

BRIEF CASE

THE OHIO SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

Serving the public school leadership team



OSBA supporting initiative to transform high school sports culture

OSBA is among a number of organizations supporting the InsideOut Initiative, which is designed to transform the culture of “win-at-all-costs” in high school sports. The initiative takes a critical look at interscholastic athletics by encouraging a system that focuses on developing the educational, social and emotional well-being of each student-athlete rather than defining success by the scoreboard. In October, Ohio became one of the first states to launch this initiative through the support of the Ohio High School Athletic Association, Ohio Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association, NFL Foundation and other local and national organizations. For more information, visit <https://insideoutinitiative.org>.

Former OSBA staff member appointed to State Board of Education

Laura E. Kohler, a former OSBA management development specialist, was named to the State Board of Education Feb. 10. Gov. **John R. Kasich** appointed her to fill an at-large seat vacated by **C. Todd Jones**, who was term-limited. Kohler, who worked for OSBA from 2005 to 2007, is a former **Worthington City** board member and most recently served on the **New Albany-Plain Local (Franklin)** Board of Education.

Ex-president resigns from State Board of Education

State Board of Education member **Tom Gunlock** resigned from the board Feb. 24. Gov. **John R. Kasich** named **Kara Morgan** of Union County to serve the rest of his term, which expires Dec. 31, 2018. Gunlock, from Centerville, had served as board president for the past two years but did not seek that position this year. Kasich appointed him to the at-large seat in 2011 and reappointed him in 2014. According to Hannah News Service, Morgan is a Battelle Memorial Institute analytics expert and adjunct professor at Ohio State University’s John Glenn College of Public Affairs.

Nominate your top student programs for the Student Achievement Fair

The Student Achievement Fair is one of the most popular events at the OSBA Capital Conference. The fair features 100 innovative learning initiatives from around the state as well as five outstanding student performing groups. OSBA is accepting nominations for districts to participate in the fair, which will be held Nov. 14 in Columbus. For more information, <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/52500>.

Board Leadership Institute hotel discount deadline approaching

March 31 is the deadline to secure a special nightly hotel rate of only \$131 for the OSBA Board Leadership Institute, set for April 21-22 at the Hilton Columbus/Polaris. Reservations can be made at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/36593> or by calling

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Route workshop information to:

- ☐ Administrators
- ☐ Technology directors
- ☐ Transportation supervisors

(614) 885-1600 and mentioning OSBA to get the discounted rate. The institute offers a comprehensive range of training designed specifically for school board members. For details and to register, go to <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/33166>.

Business Honor Roll submissions due next week

The deadline to submit 2017 OSBA Business Honor Roll selections is March 24. The program enables districts to thank local firms that support their schools. For more information and to submit selections, go to <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/39803> or contact **Wanda Bloch** at (614) 540-4000 or wbloch@ohioschoolboards.org.

OSBA Trade Show earns national recognition

OSBA's Capital Conference Trade Show will be recognized by

Police officer's homework help goes viral

Stumped by her math homework, a student at **River Valley Local's (Marion)** Heritage Elementary School turned to local police for answers.

Marion Police Department Lt. **B.J. Gruber** went above the call of duty to help fifth-grader **Lena Draper**. Their Facebook exchange was shared thousands of times and covered by news outlets across the U.S.

Gruber provided the correct answer to the first equation but got the second one wrong. Some people praised him, while others poked fun because he gave the wrong answer.

Using her mom's Facebook account, Draper thought to reach out to Marion police after catching one of their T-shirts at a community engagement event.

Source: The Columbus Dispatch

Trade Show Executive magazine at an April conference in Chicago. The show will receive the Trade Show Executive Fastest 50 Award as one of the 50 fastest-growing shows of 2016. For more information on the conference and awards program, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/11127>.

Association seeking Capital Conference moderators

OSBA is recruiting school board members and administrators to be workshop moderators at the 2017 Capital Conference in Columbus. Moderators are needed for all three days of the conference: Nov. 12, 13 and 14. Board members who serve will earn five OSBA Award of Achievement credits. For details, contact **Judy Morgan** at jmorgan@ohioschoolboards.org, (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA. The deadline to volunteer is May 31.

OSBA online

● www.ohioschoolboards.org

The 2017 OSBA Legislative Platform — which states OSBA's positions on key public education issues — is now posted at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/platform>. The platform conveys to legislators, policymakers, the public and the media where OSBA stands and guides the association's advocacy efforts.



Briefcase

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BULLETIN BOARD

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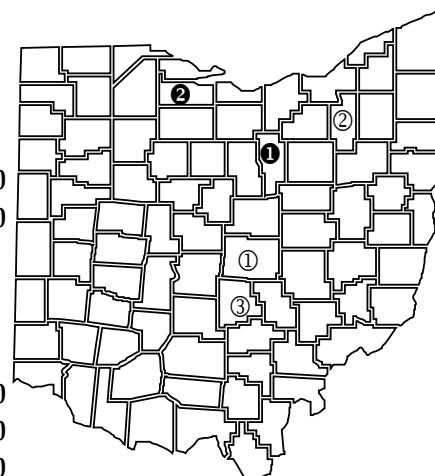
OSBA executive searches

Superintendent

District	Deadline	Contact
① Loudonville-Perryville EV	March 23	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
② Fremont City	March 31	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000

Treasurer

District	Deadline	Contact
① Heath City	March 14	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
② Stow-Munroe Falls City	March 15	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
③ Fairfield County ESC	April 7	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000



Other positions

Position	District	Deadline	Contact
Superintendent	Cincinnati City	March 23	Ray & Associates Inc., (319) 393-3115
Treasurer	Otsego Local (Wood)	March 20	Lisa Austin , administrative assistant to the superintendent/EMIS coordinator, Otsego Local, (419) 823-4381, ext. 1100

National searches

Position	District	Deadline	Contact
Superintendent/principal	Santa Barbara, Calif.	March 24	California School Boards Association/ McPherson & Jacobson LLC, (888) 375-4814

Editor's note

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

Board changes

Bucyrus City Board of Education member **Douglas Schiefer** announced his resignation effective immediately. ●●● Huber Heights City Board of Education member **Krista Tipton** announced her resignation effective Feb. 14. ●●● Lima City Board of Education member **Dennis Williams** announced his resignation effective Feb. 22.

Administrative changes

Superintendents

Berkshire Local (Geauga) hired **John Ray Stoddard** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace **Douglas J. Delong**, who will resign effective July 31. Stoddard currently is the high school principal at Oak Hills Local (Hamilton). ●●● Liberty Local (Trumbull) Superintendent **Stan Watson** announced his retirement effective July 31. ●●● McDonald Local (Trumbull)

Superintendent **Robert A. Rostan** announced his retirement effective June 1. ●●● **Perry Local (Allen)** Superintendent **Omer I. Schroeder** announced his retirement effective July 31. ●●● **Woodmore Local (Sandusky)** Interim Superintendent **Jay LeFevre** announced his resignation effective March 13. ●●● **Switzerland of Ohio Local (Monroe)** hired **Rob Caldwell** as assistant superintendent effective Feb. 15. He will continue to serve as the district's high school principal until the end of the school year.

Treasurers

Anna Local (Shelby) hired **Cathy Doseck** as treasurer effective Feb. 1. She replaced **Dennis S. Raberding**, who resigned effective Jan. 31. Doseck will continue to serve as interim treasurer at **New Knoxville Local (Auglaize)**. ●●● **Austintown Local (Mahoning)** hired Assistant Treasurer **Arthur J. Ginnetti** as treasurer effective immediately. He will replace **Mary Ann Herschel**, who has taken the assistant treasurer/human resource specialist position. ●●● **New Knoxville Local**

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Advocating for public education

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

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

Why is *Kids PAC* important?

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

Join *Kids PAC* today!

Invest in their future

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

Kids PAC
because kids count



Ohio School
Boards Association



OSBA Student Achievement Fair

Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2017 • 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. • Greater Columbus Convention Center

The OSBA Capital Conference Student Achievement Fair highlights outstanding student performance groups and fresh, innovative initiatives from school districts across the state.

Student Achievement Fair performing groups

OSBA will choose one school district performing group from each of the association's five regions to perform during the Student Achievement Fair. Each group will perform for 20 minutes. To nominate a performing group, submit a nomination at <http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org/saf-nominations> and email an electronic video audition or YouTube link to **Gwen Samet**, administrative associate of search services, at gsamet@ohioschoolboards.org. Only electronic recordings will be accepted. The nomination deadline is Friday, June 23.



Student Achievement Fair district programs

OSBA is accepting nominations for district programs that improve student achievement. For ideas, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/60021> to view the list of 2016 Student Achievement Fair district programs.

One hundred programs highlighting student achievement will be selected. Nominate a district program at <http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org/saf-nominations>.

If you have questions, contact **Gwen Samet** (gsamet@ohioschoolboards.org) or **Teri Morgan** (tmorgan@ohioschoolboards.org) at (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA.



Ohio School Boards
Association
Insurance Agency, LLC

Board members and administrators — protect yourself and your family for \$55 per year!

OSBA provides **free** business travel accidental death and dismemberment (AD&D) insurance in the amount of \$100,000 to school board members as a membership benefit. Board members also can purchase personal AD&D insurance for themselves and their families. District administrators can purchase AD&D insurance for themselves and their families as well. These additional coverages are available through the OSBA Insurance Agency LLC.

For more information, contact the OSBA Division of Business and Finance at (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA.

The enrollment deadline is March 31. Don't miss out on your chance to protect your family with this affordable insurance.

Questions about workers' comp rates?

Get answers at the 2017 Spring SchoolComp Workers' Compensation 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 sites around Ohio, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. While there is no fee, registration is requested to accommodate those attending.

Agenda

8 a.m. Registration and continental breakfast

8:15 a.m. Welcome and introductions
Tony Sharrock, manager, client services, CompManagement; Van D. Keating, director of management services, OSBA; Kim Laugherty, director of membership services, Ohio Association of School Business Officials

Third-party administrator updates – Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC)
Learn about recent and ongoing BWC initiatives that have a direct impact on a school's budget.
Tony Sharrock

Unemployment compensation – reasonable assurance
Hear about reasonable assurance and how, when and why it should be offered.
Roger Baker, supervisor, Unemployment

Compensation Division, Sedgwick Claims Management Services Inc.

Break

Managed care organization updates
BWC recently enacted new rules designed to better control prescription medications in workers' compensation claims. Review this topic and explore approaches to engage with the medical provider community for closer partnerships and accountability.
Lance Watkins, vice president, client services, CompManagement Health Systems Inc.

10:30 a.m. Safety training session 1

11:30 a.m. Safety training session 2

12:30 p.m. Closing
Tony Sharrock

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

Program members should mark their calendars now to attend one of the following workshops:

Tuesday, March 14

Ohio University Inn and Conference Center, Athens

Thursday, March 16

OSBA office, Columbus



Photo courtesy of the Ohio Statehouse Photo Archive

State Legislative Conference

Wednesday, March 15

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Statehouse Atrium, Columbus

Cost is \$135

The 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 during lunch and in office visits later that day. Attendees also will hear from legislative leaders about their views on public education and other priorities.

Attendees are urged to schedule office appointments between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. to meet individually with their legislators and their 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.

Agenda

8:30 a.m.

Registration

9 a.m.

Lobbyists' briefing on key issues

Damon Asbury, director of legislative services; Jay Smith, deputy director of legislative services; and Jennifer Hogue, lobbyist, OSBA; Tom Ash, director of governmental relations, Buckeye Association of School Administrators; and Barbara Shaner, associate executive director, Ohio Association of School Business Officials

10 a.m.

Legislative leadership perspectives

Senate President Larry Obhof (R-Medina); House Speaker Cliff Rosenberger (R-Clarksville); Senate Minority Leader Joe Schiavoni (D-Boardman); and House Minority Leader Fred Strahorn (D-Dayton)

11 a.m.

Budget leadership perspectives

House Finance Chairman Ryan Smith (R-Bidwell) and Senate Finance Committee representative

Noon

Lunch with your legislators

1 p.m.

Personal meetings with your legislators

Contact your legislators to schedule an appointment prior to the conference.

OSBA Cyberlaw 2017



Technology and the law seminar

Friday, March 17, 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.
OSBA office, Columbus
Cost is \$155

8:30 a.m.	Registration and continental breakfast	Noon	Lunch (provided)
8:50 a.m.	Welcome	12:45 p.m.	District data breaches Districts are vulnerable to outside hacking, in-house errors and technology gaps that open them up to the consequences of a data breach. Focusing on both preventive and responsive measures, this session will help you create and evaluate your data breach and response plan. <i>Matt Williams, chief information security officer, Ohio Department of Education</i>
9 a.m.	Website accessibility: Is your district prepared? The federal Office for Civil Rights has started examining if district websites are compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act. An OSBA attorney leads attendees through the compliance measures to consider and potential options for making necessary changes. <i>Sara C. Clark, director of legal services, OSBA</i>	1:30 p.m.	Break
9:45 a.m.	Sexting and Title IX Preventing sexting among students calls for close cooperation between law enforcement and school administrators. Learn how to work together to investigate these difficult cases and fulfill your Title IX obligations. <i>Melissa M. Carleton, Esq., Bricker & Eckler LLP</i>	1:45 p.m.	Vetting educational apps and other online content This session pairs a district technology coordinator with a school attorney to offer a suggested approach for vetting online software and apps prior to their use in the classroom. <i>Roger Saffle, technology coordinator, Highland Local (Medina); and John E. Britton, Esq., Ennis Britton Co. LPA</i>
10:45 a.m.	Break		
11 a.m.	Upgrading your district's acceptable use policy Ensure that your district has a comprehensive and current acceptable use policy (AUP). Learn how to set policies and effectively enforce your AUP. <i>Christine T. Cossler, Esq., Walter Haverfield LLP</i>	2:45 p.m.	Adjourn <i>This program has been approved by the Supreme Court of Ohio Commission on Continuing Legal Education for 4.5 hours of CLE credit.</i>

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

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 \$90 or you can purchase an MTA subscription for the workshop series. 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

April 5 or 11 — Emergency transportation planning

Transportation departments are required to have a viable emergency plan in place. Review what an emergency plan should include, how to develop action plans and how to write a plan that anyone can follow, even in your absence.

May 3 or 9 — Fleet compliance

Learn about bus maintenance and safety checks, Ohio State Highway Patrol motor vehicle inspections and how to make the best use of the driver pre-trip inspection. Review preventive maintenance plans, bus purchasing and using data to determine an effective vehicle replacement plan.

Register online at www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops. You also can purchase a subscription plan for all the workshops in this series. For questions about the program or to register, contact **Diana Paulins**, OSBA senior administrative assistant of policy services, at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or mta@ohioschoolboards.org.



Get on board with OSBA School Transportation SERVICES

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

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

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



Board Leadership Institute

Professional development designed by board members for board members

April 21-22, 2017 • Hilton Columbus/Polaris

The Board Leadership Institute (BLI) enables board members to:

Attend a seminar designed by and for board members
Board members plan BLI breakout sessions during the Capital Conference

Receive superb professional development
Experience a comprehensive two-day training event

Network with other board members
Meet with colleagues to share success stories and learn from each other

Strengthen board governance skills
Choose from 18 breakout sessions

Review information on sessions you missed
Receive every handout from this board member-only event

Earn Award of Achievement points
Attendees receive 20 points toward the OSBA Award of Achievement

Keynote speakers set the tone for BLI

BLI will kick off Friday, April 21, with Superintendent of Public Instruction **Paolo DeMaria**, who directs Ohio's education system of nearly 3,600 public schools and more than 1.6 million students. His 25-year career in public service includes serving as a policy adviser to former Ohio Gov. **Bob Taft** and director and assistant director of Ohio's Office of Budget and Management.

Ohio Rep. **Robert R. Cupp** (R-Lima) will close BLI on Saturday, April 22. Join Cupp for an update on state legislation impacting public education and implications for local school boards.



DeMaria



Cupp

Registration and hotel details

Cost for the institute is \$255, which includes breakfast and lunch on both days and materials. Register online at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/33166> or contact **Laurie Miller**, senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000; (800) 589-OSBA; or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org.

The Hilton Columbus/Polaris is the site of the 2017 Board Leadership Institute. The Hilton is in north Columbus and easily accessible from I-71. It offers free parking and is close to many shopping and

dining opportunities. OSBA secured a reduced hotel rate for BLI attendees: just \$131 per night if the room is booked by March 31. To reserve your hotel room, contact the Hilton Columbus/Polaris at (614) 885-1600 and mention you are with OSBA. **You can reserve your room online at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/36593>.**

For more details, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/33166>.



Diversity and Inclusion in the Law: Implicit Bias

Friday, April 28, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. • Cost \$155

OSBA office, 8050 N. High St., Columbus, (614) 540-4000

8:30 a.m. Registration and continental breakfast

8:50 a.m. Welcome

9 a.m. Implicit bias and microaggressions: What are they and how can we address them?

Learn the differences between bias and prejudice and how everyday comments and actions can be disparaging. Implicit bias can negatively affect students, from unrealistic teacher expectations to disproportionate discipline for minority students. These implicit biases and microaggressions can have a major impact on students and their futures. Get the tools you need to identify implicit bias and microaggressions and their potential impacts, and learn how to lessen their impact to help every student succeed in an inclusive learning environment.

11:30 p.m. Lunch (provided)

12:15 p.m. Diversity and inclusion successes in the field

Representatives from Ohio school districts discuss programs they have implemented in their districts. From development to implementation and beyond, get some great ideas you can take back to your district to create and/or improve your own diversity and inclusion efforts.

Jackie Powers, curriculum supervisor of equity and inclusion, and Heather Cole, district diversity coordinator, Olentangy Local (Delaware); and Wanda Lillis, Esq., assistant legal counsel, Columbus City

3 p.m. Adjourn

The cost is \$155, which includes registration, materials, lunch and light refreshments. 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.



Looking for a new superintendent or treasurer? Look no further.

Finding and hiring the right superintendent or treasurer for your district will be among the most significant decisions you make as a board. The long-term impact and importance of this process and decision cannot be underestimated.

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WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

State Legislative Conference

☐ March 15, Columbus, \$135

OSBA Cyberlaw 2017

☐ March 17, Columbus, \$155

OSBA MTA Program

☐ April 5, Columbus, \$90

☐ April 11, Columbus, \$90

☐ May 3, Columbus, \$90

☐ May 9, Columbus, \$90

Board Leadership Institute

☐ April 21-22, Columbus, \$255

Diversity and Inclusion in the Law: Implicit Bias

☐ April 28, Columbus, \$155

OSBA Workshop Registration Form

Workshop name _____ Workshop date _____
 Attendee name _____ Title _____
 Daytime phone _____ Email _____
 District/firm _____ County _____

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



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

Please photocopy this form for each person

OSBA workshop registration procedures

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

Award of Achievement/LPDC

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

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



Mail

OSBA
8050 N. High St.,
Suite 100, Columbus, OH
43235-6481



Phone
or fax

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



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

Cancellation and refund policy

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

Bulletin Board, continued from page 4

(Auglaize) hired **Amy Reineke** as assistant treasurer effective Nov. 14, 2016.

Sympathies

Former **Beaver Local (Columbiana)** Board of Education member **Lois R. Myers** died Feb. 15. She was 91. ●●● Former **Clinton-Massie Local (Clinton)** and **Wayne Local (Warren)** Superintendent **Paul Clifford Schwamberger** died Feb. 14. He was 90. ●●● Former **Franklin Local (Muskingum)** Assistant Superintendent **Starling D. Green** died Feb. 18. He was 86. ●●● Former **Grand Valley Local (Ashtabula)** Board of Education member **Marion "Bo" Nims** died Feb. 21. He was 88. ●●● Former **Lorain City** Board of Education member **Dr. Wilfred C. Wood** died Feb. 12. He was 85. ●●● Former **Mount Healthy City** Board of Education member **Donald E. Wolf Sr.** died Feb. 18. He was 90. ●●● Former **Otsego Local (Wood)** Board of Education member **William R. Wumer** died Feb. 20. He was 88. ●●● Former **Stow-Munroe Falls City** Board of Education member **Karen Powers** died Feb. 16. She was 57. ●●● Former **Streetsboro City, Wellsville Local (Columbiana)** and **Maplewood Career Center** Superintendent **Lowell Bravard Myers** died Feb. 21. He was 88.



FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

compiled by Angela Penquite, managing editor

Awards for innovative and progressive thinking

The VOYA Unsung Heroes awards program recognizes innovative and progressive thinking in education. The program searches for classroom heroes who take teaching to new heights. Each project is judged on its innovative method, creativity and ability to positively influence students.

Maximum award: \$25,000

Eligibility: full-time educators, teachers, principals or classified staff members at an accredited K-12 public school

Deadline: April 30

Contact: <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/75998>

Promoting materials science

To help teachers bring materials science into their

classrooms, the ASM International Foundation is awarding 20 grants to enhance awareness of materials science and the role of materials scientists in society. The application requires a two-page proposal describing a curriculum-based, hands-on project that involves student observation, communication, mathematics and science, while enhancing students' awareness of the materials around them.

Maximum award: \$500

Eligibility: K-12 teachers

Deadline: May 25

Contact: <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/48025>

NEA Foundation Learning & Leadership grants

The National Education Association (NEA) provides grants for public school teachers,

public education support professionals, and faculty and staff in public institutions of higher education. Grants are awarded for one of two purposes: to fund participation in high-quality professional development experiences, such as summer institutes or action research, or to fund collegial study, including study groups, action research, lesson study or mentoring experiences for faculty or staff new to an assignment. All professional development must improve practice, curriculum and student achievement.

Maximum award: \$2,000

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

Deadline: June 1

Contact: <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/62235>



LEGISLATIVE REPORT

by Jay Smith, deputy director of legislative services

Income-based voucher legislation introduced in Ohio Senate

Sen. **Matt Huffman** (R-Lima) recently introduced Senate Bill (SB) 85, legislation seeking to create the Ohio Opportunity Scholarship by combining the Cleveland Scholarship Program, Educational Choice Scholarship Program (EdChoice) and EdChoice

expansion into one voucher program. Eligibility for the new combined voucher would be based solely on household income instead of school performance.

The Cleveland program currently offers vouchers to students to attend private schools

in Cleveland and nearby communities. The EdChoice voucher is offered to students who attend low-performing schools. The EdChoice voucher later was expanded, with the support of Gov. **John R. Kasich**, to make low-income families eligible, not just students from low-performing districts.

The threshold for the EdChoice expansion income-based voucher is 200% of the federal poverty level. Current voucher amounts are set at \$4,250 for the Cleveland voucher and \$4,650 for the EdChoice voucher for students in grades K-eight. High school voucher amounts are \$5,700 for the Cleveland program and \$6,000 for EdChoice. There are approximately 30,000 students participating in these programs. Huffman's proposal will not change the Autism Scholarship or Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship programs.

SB 85 would expand voucher eligibility to all families regardless of where they live or the performance of their local schools. Families with household incomes at or below 400% of the federal poverty level — roughly \$96,000 for a family of four — would be eligible for a portion of the full

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PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Scott Gerfen, assistant editor

Students' safety app concept wins design contest

A group of students at **Westlake City's** Westlake High School calls itself the Alert U team. It's also the name of their award-winning app design.

Leah Choban, Carter Hoon, Jillian Eddy, Joran Sherwin and Sneha Ramachandran decided to enter Verizon's Innovative Learning App Challenge with the idea of improving school safety.

The concept app won Best in State with Verizon awarding the school \$5,000. Not only that, each

team member received an Android mobile tablet.

"We've all had encounters with things like this ... Chardon High School in 2012 and recently at Ohio State there was a scare," Choban told a local TV station. "We thought that if ... we could make school a safer environment, we would help a lot of people."

The group studied similar apps and looked for ways to improve them.

During an emergency, Alert U

would connect students with teachers, parents, police and nearby residents. Using a map-tracking interface, users would be able to pinpoint the location of a threat, such as an active shooter or fire, and share the location.

Through online voting, Verizon awarded eight schools Best in Nation winners. They each received \$15,000 and assistance in building a working mobile app and bringing it to the marketplace.

Source: WOIO-TV

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voucher amount. The voucher amounts, as proposed in this legislation, would increase to \$5,000 for students in grades K-eight and \$7,500 for high school students.

In addition, SB 85 proposes the introduction of education savings accounts. The accounts would include any unused portion of a voucher and be retained by the state under the student's name for use toward future private school tuition or college tuition at an Ohio school. The proposal also ends the practice of deducting voucher funding from the local public district and directly funds the programs with state money.

OSBA opposes this legislation

and encourages school officials to communicate their concerns to local legislators.

Budget update

Budget hearings are taking place in the House where OSBA, the Buckeye Association of School Administrators and the Ohio Association of School Business Officials recently delivered joint testimony before the House Primary and Secondary Education Subcommittee. A copy of the groups' testimony and information presented by Ohio Education Policy Institute consultant Dr.

Howard Fleeter are available on the subcommittee's website at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/36164>.

org/36164.

Public testimony is scheduled for March 22 and 23. School officials are encouraged to prepare written testimony and testify before the subcommittee on how the governor's budget proposal impacts local school districts. OSBA will continue to update members as hearings continue and the budget process moves forward.

For the latest legislative updates contact the OSBA legislative division at (800) 589-6722 or use the OSBA) BillTracker page at www.ohioschoolboards.org/billtracker.

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March

- 14 SchoolComp Workers' Compensation Workshop..... Athens
- 14 Southwest Region Spring Conference..... Lebanon
- 15 State Legislative Conference.. Columbus
- 15 OSBA Master of Transportation Administration Program: Student management and training..... Columbus
- 15 OSBA Book Club webinar #2
- 16 SchoolComp Workers' Compensation Workshop..... Columbus
- 17 OSBA Cyberlaw 2017..... Columbus
- 21 Southeast Region Spring Conference..... Jackson
- 22 Northeast Region Spring Conference..... North Olmsted
- 30 Southeast Region Spring Conference..... Duncan Falls
- 31 End of second ADM reporting period — RC 3317.03(A).

April

- 3 Last day for voter registration for May election — RC 3503.01, 3501.19(A) (30 days prior to election).
- 4 Southwest Region Executive Committee Meeting Greenville
- 5 OSBA Master of Transportation Administration Program: Emergency transportation planning Columbus

- 11 OSBA Master of Transportation Administration Program: Emergency transportation planning Columbus
- 18 Management Development Series #2..... Columbus
- 21-22 Board Leadership Institute Columbus
- 28 Diversity and Inclusion in the Law Workshop: Implicit Bias Columbus
- 30 Southeast Region Executive Committee meeting..... Zanesville

May

- 1 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).
- 2 Special Election Day; Primary Election Day — RC 3501.01 (first Tuesday after first Monday)
- 3 OSBA Master of Transportation Administration Program: Fleet compliance..... Columbus
- 3 Northeast Region Executive Committee Meeting Wadsworth
- 5 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).

- 9 OSBA Master of Transportation Administration Program: Fleet compliance..... Columbus
- 10 Last day for school district to file resolution of necessity, resolution to proceed and auditor's certification for bond levy with board of elections for August election — RC 133.18(D); last day for county auditor to certify school district bond levy terms for August election — RC 133.18(C); last day to submit continuing replacement, permanent improvement or operating levy for August election to board of elections — RC 5705.192, 5705.21, 5705.25; last day to certify resolution for school district income tax levy for August election to board of elections — RC 5748.02(C); last day to submit emergency levy for August election to board of elections — RC 5705.195; last day to submit phased-in levy or current operating expenses levy for August election to board of elections — RC 5705.251(A) (90 days prior to the election).
- 15 Last day for certain board members and administrators to file financial disclosure forms with the Ohio Ethics Commission — RC 102.02.
- 17 Management Development Series #3..... Columbus