves as chairman, Reps. **Jay Edwards** (R-Nelsonville) and **Phillip M. Robinson Jr.** (D-Solon) and Sens. **Matt Huffman** (R-Lima), **Bob Peterson** (R-Washington Court House) and **Teresa Fedor** (D-Toledo).

The House's voucher plan would prohibit the awarding of new, school district-paid, performance-based vouchers after fiscal year (FY) 2020, with two exceptions. First, school-aged siblings of students who received a voucher in FY 2020 and whose assigned public schools were voucher-eligible can receive first-time vouchers, unless their buildings were voucher-eligible due to the K-3 literacy trigger. In FY 2020, 517 buildings in 160 districts were voucher-eligible, but that list would be reduced to 343 buildings with SB 89's disqualification for siblings in

buildings on the eligibility list solely due to the K-3 literacy trigger.

The second exception relates to SB 120, which would allow \$10 million worth of new, first-time, performance-based vouchers to be awarded based on the FY 2021 list of 1,227 voucher-eligible school buildings. The state would pay the cost of these new vouchers for the first year, but the cost would be borne by the applicable school districts after that. Approximately 2,000 new vouchers would be awarded based on the appropriation amount.

The bill also would rename the income-based portion of EdChoice as the Buckeye Opportunity Scholarship Program. Eligibility for income-based vouchers would be expanded to 250% of the federal poverty guidelines instead of the current 200% level. These income-based vouchers would continue to be funded by the state. In FY 2020, \$57.2 million was appropriated for these vouchers and, in FY 2021, \$121 million was appropriated. SB 89 would not revise the appropriation amounts.

Beginning in FY 2022, SB 89 also would require the state to pay the voucher amount for students who are voucher-eligible under both

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## PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Scott Gerfen, assistant editor

### London City Schools' teacher starts #WhyYouMatter campaign

**Adam Haman**, a health teacher at **London City's** London Middle School, knows some of his students don't hear praises at home for their hard work or often don't appreciate their own special gifts.

So, after seeing a news story about a Michigan school that started a #WhyYouMatter campaign, he knew he needed to bring the program to London Middle School.

"If no one is telling kids they matter, it isn't as if they're thinking

about it on their own," Haman told a local newspaper. "We wanted them to self-reflect. And the physical act of writing it out — writing why they matter — it cements for them that they are important. It was very powerful."

In the fall, teachers and counselors worked with each of the school's 502 students to create an "I matter because (fill in the blank)" statement. Every school employee came up with one, too.

Then, on picture day, a

photography studio took regular yearbook photos but also snapped a second picture of students and staff holding a statement on a whiteboard. The individual photos line the school's hallways. Students see the messages daily — some funny, some basic and all heartfelt.

The school also held a #WhyYouMatter Gallery Walk so the community could come in and see the display.

Source: The Columbus Dispatch

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building performance and income. Currently, school districts are required to pay the voucher amount in such a case. The bill also would set an annual, 60-day application window for vouchers — from Feb. 1 to April 1 — instead of a rolling period throughout the year.

Other pertinent features of SB 89 include:

- dissolving the three academic distress commissions (ADCs) for **Youngstown City**, **Lorain City** and **East Cleveland City**, effective June 30, 2020;
- establishing a moratorium on the creation of new ADCs until 2024;
- creating a state-level School

Transformation Board to oversee school improvement efforts;

- repealing the school district territory transfer provision (Ohio Revised Code 3311.242) that was passed in the budget bill (HB 166), effective on Sept. 1, 2020;

- requiring cost studies on special education and educating English learners;
- establishing a joint House and Senate committee on testing, test score ranges and report card measures and requiring that committee to issue a report by Oct. 1, 2020.

*Editor's note:* Information in this article was current as of Feb. 13, 2020.



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## February 2020

- 25 Mental Health and Social-Emotional Learning Summit..... Columbus  
26 Clearinghouse Training..... Marietta  
28 School Finance 101: What school board members should know..... Columbus

## March 2020

- 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.*  
2 SchoolComp Workshop.....Miamisburg  
3 SchoolComp Workshop.....Findlay  
4 SchoolComp Workshop..... Rootstown  
4 OSBA Master of Transportation Administration Program: Emergency transportation planning ..... Columbus  
5 SchoolComp Workshop.....Athens  
5 Northeast Region Spring Conference..... Cleveland  
6 SchoolComp Workshop.....Westerville  
6 Special Education Law Workshop..... Columbus  
10 Southwest Region Spring Conference..... Lebanon

- 11 Central Region Spring Conference..... Columbus  
11 OSBA Master of Transportation Administration Program: Emergency transportation planning ..... Columbus  
12 Northwest Region Spring Conference.....Perrysburg  
12 A Deep Dive Into Alternative Funding Resources ..... Columbus  
13 OSBA Cyberlaw Workshop.... Columbus  
14 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  
24 Southeast Region Spring Conference.....St. Clairsville  
30 Northeast Region Spring Conference.....Warren  
31 End of second ADM reporting period — RC 3317.03(A).

## April 2020

- 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  
24 Levy University ..... Columbus  
27 *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).*

## May 2020

- 1-2 Board Leadership Institute ....Columbus  
1 *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).*  
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 August election — RC 133.18(D); last day for county auditor to certify school district bond levy terms for August election — RC 133.18(C); last day to submit continuing replacement, permanent improvement or operating levy for August election to board of elections — RC 5705.192, 5705.21, 5705.25; last day to certify resolution for school district income tax levy for August election to board of elections.*