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Visit OSBA, ODE for the latest coronavirus information, resources

OSBA and the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) are continuing to provide updates to support district leaders as they work to keep their students learning and healthy during the COVID-19 crisis. For OSBA updates, visit **www.ohioschoolboards. org/coronavirus**. That page has information on steps OSBA is taking in response to the crisis; webinars of regional town hall meetings the association has organized; services ESCs are offering; remote learning resources; and a webinar on House Bill 197, legislation designed to ease some of the burdens districts are facing during the outbreak. ODE's resources are posted at **http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/91989**. Topics include child nutrition; graduation requirements; serving students with disabilities; supporting children's social and emotional health; and more. OSBA staff continues to work remotely and serve members. For assistance, call (614) 540-4000; staff email addresses are posted at **www.ohioschoolboards.org/osba/staff**.

Districts asked to search schools for personal protective gear to donate

Many Ohio schools and career-technical centers already have donated personal protective equipment (PPE) or other items that could be used to help in the fight against the coronavirus to their local hospitals and health departments. ODE is asking school districts to thoroughly examine all possible locations where additional supplies may exist. If districts find any PPE, they should contact their local health department or nearest hospital or visit **www.coronavirus.ohio.gov** for instructions about where to donate. ODE has posted a list of needed equipment at http://links.ohioschoolboards. org/62919.

AG's office offers guidance on open meetings during outbreak

The Ohio Attorney General's Office has published a guidance document for government bodies, including school boards, to help them navigate the logistics of open meetings during the COVID-19 health emergency. House Bill 197, the emergency coronavirus legislation, provides for temporary changes to the open meetings law, including greater flexibility for meeting via teleconference or videoconference. The changes are in effect until the end of the public health emergency or until Dec. 1. The guidance document addresses questions on in-person meetings, postponing or canceling meetings, notice requirements, public access, executive sessions and more. For details, visit https://tinyurl.com/wbc45ak.

BoardDocs offering school districts special access during COVID-19 crisis

BoardDocs, OSBA's online board governance provider, is offering its entry platform to new districts at no cost through June 30. Current BoardDocs subscribers can upgrade



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to manage multiple meeting entities — also for no cost through the same date. BoardDocs software greatly enhances school boards' ability to collaborate and communicate with their communities while managing crises such as the COVID-19 outbreak. For details visit http:// links.ohioschoolboards.org/16767.

Two more Ohioans take leadership roles at NSBA

In addition to **Charlie Wilson**, **Worthington City**, taking office as the National School Boards Association (NSBA) president, two other board members from OSBA member districts have assumed leadership positions. **Ray Freeman**, **Warrensville Heights City**, was elected to NSBA's Council of Urban Boards of Education Steering Committee. John W. Halkias, Plain Local (Stark), was selected to serve on the NSBA Board of Directors.

Beavercreek staff lifts students' spirits with parody video

Ohio educators have been using fun videos to connect with students while school buildings are closed due to the coronavirus.

The staff at **Beavercreek City**'s Ferguson Hall Freshman School sang, "Working from Home (Into the Unknown)," their rendition of "Into the Unknown" from the Disney movie, "Frozen II."

Staff members sent in videos and pictures of them working from home that were edited together.

"We want to see you every day," a staff member sings in the video. "We really miss you, but we stay away. There's a thousand reasons to stay at home and play, but I wish we could go to school anyway!"

Watch the video at **http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/55416**. Source: WDTN-TV

OSBA seeking legislative platform proposals

OSBA member school boards are invited to propose amendments to the OSBA Legislative Platform, which is posted at **www.ohio schoolboards.org/platform**. The OSBA Legislative Platform Committee will review the



Briefcase

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proposals in August when it meets to develop recommendations on amendments for the Delegate Assembly to consider at the November Capital Conference. If your board supports a plank you believe should be incorporated into the platform or would like to suggest an amendment to an existing position, contact the OSBA Division of Legislative Services for more information. The submission deadline is May 31. The platform guides OSBA's advocacy efforts and informs legislators, policymakers, the public and the media where OSBA stands on a variety of public education issues.

OSBA online

• www.ohioschoolboards.org

Listen to OSBA's podcast — Leading the way — to stay informed about association news and current issues impacting public education. Episodes are archived at **www.ohioschool boards.org/osba-podcasts**.



compiled by Melanie Price, senior administrative assistant of communication services

OSBA executive searches

Superintendent

District • Mt. Healthy City Ø Milford EV

Deadline Contact OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000 May 1 OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000 May 15

Treasurer

District **①** Maple Heights City ② Bedford City

Deadline Contact April 27 OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000 May 1 OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000



Association, (919) 841-4040

National searches

Position	Location	Deadline	Contact
Superintendent	Wilmington, N.C.	May 11	Allison Schafer, legal counsel/director
			of policy, North Carolina School Boards

Board changes

Canfield Local (Mahoning) Board of Education member Michael W. Roussos announced his resignation effective immediately due to health reasons.

Administrative changes

Superintendents

Sylvania City hired Dr. Veronica L. Motley as superintendent effective Aug. 1. She will replace Interim Superintendent Jane Spurgeon. Motley currently is assistant superintendent at South Euclid Lyndhurst City.

Sympathies

Former Brunswick City Assistant Superintendent and former Medina County Career Center Superintendent Charles Hawley died March 28. He was 85. ••• Former Edgerton Local (Williams) Board of Education member Roger Dean Strup died March 29. He was 89. ••• Former Grandview Heights City Board of Education member Ralph Antolino died April 5. He was 89. ••• Former Hicksville EV Superintendent Carl

Editor's note

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

L. Snyder died April 4. He was 84. ••• Former Huron City Board of Education member Eugene "Gene" Edward Smercina died March 17. He was 86. ••• Former Kettering City Board of Education member Winifred "Winnie" M. Fielder died March 27. She was 97. ••• Former Marion Local (Mercer) Board of Education member Ernest H. Hartings died April 1. He was 93. ••• Former Mason City Board of Education member Grace Connolly died April 3. She was 97. ••• Former Mogadore Local (Portage) Board of Education member Robert E. Tompkins Sr. died March 31. He was 91.



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. 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) or **Teri Morgan** (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** to learn about the MTA certification program.

Workshop dates and descriptions

June 2 (in person) or June 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** or contact **Diana Paulins** at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or mta@ohioschoolboards.org. To purchase a subscription plan for all the workshops, contact Paulins for more information.

Reasonable Suspicion Training

Tuesday, June 9 • 8 a.m.–10 a.m. or noon–2 p.m. • OSBA office, Columbus • Cost: \$50



OSBA is offering a reasonable suspicion drug and alcohol training program for supervisors. Completion of this course is required for all supervisors of safety-sensitive (commercial driver's license) drivers, including school bus drivers. Best practice is that each district have at least two administrators trained in this requirement.

The course meets the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration U.S. Department of Transportation requirements. Attendees will receive a certificate of completion.

To register

Visit **www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops** or email **Laurie Miller** at Lmiller@ ohioschoolboards.org



Is your district discussing placing a levy on the ballot?

Then this is a mustattend event to **set your district up for success**.

Levy University

Friday, June 19 • 9 a.m.-3 p.m. • OSBA office, Columbus • Cost: \$170

- 8:30 a.m. Registration
- 9 a.m. Welcome
- 9:15 a.m. Board roles and responsibilities

Review the board's unique role in preparing the district and community for putting a levy on the ballot.

Teri Morgan, senior deputy director of board and management services, OSBA

10 a.m. From theory to practice: How to replicate a successful campaign

Continue the discussion on school board responsibilities and legal requirements and hear about campaign best practices, including examples from political campaigns that can translate to school campaigns. Learn more about legislation that allows districts to place a special levy for school safety and security initiatives on the ballot.

Jerry Rampelt, executive director, and Michael Collins, Ryan Collins and Andrea Kruse, consultants, Support Ohio Schools Research and Education Foundation; and Nathan Minerd, president, Momentum Strategy Group

11:30 a.m. Working lunch (provided) with superintendents who can speak on their successful levies

11:45 a.m. Campaign best practices

This session reviews best practices that districts can use with any district support organization. It will include practical guidance on volunteer recruitment; planning and organization; polls and surveys; community involvement; effective messaging; fundraising; social media campaigns; and effective printed materials. Jerry Rampelt, Ryan Collins, Andrea Kruse, Michael Collins and Nathan Minerd

3 p.m. Adjourn

To register

Visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops or email Laurie Miller at Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org.

Transportation State Reports and Cost Analysis

Wednesday, June 17 • 10 a.m.-2 p.m. • OSBA office, Columbus • Cost: \$100

This workshop will be available in-person or through live streaming.

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 or email Laurie Miller at Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org.

UPCOMING TRAINING:

Sports Law Workshop

Friday, June 26 • 9 a.m.-3:15 p.m. • OSBA office, Columbus • Cost: \$170

Join us to learn about the hottest legal topics impacting school district athletic programs.

Key takeaways from this workshop will include:

- Find out how the Ohio High School Athletic Association is making decisions during the pandemic and what school districts are asking from the organization.
- Learn how to follow policy and ensure booster groups do not put your district in jeopardy of violating Title IX.
- Discuss how great coaching reduces student injuries.

To register

Visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops or email Laurie Miller at Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org.

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.



UPCOMING TRAINING: OCSBA School Attorney Workshop

Friday, July 17 • 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. • Renaissance Columbus, Westerville • Cost: \$220

Both new and veteran attorneys representing public school districts will benefit from attending the Ohio Council of School Board Attorneys (OCSBA) school attorney workshop. Experienced school attorneys and other experts in the field will provide information needed to stay current with recent legal developments in school law.

This workshop is open to OCSBA members, school board members and in-house counsel of school districts that are members of OSBA.

Key takeaways from this workshop:

- Invaluable insights and practical advice from experienced practitioners on key legal issues facing public schools, including social protests, student residency issues, the Ohio Teacher Evaluation System and more.
- Earn 5.5 hours of continuing legal education (CLE) credit (awaiting approval), including 75 minutes of attorney professional conduct credit.
- Networking opportunities with other OCSBA members.

To register

Visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops or email Laurie Miller at Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

by Will Schwartz, deputy director of legislative services

Federal funding aims to ease schools' COVID-19 burdens

President **Donald Trump** recently signed into law three pieces of legislation, all of which are intended to combat the effects of the COVID-19 public health crisis. The first measure, House Resolution (HR) 6074, is titled the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act. The second one, HR 6201, is titled the Families First Coronavirus Response Act. The third measure, HR 748, is titled the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act. While the first of these federal initiatives focused largely on public health spending, the latter two took a massive swing at slowing the pandemic, including a never-before-seen \$2 trillion spending package to provide new levels of flexibility and relief for individuals, companies and others.

HR 6201 contains several education-related measures,

including expanding the provision of school meals by giving the U.S. Department of Agriculture new power to grant state waivers for federally subsidized school meals in the event of a school closure. This waiver allows states to distribute food in different settings outside a school and grants flexibility on meal components. The agriculture department also is authorized to approve state plans *Continued on page 6*



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to provide emergency federal assistance under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) to families with children who otherwise would have received free or reduced-price school meals if the COVID-19 emergency had not closed their schools. Finally, the legislation provides an emergency paid sick leave program and emergency family medical leave program to cover individuals unable to work because they are caring for a child who is home due to COVID-19.

HR 748, commonly known as the CARES Act, is Congress' largest spending bill in U.S. history and its third and most serious effort to thwart the pandemic's effects. While much attention has been drawn to the act's stimulus checks for Americans, the \$2 trillion spending package includes hundreds of millions of dollars in business loan assistance, tax relief measures, funding to states and increased



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unemployment compensation benefits, among other initiatives.

To provide financial assistance for education, the legislation creates a new Education Stabilization Fund totaling \$30.75 billion with three separate pots of money, each with its own purpose. The first — the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund — consists of \$13.5 billion in grants to states for distribution to school districts. Funding to states is based on the federal Title I, Part A formula. Funds may be used for a broad scope of purposes, ranging from any currently permitted use of federal dollars to coronavirusresponse activities, like planning and coordinating during long-term school closures and purchasing educational technology to support online learning. According to the Congressional Research Service, Ohio is estimated to receive \$489.2 million under this fund, the seventh-largest amount of all recipients.

The second pot of money — the Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Fund — consists of nearly \$3 billion in block grants for states to allocate at their discretion to significantly affected school districts, state universities and other education providers. Sixty percent of a state's funding is based on its relative population of individuals aged 5 through 24, and the remaining 40% is based on a state's relative number of children counted for Title I, Part A funding purposes. The U.S. Department of Continued on page 7

PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Scott Gerfen, assistant editor

Granville board member 'adopts' students stranded by COVID-19

When Denison University closed its campus due to the coronavirus, nearly 70 mostly foreign exchange students who couldn't return home for online study were left without a place to stay in Ohio.

So, the university put out the call to faculty and community members who could host the students through at least the end of the semester in mid-May.

More than 70 families responded, including **Granville EV** board member **Thomas Miller** and his wife, **Wendy**, who have five children of their own.

The couple has a spacious home north of the village on acreage surrounded by the Denison Biological Reserve.

"We saw the call go out and had the space and figured it would be a great experience for all of us," Miller told a local newspaper.

The Millers opened their home to two students, **Tung "Steve" Nguyen** and **Yash Pandey**, who both are studying computer science. Nguyen is from Hanoi, Vietnam, and Yash resides in New Delhi, India.

In a way, Miller said, it's helped to have more people rather than fewer in the home.

"If it's just you and a child, or you and two or three other people, I think you could really get cabin fever," he said. "I think it's helped a lot to have a group you're sequestered with."

Source: The Newark Advocate.

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Education reported that Ohio will receive \$104.9 million under this fund, also the seventh-largest amount of all recipients.

The final pot — the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund — consists of \$14.25 billion in direct assistance to colleges and universities to cover costs associated with providing instruction amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Ninety percent of this funding is based primarily on the enrollment of federal Pell Grant recipients. At least half of what a college or university receives under this fund must be used to provide emergency financial aid grants to students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to COVID-19. The remainder may be used to address significant changes to the delivery of instruction due to the pandemic. According to the Congressional Research Service, Ohio's public and private colleges and universities are estimated to receive \$395.6 million under this fund, the eighth-largest amount of all recipients.

Congress is expected to reconvene in May to consider a fourth emergency piece of legislation.

Editor's note: Information in this article was current as of April 17, 2020.



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May 2020

- 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 - RC133.18(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. – RČ 5748.02(C); last day to submit emergency levy for August election to board of elections - KC 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 all administrators to file financial disclosure forms with the Ohio Ethics Commission – RC 102.02(A)(4)(a).

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- 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).
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- 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
- EditionColumbus 15 Last day to adopt school library district tax budget on behalf of a library district – RC 5705.28(B)(1).