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#### Email scammers targeting school districts' direct payroll deposits

The state auditor is warning that multiple Ohio school districts recently have been victimized by an email scam. In each case, a cybercriminal impersonating a superintendent or principal emailed a payroll department employee asking to make a change to the bank account linked to the superintendent or principal's direct deposit. The payroll deposit then is directed to the criminal, and the scam isn't identified until employees realize they did not get paid. All districts should educate staff on this scam and review procedures for making changes to payroll bank accounts. The originator of any email can be verified by moving the cursor over the sender's name in the email and viewing the return email address. If it isn't familiar, do not respond or open any attachments. Report all scams to local police and the FBI. Any losses incurred via such a scam also should be reported to Ohio's Fraud Hotline at (866) FRAUD-OH.

#### Highlight your schools' programs at OSBA Student Achievement Fair

Does your district have innovative student programs or outstanding performing groups everyone is especially proud of? If so, nominate them to participate in the OSBA Student Achievement Fair in November. One of the most well-attended events at the OSBA Capital Conference, the fair features 100 booths of first-rate learning initiatives from across Ohio as well as five talented student performing groups. Nominate your student programs and performing groups at http://conference.ohio schoolboards.org/saf-nominations. More information about the Student Achievement Fair is available at http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org/student-achievement-fair. For questions, contact Gwen Samet (gsamet@ohioschoolboards.org) or Teri Morgan (tmorgan@ohioschoolboards.org) at (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA.

#### Study: Ohio homeless student rate rises more than national rate

The percentage of Ohio public school students identified as homeless rose more than the nationwide rate during a recent five-year period, according to Education Leads Home, a coalition of nonprofit groups. The coalition identified 30,385 Ohio students — about 1.7% of the total enrollment — as homeless during the 2016-17 school year compared to 23,748 in 2012-13, a 28% increase. During that same time, the national student homeless rate increased about 11%, from 1.22 million students to 1.36 million. View the report at http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/75538.

#### Board Leadership Institute hotel discount deadline approaching

April 5 is the deadline to secure a special nightly hotel rate of just \$139 for a single or double room at the Hilton Columbus/Polaris, site of the 2019 OSBA Board Leadership Institute (BLI). Call the hotel at (614) 885-1600 and mention OSBA to get

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the discounted rate. BLI, set for April 26-27, features keynote speakers Dr. Mike Thomson, an author and character education expert; Superintendent of Public Instruction Paolo DeMaria; and State Rep. Kent Smith (D-Euclid), a former Euclid City Board of Education member. BLI also offers 17 breakout sessions, plenty of opportunities for networking, and breakfast and lunch both days. For more information and to register, visit http://links.ohioschool boards.org/33166 or contact Laurie Miller at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or Lmiller@ ohioschoolboards.org.

# OSBA, attorney general offer open government resources

Sunshine Week, a national initiative to educate the public about the importance of open government, was observed earlier this month. To help its members in their roles as public officials, OSBA

#### Volunteers helping kids earn scholarships, get into college

Cincinnati community activist **Dorron Hunter** has been taking students on college tours for 15 years. Many of those students have gone on to successful careers after graduating.

This year, he and other volunteers are focusing on a group of seventh-graders at **North College Hill City**'s North College Hill Middle School. He's teaching them what it takes to keep their grades up and earn college scholarships. He also hosted them on a visit to his alma mater, Morehead State University.

Hunter works with the Cincinnati Initiative to Reduce Violence, so he knows firsthand the importance of keeping kids in school and away from the streets. He sees his work as an investment in the future and a way to show that the community cares about its kids. Source: WKRC-TV, Cincinnati

offers online resources on Ohio public records and open meetings laws at http://links.ohioschool boards.org/56534. In addition, the Ohio Attorney General's Office recently released the 2019 edition of the Sunshine Laws Manual, available at http://links. ohioschoolboards.org/86135.



## Briefcase

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# ODE launches new human resources website

The Ohio Department of Education recently launched the Human Capital Resource Center at **www.ohiohcrc.org**. The website is designed to help schools establish comprehensive approaches to human capital management in support of the state's new strategic plan for education. The center shares ways to attract, prepare, recruit, hire, support, develop, engage and reward educators.

#### **OSBA** online

#### • www.ohioschoolboards.org Student transportation

operations are highly regulated in Ohio, with a number of key sections of rules and standards that must be followed. OSBA offers a school transportation reference library for easy access to these rules. Visit http://links.ohio schoolboards.org/24965 to learn more.



compiled by Melanie Price, senior administrative assistant of communication services

#### **OSBA** executive searches

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#### **Board changes**

Cincinnati Public Board of Education member Ericka Copeland-Dansby announced her resignation effective March 6.

#### Administrative changes

#### Superintendents

Cardinal Local (Geauga) Superintendent Dr. Scott J. Hunt announced his resignation effective April 1. He has taken the executive director of field relations position with the Ohio Department of Education. The district hired high school principal Bill Kermavner as interim superintendent effective April 1. ••• Chillicothe City Interim Superintendent Debbie Swinehart was hired as superintendent effective Feb. 25. ••• Defiance City hired Robert Morton as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace Michael R. Struble, who is retiring. Morton currently is the district's high school principal. ••• Delaware City Superintendent Paul Craft announced his resignation effective July 31. He has taken the chief executive officer position with Marion-based Metropolitan Education Technology Association. ••• Mohawk Local (Wyandot) hired Dr. Mark Burke as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace Kenneth D. Ratliff, who retired. Burke currently is the secondary school principal at Bucyrus City. ••• Scioto County Career Technical Center hired Kyle Copley as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace Stan Jennings, who is retiring. Copley currently is the career center's principal.

#### **Sympathies**

**Ola Louise Brink**, treasurer at the former **Chesterfield-Dover** School District in Fulton County and former treasurer at **Wauseon EV**, died Feb. 25. She was 97. ••• Former **Cloverleaf Local (Medina)** Superintendent **William H. Dunham** died Feb. 27. He was 91. ••• Former **Cuyahoga Falls City** Superintendent Dr. **Harold E. Wilson** died March 2. He was 91. ••• Former **Geneva Area City** Board of Education member **James Clair Linhart Jr.** died March 4. He was 88.

#### Editor's note

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



#### by Scott Gerfen, assistant editor

## OSBA trustees greet new members, association president

The OSBA Board of Trustees welcomed seven new members at its March 2 meeting.

OSBA President John W. Halkias, Plain Local (Stark), presided over the agenda, which included a conversation with Ohio Excels, a nonpartisan coalition of business leaders committed to improving education for every Ohio student, and an update on the 133rd Ohio General Assembly.

New trustees sworn in included Renda M. Cline, Mansfield City; Carolyn L. Jones, Cincinnati City; Robert Ragland, South-Western City; Dr. Lisa Thomas, Cleveland Municipal; Thomas C. Patterson, Sandusky City; Terry Halley, Gallia County Local (Gallia); and



Review the board's unique role in preparing the district and community for putting a levy on the ballot as well as its responsibilities and legal obligations. Review campaign best practices and get practical guidance on volunteer recruitment, planning, organization and communication. This workshop is co-hosted by OSBA, Real Choice Ohio and Support Ohio Schools Research and Education Foundation.

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.

# **David E. Yockey**, **Milford EV** and **Great Oaks Career Campuses**.

The Board of Trustees has general charge of the affairs, funds and property of the association. It has full power to carry out the purposes of the association according to the OSBA Constitution. The trustees meet three times a year. You can review the composition of the Board of Trustees at **www.ohioschool boards.org/board-trustees**.

Trustees also honored OSBA Immediate Past President Randy Smith, Forest Hills Local (Hamilton), for his service in 2018. A resolution from Halkias recognized that under Smith's leadership, OSBA and more than 20 other statewide groups hosted the first-ever School Security and Safety Solutions Summit, which drew 1,000 participants to Columbus for a day of workshops and networking. OSBA also made great strides in fulfilling the Year 1 goals of the Visionary Initiatives for Strategic Action (VISA), the association's strategic plan that was reauthorized for 2018.

Halkias presented two other resolutions. Susie Lawson, Tri-County ESC and Wayne County Schools Career Center, was honored for recently completing a *Continued on page 5* 



# Diversity and Inclusion Workshop

Friday, April 12, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. • Cost \$170 OSBA office, 8050 N. High St., Columbus, (614) 540-4000

| 8:30 a.m.<br>8:50 a.m. | Registration and continental breakfast<br>Welcome   |
|------------------------|---|
| 9 a.m.                 | Handling and preventing sexual harassment claims<br>As conversations in the media about sexual harassment and assault increase due to the #metoo and<br>#timesup movements, districts have questions about the adequacy of their sexual harassment policies and<br>procedures. They also have questions about how to properly handle claims of sexual harassment or assault,<br>particularly those that may have occurred many years ago. Learn what your policies, procedures and<br>practices should include and how your school district should prepare for the possibility of allegations from<br>the past.<br>Tabitha Justice, Esq., Subashi, Wildermuth & Justice |
| 10:15 a.m.             | Break   |
| 10:30 a.m.             | Implementing a trauma-informed school program   |
|                        | Ohio school districts are implementing trauma-informed programs and developing trauma-informed school buildings to help drug-endangered students and students experiencing other childhood traumas. Learn the legal and practical implications of implementing a trauma-informed program in your school. Hear about necessary tools schools can use to implement trauma-informed programs to better serve students.   |
|                        | Melissa McClain, community education program coordinator, Akron Children's Hospital   |
| 11:30 a.m.             | Lunch (provided)  |
| 12:45 p.m.             | Training staff to recognize the signs of human trafficking in schools   |
|                        | Human trafficking is prevalent in Ohio, but are your staff members prepared to recognize the signs and act appropriately to protect students? Learn the signs and appropriate procedures to support staff and protect students.   |
| 1:45 p.m.              | Brent Currence, Missing Persons Unit director, Ohio Attorney General's Office; Bryttani Debro, anti-human<br>trafficking coordinator, The Salvation Army; and Melanie Kenworthy Deis, executive director, Stand Together<br>Against Trafficking<br>Break  |
| 2 p.m.                 | Diversity, inclusion and equity training for your board and staff   |
| 2 p.m.                 | You're here today, but how do you take what you've learned back to your district and share those valuable tools and resources with staff? Hear practical solutions for creating and growing diversity, inclusion and equity training and programs in your district so the skills you've learned reach your main client: the student.  |
|                        | Kimberly Brazwell, chief executive officer, KiMISTRY  |
| 3 p.m.                 | Adjourn   |

This program has been approved by the Supreme Court of Ohio Commission on Continuing Legal Education for 4.25 total CLE hours instruction.

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

## Take your leadership to the next level at the

# Board Leadership Institute April 26-27, 2019 • Hilton Columbus/Polaris

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 not only for new board members, it's ongoing.

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!** 

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

Almost all board members agree they could use more training, and 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.

#### Keynote speakers enhance BLI

BLI will kick off Friday, April 26, with Dr. **Mike Thomson**, who will share "Strategies for Saving Your Sanity," revealing a trove of tips, secrets and strategies on how to save your sanity as a school board member. State Rep. **Kent Smith** (D-Euclid) will share an update from the Statehouse during the Friday afternoon session. His prior service as an **Euclid City** school board member gives Smith a unique perspective on the challenges facing Ohio's schools.



Thomson



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DeMaria

Ohio Superintendent of Public Instruction **Paolo DeMaria** will close BLI on Saturday, April 27. Join DeMaria for his presentation, "Create a culture of improvement and excellence in Ohio education."

#### Registration

The tuition for this intensive two-day institute is \$285. Register online at http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/33166 or contact Laurie Miller, senior events manager, for registration information at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or Lmiller@ ohioschoolboards.org.

#### Location

This event will be held at the Hilton Columbus/Polaris, 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.

# Schedule of events

#### Friday, April 26

| 8 a.m.     | Registration and breakfast   |
|------------|--|
| 9 a.m.     | <b>Opening General Session with Dr. Mike Thomson</b><br>Welcome — Rick Lewis, chief executive officer, OSBA<br>Pledge of Allegiance, remarks and introduction of speaker — John W. Halkias, OSBA president; board<br>member, Plain Local (Stark) |
| 10:15 a.m. | Break  |
| 10:30 a.m. | <ul> <li>Student achievement concurrent sessions</li> <li>Leading together: Ohio's SOAR network of visionary leaders</li> <li>Trauma-informed approaches to engaging low-income students</li> </ul>  |
| 11:30 a.m. | Networking luncheon<br>Luncheon sponsored by (@) compmanagement  |
| 12:30 p.m. | <ul> <li>Legal and legislative concurrent sessions</li> <li>Education foundations as a local funding initiative</li> <li>News from the Statehouse</li> <li>Janus and the two faces of union dues</li> </ul>                                      |
| 1:30 p.m.  | Break  |
| 1:45 p.m.  | An update from the Statehouse — State Rep. Kent Smith  |
| 2:30 p.m.  | Break  |
| 2:45 p.m.  | Critical and current issues concurrent sessions <ul> <li>Connecting the board to the building</li> <li>Look good, feel good, do good</li> <li>Assessing your district's financial health</li> </ul>  |
| 3:45 p.m.  | Adjourn  |

## Saturday, April 27

| 7:30 a.m.                | Breakfast   |
|--------------------------|---|
| 8:15 a.m.                | <ul> <li>Board leadership concurrent sessions</li> <li>What's next? The board's role in good succession planning</li> <li>Improving the relationship between the board and local government</li> <li>How good boards make impactful decisions</li> </ul>                                    |
| 9:15 a.m.                | Break   |
| 9:30 a.m.                | <ul> <li>Student care and wellness concurrent sessions</li> <li>Helping students who live in poverty: It's a mindset</li> <li>Student welfare policies: Are you on track?</li> <li>Lessons from the schoolhouse</li> </ul>  |
|                          |   |
| 10:30 a.m.               | Break   |
| 10:30 a.m.<br>10:45 a.m. | <ul> <li>Break</li> <li>Critical and current issues concurrent sessions</li> <li>Working with your State Board of Education</li> <li>Hot topics in school law for board members</li> <li>Measuring and communicating employability skills using the OhioMeansJobs Readiness Seal</li> </ul> |
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# 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 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 OSBA 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.

#### 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 OSBA at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or mta@ ohioschoolboards.org.



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term on the National School Boards Association's (NSBA) National School Board Action Center Board of Directors. The resolution recognized the Northeast Region president and 2014 OSBA president for her "dedicated service" and "powerful commitment to public education at the local, state and federal levels."

The second resolution honored the dedication of the Linda F.R. Omobien Resource Room in Akron City's Helen E. Arnold Community Learning Center. **Linda F.R. Omobien** served 16 years on the **Akron City** Board of Education, including three terms as president and three terms as vice president. She also was OSBA's 2006 president. **Helen E. Arnold** served 24 years on the Akron City board.

Omobien's "passion for public education, belief that all students can succeed and unwavering dedication to the welfare and education of the children, staff and citizens, not only in Akron but also across the state and nation, is an inspiration to all school board members," the resolution stated.

Trustees held a discussion with Lisa Gray, president of Ohio Excels, which is supported by local, state, regional and national foundations. The group's mission is to "provide an informed business perspective to dramatically improve and transform Ohio's education system to prepare students to meet the demands of the new economy." More information is available at **ohioexcels.org**.

Gray noted that "our goal is similar to your goals ... having some of our youngest learners prepared and more of our students graduating from high school in whatever path that they pursue. How do we ensure our percentages are higher?"

Director of Legislative Services Jennifer Hogue reported on the first actions of the 133rd Ohio General Assembly, which includes 29 new legislators. Six of them have education backgrounds.

Hogue said she expects legislators will attempt to tackle voucher expansion, financial literacy, deregulation and academic *Continued on page 6* 



# Transportation State Reports and Cost Analysis

Wednesday, April 24 • 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. • Cost is \$100 OSBA office, Columbus

Your district transportation funding depends upon the reports that you fill out and submit to the state — including the T-1 and T-2. An error on either of these reports can have a significant impact on your district's funding.

Join us for a session that will delve into appropriate data collection, what you need to track and why, and how to collate that data into an accurate state report. We will review the calendar deadlines and best practices that you need to know to successfully file your reports and get accurate funding. We also will share how to use this data to perform a district cost analysis and show you where to find the state average data from the previous year to determine if your district is operating efficiently.

Whether you are new to transportation or a veteran, or if you work in the transportation office or the treasurer's office, this class will provide the tools you need to file reports correctly and get all the funding your district is entitled to.

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distress commissions during the two-year session.

In other business, trustees: • Approved the association's 2019 budget and building improvement reserve. Chief Financial Officer **Allison Morris** provided an update on the association's finances. • Approved the charters for the new Ambassadors of Public Education Committee and Governance Review Committee.

• Heard an update on NSBA activities from Chief Executive Officer **Rick Lewis**.

• Heard an update from Chief Technology Officer **Drew Clark** on the technology initiatives that advance the association's goals by providing solutions that are efficient, competitive, value-added and innovative.

• Had an in-depth discussion on the association's VISA plan.

The next trustee meeting is July 27 at the association's office.



# LEGISLATIVE REPORT

by Jay Smith, deputy director of legislative services

## Governor introduces biennial budget proposals

On March 15, Gov. **Mike DeWine** introduced details of his executive budget during a morning press conference. Following is a review of educationrelated items in his biennial budget proposal.

In foundation funding, the budget seeks an additional \$300 million over the biennium. This represents a 3.7% increase in foundation funding compared to fiscal year (FY) 2019.

The governor stated that a majority of these funds will support at-risk students by promoting child wellness and success in schools. Schools will receive additional funding for mental health counseling, wraparound supports, mentoring and after-school programs. Schools will be encouraged to partner with local organizations, including alcohol, drug and mental health boards; ESCs; county boards of developmental disabilities; community-based mental health treatment providers; health departments; local department of job and family services; and nonprofits with experience in serving children.

Essentially, there is no change to the school-funding formula in this executive budget except for the targeted money aimed at helping at-risk students. That funding will be distributed to schools on a perpupil basis determined by census poverty data. The per-pupil dollar amounts will range, on a sliding scale, from \$20 to \$250 in FY 2020 and \$25 to \$300 in FY 2021, with no traditional school district, JVSD or community school receiving less than \$25,000 in FY 2020 and \$30,000 in FY 2021. The proposal guarantees all districts at least the amount of state funding they saw

last year in addition to the new targeted assistance.

The executive budget proposal also cites these additional objectives:

• Provide funding for early childhood education and opportunities for economically disadvantaged students to enroll in high-quality preschools. Fund early-literacy activities to support schools and ensure teachers and students are prepared for the thirdgrade reading guarantee.

• Support school improvement activities focusing on the state's lowest-achieving schools. Support includes assistance with improvement planning, creating an improvement culture in schools, supporting principal and teacher development and providing resources to promote effective practices.

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# **PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!**

compiled by Scott Gerfen, assistant editor

Students announced a book

## Students help to bring school library back to life

A response to a writing assignment at **Mapleton Local**'s **(Ashland)** Mapleton Middle School took sixth-grade teacher **Lynnette Kuschel** by surprise.

She had asked her students to write about the one thing they would change at their school. One student said she wished the school had a library where she could check out books.

Excited to let students help find a solution, Kuschel started a club, challenging students to tackle the empty library as part of a projectbased learning program.

"They've been tasked with building that library from the ground up — figuring out what a budget might look like and what the space might look like physically, how we're going to staff the library and control the inventory," the middle school's assistant principal and athletic director, **Skip Fulton**, told a local newspaper. "It's kind of like a business problem." drive through fliers and on social media and even secured donations from **Mount Vernon City**'s Mount Vernon High School and Goodwill Youngstown. They've also researched furniture and what an inviting reading space might look like.

Eventually, the space may include a collaboration center and distance learning lab.

Source: **www.ashlandsource.** com

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Continue funding adult education programs to help Ohioans earn a high school diploma, a high school equivalency certificate and industry-recognized credentials.
Increase funding for educator professional development to allow for more educators to teach computer science and College Credit Plus courses. Provide funding to train educators and school personnel in the model and tenets of prevention.

• Provide additional funding for quality community schools and continue facilities funding for community schools and STEM schools. Continue funding for the EdChoice Expansion Program, allowing economically disadvantaged pupils in kindergarten through seventh grade access to additional school choice options.

• Fund professional development and outreach efforts related to the implementation of Ohio's rigorous academic content standards and model curricula. Continue Ohio's assessment system, maintain the state's accountability system and measure student success through local report cards. Continue funding for the Education Management Information System to support development, internal and external processing and data quality.

• Provide assistance to districts in

fiscal distress, including funding advances to school districts in fiscal emergency and grants to school districts that suffer unforeseen catastrophic events. Support planning, coordination, funding simulation and analysis for all districts.

• Provide the oversight necessary to issue educator permits and licenses annually, support teacher and principal evaluations, manage educator licensure investigation and revocation processes and support the Resident Educator Summative Assessment.

*Editor's note*: Information in this article was current as of March 18, 2019.

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- 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

- Northeast Region Executive Committee meeting......Wadsworth
- 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).
- Special Election Day; Primary Election Day — RC 3501.01 (first Tuesday after first Monday).
   Last day for school district to file resolution
  - 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).  Levy University ......Columbus
 Last day for certain board members and all administrators to file financial disclosure forms with the Ohio Ethics Commission – RC 102.02(A)(4)(a).

#### June 2019

- Last day to take action to nonrenew contracts of administrators other than superintendent and treasurer — RC 3319.02; last day to take action on and give written notice of intent not to re-employ teachers — RC 3319.11(D); last day to take action on and give written notice of intent not to re-employ nonteaching employees (Note: this requirement does not apply to municipal school district employees as defined in RC 3311.71) — RC 4141.29(I)(1) (f).
- 6 Řeasonable Suspicion
- Training
   Columbus

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   OCSBA School Attorney
- 23 Workshop......Westerville 23 Northwest Region Executive Committee
- meeting.....Bowling Green 28 Sports Law Workshop ....... Columbus
- 2018-19 school year ends RC 3313.62; end of third ADM reporting period — RC 3317.03(A).