

# BRIEF CASE

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## ECOT audit findings spur statewide review of e-school data capabilities

The state auditor's office has found the Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow (ECOT) did not have the proper systems to capture the specific amount of time students were engaged in learning. In an annual financial audit of ECOT, the office said the finding constituted "a material weakness in the online charter school's financial controls." The annual audit, posted at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/68930>, is separate from the Ohio Department of Education's (ODE) full-time equivalency (FTE) audits, which occur every five years. The ECOT audit results, along with ODE's FTE reviews of ECOT and other e-schools, have prompted Auditor of State **Dave Yost** to order an expanded statewide audit to see what data these schools are capable of capturing.

## Board Leadership Institute: First-rate training you don't want to miss

The OSBA Board Leadership Institute (BLI), April 21-22 in Columbus, is the only professional development opportunity in Ohio designed specifically for school board members by school board members. The institute features two outstanding keynote speakers — Superintendent of Public Instruction **Paolo DeMaria** and state Rep. **Robert R. Cupp** (R-Lima). The two-day event also offers 18 innovative breakout sessions in six learning tracks to broaden board members' expertise, sharpen their leadership skills and better equip them to tackle the challenges they face in their districts. Attendees can gain additional knowledge by networking with peers from across the state. For details and to register, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/33166>.

## Attorney general unveils BCI science school for fourth-graders

Ohio Attorney General **Mike DeWine** has announced that the Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Science School is now available to teachers and students across Ohio. Designed for fourth-graders, the school's free lesson plans expose students to forensic science, criminal investigation and related careers at an early age. With a STEAM-based (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics) curriculum, the school offers 26 lesson plans aligned to the Ohio Department of Education's fourth-grade standards and uses hands-on experiments and inquiry-based learning to help solve fictional crimes. For more information, visit <http://tinyurl.com/jk8fude>.

## OSBA seeking student team for Capital Conference video documentary

Does your district have a first-rate video program? If so, nominate it to become the student documentary video team for the 2017 OSBA Capital Conference. The winning program will attend the Columbus conference and produce a 10-minute documentary of the event, set for Nov. 12-14. The video will be streamed on OSBA's website, shared with other state school boards associations and used to promote the conference. Visit

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### Route workshop information to:

- Administrators
- Technology directors
- Transportation supervisors

<http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/47913> for details and to apply. The deadline is May 17; the winning team will be notified by Aug. 1. For more information, contact **Drew Clark**, OSBA senior information systems administrator, at (800) 589-OSBA or [dclark@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:dclark@ohioschoolboards.org). To view the 2016 student video documentary created by a team of students from **North Canton City and Plain Local (Stark)** schools, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/49073>.

### Capital Conference workshop moderators still needed

Expand your networking and learning opportunities by volunteering to serve as a workshop moderator at this year's Capital Conference. Moderators introduce learning session speakers and serve as a liaison between the presenters and audience. Board members and administrators are encouraged to

**Anonymous donor pays student lunch debts**

**Port Clinton City Schools'** favorite retired "lunch lady" was honored recently by an anonymous donor who paid off the school lunch debts of every student.

The more than \$500 donation was made in memory of **Ruth Vogt**, who died in late January. She worked in the Port Clinton High School cafeteria for 20 years before retiring in 1998.

"We don't know who the donor is, but whoever thought of this kind gift really knew our mother well," Vogt's daughter, **Martha**, told a local newspaper. "We want them to know that our mom is smiling down on them."

The school received the donation during February's Random Acts of Kindness Week.

Source: Port Clinton News Herald

participate. Board members serving as moderators will earn five credits toward OSBA's Award of Achievement. For more information, contact OSBA's **Judy Morgan** at [jmorgan@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:jmorgan@ohioschoolboards.org), (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA. The deadline to sign up is May 31.

### Start Talking! helps reduce teen substance abuse

A majority of substance-free adolescents credit their parents for the decision not to use illegal substances. Teachers and other authority figures can have a similar influence on youth and their decision-making. The governor's Start Talking! program offers parents, guardians, teachers and community leaders the tools to start the conversation with Ohio's youth about the importance of living healthy, drug-free lives. Learn more at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/79852>.

### OSBA online

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

A new General Assembly session is underway and legislators are off and running. Stay up-to-date on the latest legislation and how it will affect your schools by following OSBA's BillTracker page at [www.ohioschoolboards.org/billtracker](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/billtracker).



## Briefcase

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# BULLETIN BOARD

compiled by Melanie Price, senior administrative assistant of communication services

## OSBA executive searches

### Superintendent

District

① Fremont City

Deadline Contact

March 31 OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000

### Treasurer

District

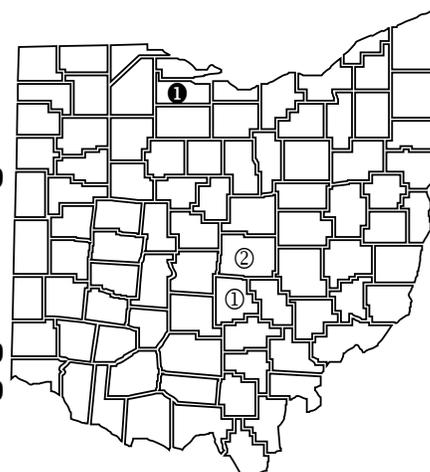
① Fairfield County ESC

② Newark City

Deadline Contact

April 7 OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000

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### Other searches

Position

Superintendent

District

North Central Local (Williams)

Deadline

April 12

Contact

Kerri Gearhart, superintendent, Northwest Ohio ESC, (567) 444-4795

Assistant treasurer/payroll

Fairfield County ESC

until filled

Dr. Marie C. Ward, superintendent, Fairfield County ESC, (740) 653-3193

### National searches

Position

Superintendent/principal

District

Soledad, Calif.

Deadline

April 6

Contact

California School Boards Association/  
McPherson & Jacobson LLC,  
(888) 375-4814

### Board changes

Huber Heights City appointed **Bill Harris** to the board effective March 9. He replaced **Krista Tipton**, who resigned. ●●●

**Mahoning County ESC** appointed **Jeffery P. Good** to the board effective Feb. 16. He replaced **James A. Hall**, who resigned in January. ●●● **Marietta City** appointed **Dr. Zane Lazer** to the board effective Feb. 27. He replaced **Gregory Gault**, who resigned in February. ●●● **New Albany Plain Local (Franklin)** appointed **Mike Busch** to the board effective March 8. He replaced **Laura E. Kohler**, who was appointed to the State Board of Education.

#### Editor's note

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

### Administrative changes

#### Superintendents

**East Central Ohio ESC** hired Deputy Superintendent **Randy Lucas** as superintendent effective Feb. 22. He replaced **Kevin Spears**, who will serve as deputy superintendent until he retires in July. ●●● **McComb Local (Hancock)** hired **Tony Fenstermaker** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace Interim Superintendent **Richard Van Mooy**. Fenstermaker

currently is the assistant high school principal at **Upper Sandusky EV**. ●●● **Springfield Local (Lucas)** Superintendent Dr. **Michael O'Shea** announced his retirement effective July 31. ●●● **United Local (Columbiana)** hired **Lance Hostetler** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace **Steven Viscounte**, who is retiring effective July 21. Hostetler currently is the high school principal at **Columbiana EV**. ●●● **Vantage Career Center** hired **Rick Turner** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace **Staci Kaufman**, who is retiring. Turner currently is director of adult programs at **Apollo Career Center**. ●●● **Woodmore Local (Sandusky)** hired **Kevin Ball** as interim superintendent effective March 2. He replaced Interim Superintendent **Jay LeFevre**, who resigned Feb. 13. Ball will continue in his role as the district's middle school principal and special education director.

### **Treasurers**

**Brookfield Local (Trumbull)** hired **Craig Yaniglos** as treasurer effective Feb. 1. He replaced **David M. Drawl**, who took the treasurer position at **West Branch Local (Mahoning)**.

### **Sympathies**

Former **Clear Fork Valley Local (Richland)** Board of Education member **George Henry Knell** died March 2. He was 86. ●●● Former **Harrison Hills City** Superintendent **James Clinton Ferns** died March 3. He was 84. ●●● Former **Hicksville EV** Treasurer **Martha J. Green** died March 10. She was 90. ●●● Former **Lakeview Local (Trumbull)** Board of Education member **William E. "Bill" Harned** died Feb. 27. He was 93. ●●● Former **Mohawk Local (Wyandot)** Board of Education member **Ronald Butch** died March 10. He was 73. ●●● **William M. "Bill" Clemens**, a former member of the **Muskingum Valley ESC** and the former **Morgan County** school boards, died March 4. He was 74. ●●● **Newark City** Treasurer **Jeffrey A. Anderson** died March 7. He was 61. ●●● Former **North College Hill City** Board of Education member **Geraldine "Gerry" Casagrande** died March 3. She was 93. ●●● **Robert H. "Bob" Brown**, a former member of the **Riverdale Local (Hardin)** and former **Mt. Blanchard** school boards, died Feb. 28. He was 93. ●●● Former **Upper Sandusky EV** Board of Education member **Harold Paul "Herik" Wolfe** died March 2. He was 86. ●●● **Vandalia-Butler City** Board of Education member **Bruce E. Sucher** died March 10. He was 70. ●●● Former **Wellsville Local (Columbiana)** Superintendent **Phillip Ray Maher** died Feb. 14. He was 90. ●●● Former **Wickliffe City** Board of Education member **Kevin D. Fielding** died March 10. He was 79.



## **COMMUNICATIONS**

compiled by Angela Penquite, managing editor

### **Celebrate the volunteers in your district**

Public School Volunteer Week is April 17–21. Created by Project Appleseed in 1997, the week focuses on opportunities for parents to volunteer in their local public schools. Each year, 10 million families participate in this effort.

Whether they are parents,

business leaders, senior citizens or students, volunteers play an important role in a school district. Acting as mentors, tutors and classroom assistants, their efforts can boost student achievement.

Below are some ways your district can celebrate Public School Volunteer Week and

honor your volunteers:

- Kick off Public School Volunteer Week with a special welcome for new students and families in the community.
- Ask your school board, mayor, city council, state representative or governor to issue a proclamation

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# 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](http://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](http://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](mailto:mta@ohioschoolboards.org).

## Management Development Series #2: Collective bargaining and employment 101

Tuesday, April 18

OSBA office, Columbus

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Cost is \$95



This workshop will review the basics of collective bargaining and employment and take attendees through the process. If you are unfamiliar — or just uncomfortable — with the principles of negotiations, unions and the laws that surround the employment of school employees in Ohio, this seminar is what you've been looking for. **Van D. Keating**, OSBA director of management services, and **George M. Albu**, commissioner at the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, will start with the fundamentals of employment and collective bargaining laws and union and management rights and responsibilities. They then will work their way to the larger picture of how these topics interrelate and occasionally contradict. The roles of board members, administrators, state agencies, consultants and mediators also will be covered. Most importantly, this workshop will allow participants to ask questions and focus on issues that their districts are encountering.

### Agenda

9:30 a.m.	Registration	Noon	Working lunch (provided)
10 a.m.	Opening remarks and introductions	12:15 p.m.	Union and management rights
10:10 a.m.	Employment law basics	1 p.m.	Putting it all together: effective employee relations
11 a.m.	Fundamentals of collective bargaining	2 p.m.	Adjourn

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. Cost for the workshop is \$95 and includes lunch and materials. Register online at [www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops) or contact **Laurie Miller**, senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or [lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:lmiller@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](mailto: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)**

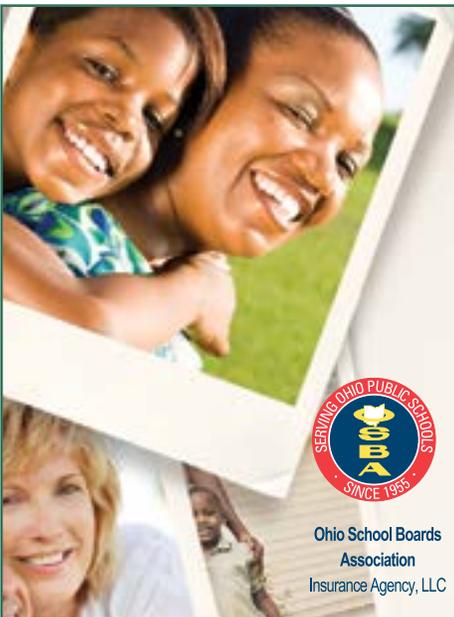
**12:15 p.m. Diversity and inclusion successes in the field**

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



## 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.



Ohio School Boards  
Association  
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# WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

## OSBA MTA Program

- April 5, Columbus, \$90
- April 11, Columbus, \$90
- May 3, Columbus, \$90
- May 9, Columbus, \$90

## Management Development

### Series #2: Collective bargaining and employment 101

- April 18, Columbus, \$95

## Diversity and Inclusion in the Law: Implicit Bias

- April 28, Columbus, \$155

## Board Leadership Institute

- April 21-22, Columbus, \$255

## 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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.

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celebrating Public School Volunteer Week to highlight the value of volunteer involvement in your schools.

- Host an open house at the school for parents and community members. Hold it in the evening or on the weekend so more people can attend. Ask every family to bring a member of the community who does not have kids in the school. This provides parents and community members with an opportunity to see the school firsthand and feel more comfortable with the idea of getting involved.

- Set up a parent resource center where families can get more information on topics of interest and meet with one another and school staff.

- Launch a community mentoring program in which parent volunteers and college students mentor high school and middle school students who, in turn, can mentor elementary school students.

- Host a brunch to recognize volunteers in your district. Ask each grade level and staff member to help with this event.

- Present an honorary award to a local government official or local leader in recognition of his or her contribution to education in your community. Celebrate with recognition ceremonies for teachers, students, parents, and community and religious organization volunteers who have made a long-term commitment to children's learning. This can

inspire more people to get involved.

- Submit an article, guest column or letter to the editor to a local newspaper explaining why building good parental involvement and revitalizing the schools are essential to improving education.

- Host a series of breakfast forums on volunteering opportunities, higher standards, the school's curriculum, conflict resolution, dealing with peer pressure or linking community art, museum and cultural resources with the schools.

- Focus on community literacy

during Public School Volunteer Week activities. Hold storytelling nights, guest author and poetry readings, read-aloud programs, book fairs and book drives, a read-a-thon, family literacy nights or other literacy activities for the whole community. Work with local colleges and universities to help college students get involved in the schools as reading tutors.

- Train volunteers and teachers. Whether a second-grade reading tutor or a ninth-grade algebra mentor, volunteers need training in their specific assignments. Teachers, in turn, need training on how to get families and community



## OSBA strategic planning — the road map for decision-making

Let OSBA put you on the path to success. OSBA can help your district create a comprehensive, long-term strategic plan to ensure you always know which road to take. OSBA consultants will help you identify critical issues, set comprehensive goals for the district and determine priorities for the future.

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members involved and how to use volunteers in the classroom.

To see more suggestions for celebrating Public School

Volunteer Week, visit [www.projectappleseed.org](http://www.projectappleseed.org).



## LEGISLATIVE REPORT

by Jay Smith, deputy director of legislative services

### Senate bill would impact school districts statewide

Senate Bill (SB) 36, introduced by Sen. **Cliff Hite** (R-Findlay), would affect school districts across the state. The legislation calls for changing how the state computes current agricultural use value



#### OSBA Contract Analysis Service

OSBA provides a cost-effective professional analysis of both certified and classified collective bargaining agreements. These written reviews serve as a critique of current contract provisions, suggest potential pitfalls regarding legal compliance and provide specific recommendations as you go into your next round of collective bargaining.

Contact **Van D. Keating**, director of management services, at (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA for more information.

(CAUV) of agricultural land for property tax purposes by expanding the property valuation discounts currently provided.

The proposal specifies that when calculating CAUV values, factors such as land value appreciation and owner equity increases will not be used. The bill also places a ceiling on the taxable value of CAUV land that also is used for conservation purposes, which reduces the taxable value of those properties that currently are not appraised per the lowest-valued soil type.

CAUV allows farmers to pay property taxes based on the value of their land for farming rather than its market value based on development potential or other purposes. OSBA, the Ohio Association of School Business Officials (OASBO) and the Buckeye Association of School Administrators (BASA) support the concept of CAUV; however, they are opposed to the changes outlined in SB 36.

The bill would significantly reduce local valuations for agricultural property. The resulting

expansion of benefits to agriculture landowners would shift the tax burden from agricultural to residential property owners. This comes at a time when residential taxpayers already have experienced a major shift in responsibility for local property taxes.

According to data from the Ohio Department of Taxation and analyzed by Dr. **Howard Fleeter**, consultant for the Ohio Education Policy Institute, Ohio's many policy changes over the years already have shifted a major tax burden to residential taxpayers. Since 1990, that burden has increased by 50%. That means residential taxpayers are now paying a significantly higher portion of local property taxes than business and agriculture taxpayers.

Fleeter found that residential taxpayers paid 44.2% of total property taxes in 1990. By 2015, that had risen to 63.8%. Based on tax year 2015 data, average statewide values for agricultural property participating

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# PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Scott Gerfen, assistant editor

## Culinary arts students work in upscale Chicago restaurant

Chicago's Grace has been called one of the most expensive restaurants in the nation. Six culinary arts students from **Dayton City's** Ponitz Career Technology Center were wowed by the opportunity to work at the high-class eatery.

"(In the kitchen), you could not differentiate between our kids and the rest of the chefs," culinary arts teacher **Anthony Head** told a local newspaper.

Celebrity chef **Chris Duffy**, the

subject of the recent Amazon documentary "For Grace," owns the restaurant in Chicago's West Loop neighborhood.

The Michelin Guide gives Grace its highest rating: three stars. There only are 13 Michelin three-star restaurants in the United States.

Senior **Brandy Lynch** said the experience strengthened her desire to be a restaurant supplier and eventually run her own company. She has big dreams.

"I am going to foreign places,"

she said. "I am going to Ireland. I am going to Japan. ... You always need to be moving. You always need to be striving for something bigger."

Students worked with and dined from a 12-course menu that included Miyazaki beef, hato mugi and Guinea hen.

A mutual friend helped connect Head and Duffy, who interacted with students and "kept it real," Head said.

Source: Dayton Daily News

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in the CAUV program are set at approximately 54% of market value. This allows farmers involved in agricultural activity to benefit significantly from lower property taxes at a notably lower rate than their residential counterparts. SB 36 would further expand this already generous benefit.

Since the Ohio Constitution requires that local governments, including school districts, be permitted to collect the same tax revenue levels as their levies originally produced, when property values are reduced for one landowner, other landowners must make up the difference through higher tax rates. If

properties in the CAUV program are granted reductions through SB 36, residential taxpayers will pay more.

OSBA, OASBO and BASA, believe the current CAUV program provides a reasonable mechanism for reducing farmers' tax burden. The Ohio Department of Taxation recently adjusted the way the CAUV formula is calculated to reflect more accurate and current data. This allows the formula to track more closely with real-time experience.

SB 36 is being heard in the Senate Ways and Means Committee, chaired by Sen. **John Eklund** (R-Chardon). Board members are encouraged to

contact legislators and voice their opposition to piecemeal changes in calculating CAUV values.

Under the existing school foundation formula, changes in land valuation of any district will result in changes to all districts, regardless of their mix of agricultural and residential property. Reductions in agricultural land values and taxes also cause residential taxes to increase. OSBA, OASBO and BASA support examining the formula for CAUV calculations in a comprehensive manner as opposed to the piecemeal changes contained in SB 36.

*Editor's note:* Information in this article was current as of March 17, 2017.

**March**

- 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
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- 18 Management Development Series #2: Collective bargaining and employment 101 ..... Columbus
- 21-22 Board Leadership Institute .... Columbus
- 28 Diversity and Inclusion in the Law: Implicit Bias Workshop ..... 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).
- Special Election Day, Primary Election Day — RC 3501.01 (first Tuesday after first Monday)
- OSBA Master of Transportation Administration Program: Fleet compliance..... Columbus
- Northeast Region Executive Committee Meeting ..... Wadsworth
- 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).
- OSBA Master of Transportation Administration Program: Fleet compliance..... Columbus
- 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).
- Last day for certain board members and administrators to file financial disclosure forms with the Ohio Ethics Commission — RC 102.02.
- Management Development Series #3..... Columbus

**June**

- 1 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).
- 11 Northwest Region Executive Committee meeting.....Bowling Green
- 16 OCSBA School Attorney Workshop.....Lewis Center
- 23 Sports Law Workshop ..... Columbus