

# BRIEF CASE

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## OSBA innovating to serve members, keep them up to date

Although OSBA staff is working remotely during the COVID-19 crisis, it continues to provide members a full range of services. Legislative advocacy, legal services, administrator searches, policy updates, board development, transportation consulting, publications and more are ongoing. OSBA also is providing coronavirus updates and information from the Ohio Department of Education, Ohio Department of Health and other agencies at [www.ohioschoolboards.org/coronavirus](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/coronavirus). We have launched a Zoom videoconferencing program, enabling us to offer a series of virtual regional town hall meetings. These sessions feature OSBA staff discussing how board members can lead their districts during the crisis, reviewing ways boards can meet while practicing social distancing and presenting legislative updates. Districts also can seek advice and share best practices on how they are helping their students continue to learn and thrive. For details, visit the link listed above or contact any staff member.

## 1998 OSBA president, current SW regional manager dies at 81

Ronald J. Diver, OSBA southwest regional manager and 1998 president, died April 4. He was 81. Diver served as a school board member at **Carlisle Local (Warren)** and **Miami Valley Career Technology Center** for 29 years. He also served on myriad OSBA region and state committees. In the year he was OSBA president, the association broke ground for its new headquarters in Columbus. After retiring from board service, Diver served for 20 years as southwest regional manager. "In that role, he was synonymous with OSBA," said Chief Executive Officer **Rick Lewis**. "He visited countless school districts and served as the face of OSBA to the entire region. I don't think there was a school board member in the Southwest Region he didn't know."

## State's public TV stations launch home learning initiative

WOSU-TV in Columbus and other public television stations around Ohio have responded to the statewide school closures by changing their weekday schedules to help students, teachers and families with at-home learning. WOSU unveiled the new broadcast learning service on March 30. The service offers a full schedule of curated daily educational programming geared toward students in grades prekindergarten through 12. The project was built through a collaboration of Ohio public TV stations, the Ohio Department of Education and regional educators, according to a WOSU news release. The schedule provides age- and grade-level appropriate, standards-based programs so Ohio students with limited or no internet access can keep learning.

## Ohio school board member becomes NSBA president

Charlie Wilson, Worthington City, became the National School Boards Association's

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(NSBA) 2020-21 president on April 6. It is the highest NSBA office achieved by an Ohio school board member. Wilson was elected as a Central Region representative to NSBA's Board of Directors in 2014 and has held several other NSBA posts. He was OSBA president in 2013 and has served on the OSBA Board of Trustees, Executive Committee and numerous other regional and state committees. He has been a Worthington City Board of Education member since 2007.

### **OSBA Urban Network group devising new state report card proposal**

What began in a July 2019 OSBA Urban Network meeting as a question-and-answer session with Superintendent of Public Instruction **Paolo DeMaria** has led to an in-depth exploration for an alternative to the current state report card. Following that meeting, 12 board members and

administrators from six urban school districts came together as the Urban Network Report Card Workgroup. They identified the biggest flaws in the current report card as defining success through standardized assessment results and issuing a final summative grade. Those flaws, the group

determined, make it difficult for the most economically disadvantaged districts to show any improvement or growth. The workgroup has developed some recommendations for a report card that represents the holistic work of a district rather than focusing on the standardized assessments and grades. It would reflect district progress, opportunities, plans and results that fairly demonstrate the overall work of the districts and their communities. To view the workgroup's report card draft proposal, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/77833>.

### **OSBA online**

● [www.ohioschoolboards.org](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org)  
OSBA wants members to share the innovative ways they are serving students during the COVID-19 crisis and will highlight these innovations via social media. Please share your ideas and successes with the #OhioRemoteLearning hashtag on social media.

### **Teacher creates virtual hand-holding challenge**

Holding someone's hand provides comfort and support. However, with social distancing in place during the coronavirus pandemic, it's not a good idea. That's why an **Avon Lake City** middle school teacher created a virtual hand-holding challenge.

Learwood Middle School teacher **Ashley Young** asked everyone to upload a brief video of themselves reaching their hands to the right and then to the left.

"Though we are in a stressful and scary time for all of us right now, we are apart but are not alone," Young told a local newspaper.

You can watch the Shoremen Strong video at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/57233>.

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compiled by Melanie Price, senior administrative assistant of communication services

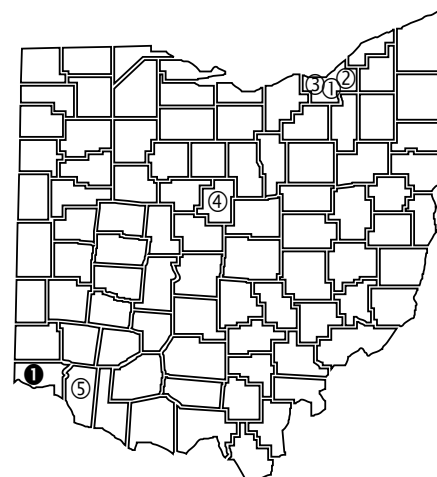
## OSBA executive searches

### Superintendent

District	Deadline	Contact
① Mt. Healthy City	May 1	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000

### Treasurer

District	Deadline	Contact
① North Olmsted City	April 23	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
② Maple Heights City	April 27	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
③ Bedford City	May 1	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
④ Cardington-Lincoln Local (Morrow)	May 1	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
⑤ New Richmond EV	May 15	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000



## National searches

Position	Location	Deadline	Contact
Superintendent	Plymouth, N.C.	April 20	Allison Schafer, legal counsel/director of policy, North Carolina School Boards Association, (919) 841-4040

## Board changes

Trumbull County ESC appointed **Albert Haberstroh** to the board at its March meeting. Haberstroh previously was a member of the **Southington Local (Trumbull)** Board of Education.

## Administrative changes

### Superintendents

**Aurora City** hired **Michael Roberto** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace **Pat Ciccantelli**, who is retiring effective July 31. Roberto currently is the assistant superintendent at the district. The district hired current high school principal Dr. **Paul Milcetich** as assistant superintendent effective Aug. 1. ●●● **Perry Local (Allen)** hired **Kelly Schooler** as superintendent effective June 18. She will continue to serve as the elementary school principal for the district. Schooler will replace **Alison Van Gorder**, who is retiring effective June 17. ●●● **Tipp City EV** hired **Mark Stefanik** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace Dr. **Gretta Kumpf**, who is retiring effective July 31. Stefanik currently is a superintendent in North Carolina. ●●● **Van Buren Local (Hancock)** hired **Brian Blum** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace **Timothy Lee Myers**, who is resigning effective July 31. Blum currently is executive director of instructional services at

### Editor's note

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

**Northridge Local (Licking).** ●●● **Van Wert City** hired **Mark Bagley** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace **Vicki L. Brunn**, who is retiring effective July 31. Bagley currently is the middle school principal for the district.

#### **Treasurers**

**Mansfield City** hired **Jill Smith** as interim treasurer effective immediately. She replaced **Robert W. Kuehnle**, who resigned. Smith previously was treasurer at **Jefferson Local (Madison)**.

#### **Sympathies**

Former **Berne Union Local (Fairfield)** Board of Education member **Sharon K. Gierhart** died March 26. She was 80. ●●● **Harriet Elizabeth Parcher**, who served as superintendent and assistant superintendent of the former **Huron County ESC**, died March 23. She was 83. ●●● **James "Jim" Kidd**, who served on the former **Lorain County** Board of Education, died March 25. He was 80. ●●● Former **Mount Gilead EV** Board of Education member **Pearl Marie Irwin** died March 27. She was 92. ●●● Former **Newark City** Board of Education member **Patrick John Francis Kelley** died March 9. He was 71. ●●● Former **North Central Local (Williams)** Board of Education member **Jon "Pete" S. Yeager** died March 11. He was 79. ●●● Former **Northwest Local (Hamilton)** Board of Education member **Joan Shank** died March 4. She was 79.



## **NEWS**

by Angela Penquite, deputy director of communication services

### **Trustees greet new members, hear association updates**

The OSBA Board of Trustees worked through a packed agenda Feb. 22 during its first meeting of 2020.

The board is OSBA's official governing body and meets three times a year: February, July and November. The February and July meetings are held at OSBA headquarters in Columbus; the November session is conducted at the Capital Conference.

OSBA President **Lee Schreiner**, **South-Western City**, presided over the meeting, which began with the swearing-in of the 2020 Board of Trustees and an introduction of the board.

The new trustees are: **Bruce Alexander**, **Akron City**; **Kevin**

**Archer, Teays Valley Local (Pickaway)**; **Albert Haberstroh**, **Trumbull County ESC** and **Trumbull Career & Technical Center**; **Amy Kissinger**, **Cambridge City**; **Carol-Ann Molnar**, **Oregon City**; **Lynda O'Connor**, **Lakota Local (Butler)**; and **Dr. Tina Pierce**, **Columbus City**.

A list of all the trustees as well as OSBA Executive Committee members is posted at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/42720>.

The board recognized Immediate Past President **John W. Halkias**, **Plain Local (Stark)**, for his service as 2019 OSBA president. Schreiner presented Halkias with a resolution listing his

accomplishments and thanking him on behalf of the board. Chief Executive Officer **Rick Lewis** gave Halkias a scrapbook created by several OSBA staff members commemorating his year as president, along with a recognition clock.

Halkias, Lewis noted, is joining the National School Boards Association's (NSBA) Board of Directors this month. In addition, **Worthington City** board member **Charlie Wilson** becomes NSBA president, a first for an Ohio school board member.

"This is an exciting time for Ohio and OSBA," Lewis said. "We are very proud of Charlie and John

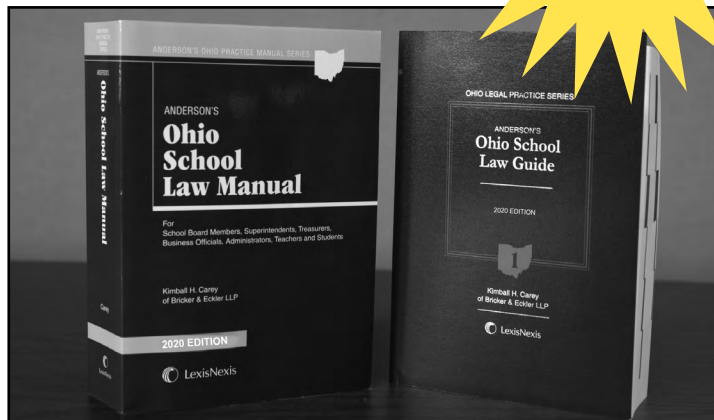
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# Stay up to date with the latest legal publications

**Sale  
extended to  
April 17!**

Ohio's most comprehensive school law publication has been revised for 2020. Written by Kimball H. Carey, the 2020 Ohio School Law Guide, a four-volume set, offers basic, easy-to-understand interpretations of Ohio statutes and regulations that govern public school operations.

Also revised is the 2020 Ohio School Law Manual. This convenient version contains interpretive text that appears in the Ohio School Law Guide. The handbook is a perfect reference for anyone involved with education.



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

## Key takeaways from this workshop will include:

- The data required for T1 and T2 reports.
- Instructions on reviewing the different portions of T1 and T2 reports and submitting data to the Ohio Department of Education.
- How to evaluate the funding impact of these state reports and use the data to calculate your own operating costs.

## To register

Visit [www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops) or email **Laurie Miller** at [Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org).



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— Pamela Freshour,  
Pleasant Local (Marion)

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# OSBA Student Achievement Fair

Monday, Nov. 9, 2020

10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Greater Columbus Convention Center

Do you want to see your district's students engaged in the OSBA Capital Conference? The Student Achievement Fair, held in conjunction with the Capital Conference, highlights outstanding student performance groups and fresh, innovative initiatives from public school districts across the state.

## Student Achievement Fair performing groups

OSBA will choose one performing group from each of its five regions to perform during the Student Achievement Fair. Past performances have included cheerleaders, choirs, bands, orchestras and percussion ensembles. Each group will perform for 20 minutes.

Submit a nomination at <http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org/saf-nominations> and email an electronic video audition or YouTube link to **Heather Lantz**, administrative assistant of board and management services, at [hLantz@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:hLantz@ohioschoolboards.org). Only electronic recordings will be accepted. The nomination deadline is **Friday, May 22, 2020**.

## Student Achievement Fair district programs

OSBA is accepting nominations for programs that showcase exemplary student achievement. Examples of previous presentations include graphic design demonstrations, world languages, industrial technology projects, career center culinary arts programs, STEM projects and outdoor education.

Contact **Heather Lantz** ([hLantz@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:hLantz@ohioschoolboards.org)) or **Teri Morgan** ([tmorgan@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:tmorgan@ohioschoolboards.org)) at (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA with any questions.

Visit <http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org/saf-nominations> to submit a nomination today!

# OSBA Master of Transportation Administration (MTA) Program



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

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

## Workshop dates and descriptions

### June 2 (in person) or 4 (in person or livestreaming) — Fleet management and bus purchasing

This course will review the Ohio school bus construction standards, approved options for school buses, Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards requirements and the need to keep your fleet compliant. Delve into the value of a preventive maintenance plan, bus purchasing and using data to determine an effective vehicle replacement plan. Finally, we will focus on how to make the best use of the driver pretrip inspection to meet the need for safety checks and state patrol motor vehicle inspections.

## To register

Visit [www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops) or contact **Diana Paulins** at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or [mta@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:mta@ohioschoolboards.org). To purchase a subscription plan for all the workshops, contact Paulins for more information.



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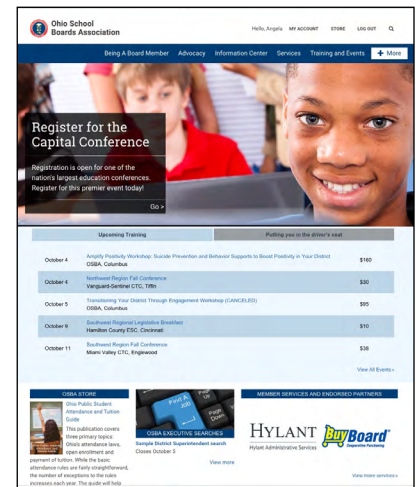
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Click on “Log in to your account” on top right of the website. Log in using your email address on file and your password. Click “Reset your password” if needed.

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.



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and look forward to their leadership at the national level.”

Lewis also shared data from a recently released poll by the National School Boards Action Center that showed strong support for public schools across the nation. The findings were:

- nearly two-thirds of voters think funding for public schools should be increased;
- 73% of voters indicate that inadequate funding and resources for public education are problems that need to be addressed;
- 64% of voters are much less likely to vote for an elected official who supports taking away funds from public schools to give to private schools, including 47% who would be much less likely to do so.

“The public continues to support public education and the work that you do,” Lewis said.

You can view the findings of the

poll, America Speaks on Public Schools: Results from the 2020 NSBAC Public Education Poll, at <https://nsbac.org/2020-poll>.

Deputy Chief Executive Dr. **Kathy McFarland** shared an update on the work of OSBA’s strategic plan, Visionary Initiatives for Strategic Action (VISA). She noted that OSBA uses the VISA plan to “guide its work.”

One of the outcomes of the VISA plan was the Mental Health and Social-Emotional Learning Summit, which was held on Feb. 25. The genesis of this summit was an OSBA membership needs assessment — a goal in the VISA plan — that showed areas of concern for members, including the importance of social-emotional learning in schools. A second VISA goal was to create an education roundtable to encourage collaboration in groups; nearly 20

education groups and associations collaborated on the summit.

“The Mental Health and Social-Emotional Learning Summit connects to 10 goals in the OSBA strategic plan,” McFarland said. “It’s important to have a strategic plan to lead your organization or district, and we are living our strategic plan.”

OSBA Director of Legislative Services **Jennifer Hogue** provided an update on current legislative issues, including the status of the Educational Choice Scholarship Program. The program provides publicly funded vouchers to pay for students’ tuition at private schools.

The EdChoice program was set to expand on April 1 to make students in 1,227 Ohio school buildings in 426 school districts eligible for the vouchers. However,

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to ease the strain on school districts during the COVID-19 pandemic, the General Assembly passed House Bill 197 on March 25. The legislation freezes EdChoice eligibility at the 2019-20 list of 517 buildings.

Numerous school board members and district administrators had testified in the legislature on the damaging effects the EdChoice expansion would have on their school districts and public education.

"I'm proud of all who testified, touting the benefits of public education and said, 'no more vouchers,'" Hogue said.

Hogue encouraged trustees to continue to contact their senators and representatives and to ask stakeholder groups, including businesses and community members, to do so as well.

"We need all who value public education to speak up," she said.

In other business:

- Chief Financial Officer **Allison Morris** reviewed the association's finances. She also presented the 2019 financial report and the 2020 OSBA budget, which trustees approved.

- Trustees reviewed the association's 20-year building improvement plan and approved a

building reserve fund to pay for necessary improvements.

- **Toledo City** board member **Chris Varwig** shared an update on the work of the Urban Network Report Card Workgroup. The group is creating a proposal to replace the state report cards with a new report card that aligns with the Ohio's Strategic Plan for Education. The group currently is testing the data to ensure the proposal is valid and works for every district in the state.

The next meeting of the OSBA Board of Trustees is scheduled for July 25 at the association's headquarters.



## LEGISLATIVE REPORT

by Will Schwartz, deputy director of legislative services

### Bill provides school districts regulatory relief during pandemic

Gov. **Mike DeWine** on March 27 signed into law House Bill (HB) 197 in response to the COVID-19 public health crisis. The legislation, which took effect immediately, contains numerous education-related provisions intended to provide relief and flexibility to school districts as they grapple with the effects of the pandemic and an extended school closure order from the DeWine administration.

The legislation waives all testing requirements for the 2019-20

school year and also temporarily waives for that school year the provision that penalizes a district's state funding if a student does not take one or more state tests. The state's third-grade reading guarantee also is affected. The legislation prohibits a student from being retained in the third grade based on his or her reading performance unless the student's reading teacher and principal agree the student is reading below grade level and should be retained.

Since Ohio's report cards are

tied almost exclusively to state testing, the bill prohibits the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) from publishing the 2019-20 state report cards and issuing letter grades to districts and schools. However, ODE must report any performance data that it has regarding the performance of districts and buildings by Sept. 15, 2020. The bill also prohibits any data from the 2019-20 school year from being used to determine eligibility for penalties like

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academic distress commissions.

Ohio's current high school seniors also are affected by the extended school closure. Accordingly, HB 197 amends the graduation requirements for current high school seniors as well as other students who are on track to graduate this school year, regardless of grade level. Students are eligible for a diploma if they had not satisfied the state's graduation requirements by March 14 and their principal, teachers and counselors all determine they had completed the school's curriculum by that date. The bill permits diplomas to be granted until Sept. 30 of the following school year.

The legislation also prohibits awarding first-time vouchers under the Educational Choice Scholarship Program (EdChoice) to students whose buildings are new to the 2020-21 building eligibility list. Vouchers will continue to be awarded in the 2020-21 school year under four scenarios, all of which require eligibility to be connected

with the 2019-20 school year.

First, vouchers will be awarded to students who received them in the 2019-20 school year. Second, vouchers will be awarded to school-aged students whose sibling received a voucher in the 2019-20 school year and who is entitled to attend a school building in the 2020-21 school year that was voucher-eligible in the 2019-20 school year. This criterion applies to students in 517 buildings. Third, vouchers will be awarded to students whose building was eligible in the 2019-20 and 2020-21 school years, which applies to students in 500 buildings. Finally, vouchers will be awarded to non-voucher students who are enrolling in, or are entitled to attend, a new school building in the 2020-21 school year that was on the eligibility list for the 2019-20 and 2020-21 school years. This criterion affects students in 500 buildings and applies to incoming kindergartners, rising freshmen and students who recently

relocated to the building's attendance zone.

The bill also permits public bodies, including boards of education, to hold their meetings via teleconference, video conference or other similar technology until Dec. 1, 2020, or during the period of the COVID-19 emergency, whichever occurs first. Members of a board of education attending a meeting under such means are considered to be in person at the meeting and are allowed to vote and be counted toward the meeting's quorum.

Boards of education must satisfy certain requirements to hold a meeting by such means, including advance notice to the public, media and any individuals required to be notified of the meeting; public access to the meeting through livestreaming or other means; and a method by which the board, during hearings, can converse with witnesses and receive documentary testimony

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# PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Scott Gerfen, assistant editor

## Springboro students write letters to nursing home residents

With nursing homes no longer allowing visitors because of the coronavirus, students at **Springboro Community City's** Springboro Intermediate School are helping to lift residents' spirits.

Students in **Ethan Bettinger's** sixth-grade class sent letters to residents at Grande Lake Healthcare Center. They wrote about themselves and what they liked to do. They also ended each letter with a joke or riddle. Staff at the facility then shared the letters

with residents.

The district also shared some of the letters with a local newspaper.

One student, **Mary**, let residents know about her virtual visits to the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden. She also described Lunch Doodles, where authors and illustrators post a daily video to show children how to draw, doodle and explore new ways of writing.

"I want you to know we are thinking of everyone in Ohio and that we can get past this sickness,"

Mary wrote.

**Sophia** told residents that she loves to dance and "wished them the best during this hard time."

She finished the letter with a joke that she hoped "makes your day."

Question: Why do we tell actors to "break a leg?"

Answer: Because every play has a cast.

The district hopes to expand the project to other nursing homes in the Springboro area.

Source: Dayton Daily News

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and physical evidence.

The bill makes several other changes, including:

- delaying the March 17 primary election date to April 28 and instituting a vote-by-mail election instead of in-person voting;
- permitting districts to delay the implementation of the revised teacher evaluation framework to the 2021-22 school year instead of the upcoming 2020-21 school year;
- prohibiting the use the value-added test score data from the 2019-20 school year for purposes of teacher evaluations;
- permitting districts to elect not to conduct evaluations of district employees, including teachers,

administrators and

superintendents, for the 2019-20 school year if the board determines it would be impossible or impracticable to do so;

- granting the superintendent of public instruction broad authority to waive or extend certain deadlines, including deadlines for vacancies on boards of education;
- permitting districts to make up through distance learning any number of days or hours necessary, instead of the three-day limit, in order to meet state minimum school year requirements;
- temporarily authorizing the state director of agriculture to exempt

schools from regulation as a food processing establishment if it has a food service operation license and is transporting food only for purposes of federal food service programs;

- temporarily permitting non-classroom personnel who provide professional services to students with disabilities to provide those services electronically or via telehealth communication;
- incorporating recent federal tax law changes into Ohio's income tax laws.

*Editor's note:* Information in this article was current as of April, 3, 2020.

## April 2020

27 Last day to submit certification for income tax levy to Ohio Department of Taxation for August election — RC 5748.02(A) (100 days prior to the election).

## May 2020

1 Last day to submit August emergency or current operating expenses levy to county auditor for August election — RC 5705.194, 5705.195, 5705.213 (95 days prior to the election).

5 Last day for school district to file resolution of necessity, resolution to proceed and auditor's certification for bond levy with board of elections for August election — RC 133.18(D); last day for county auditor to certify school district bond levy terms for August election — RC 133.18(C); last day to submit continuing replacement, permanent improvement or operating levy for August election to board of elections — RC 5705.192, 5705.21, 5705.25; last day to certify resolution for school district income tax levy for August election to board of elections. — 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 all administrators to file financial disclosure forms with the Ohio Ethics Commission — RC 102.02(A)(4)(a).  
20 Transportation State Report and Cost Analysis workshop ..... Livestreaming

## June 2020

1 Last day to take action to nonrenew contracts of administrators other than superintendent and treasurer — RC 3319.02(C); 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).  
2 OSBA Master of Transportation Administration Program: Fleet management and bus purchasing ..... Columbus  
4 OSBA Master of Transportation Administration Program: Fleet management and bus purchasing ... Livestreaming or Columbus  
9 Reasonable Suspicion

Training ..... Columbus  
19 Levy University ..... Columbus  
26 Sports Law Workshop ..... Columbus  
30 2019-20 school year ends — RC 3313.62; end of third ADM reporting period — RC 3317.03(A).

## July 2020

1 2020-21 school year begins — RC 3313.62; last day for board to notify teaching and nonteaching employees of succeeding year salaries — RC 3319.12, 3319.082; board may begin to adopt appropriation measure, which may be temporary — RC 5705.38(A) and (B); treasurer must certify available revenue in funds to county auditor — RC 5705.36(A)(1).  
6 Last day for voter registration for August election — RC 3503.01, 3503.19 (30 days prior to the election).  
10 Last day for termination of teaching contract by a teacher without consent of the board of education — RC 3319.15.  
11 Board Member 101: Summer Edition ..... Columbus  
15 Last day to adopt school library district tax budget on behalf of a library district — RC 5705.28(B)(1).  
27 Last day to submit certification for November income tax levy to Ohio Department of Taxation — RC 5748.02(A).