

# BRIEF CASE

THE OHIO SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

Serving the public school leadership team



## OSBA's Get on Board school board candidate campaign continuing

The association's school board candidate campaign — Get on Board — is now in its third month. Each school board election year, OSBA conducts a campaign to increase the number of qualified candidates running for open school board seats. For Ohio to provide a high-quality education to all of its students, it needs representative school boards that can effectively meet the challenges of the diverse districts they represent. That is one of the goals of the campaign. The Get on Board program offers resources to community members who might be interested in becoming a board candidate. They include information on school board roles and responsibilities, time commitments, structuring a campaign, where to receive candidate training and more. For additional information, visit [www.getonboardohio.org](http://www.getonboardohio.org).

## Governor, BWC propose returning \$1.5 billion to Ohio's employers

Gov. Mike DeWine and Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) Administrator Stephanie McCloud have proposed giving \$1.5 billion back to Ohio's employers. The proposed amount includes approximately \$114 million for local governments and around \$50 million for Ohio's public school districts. This would be the fifth investment return to public and private employers of at least \$1 billion and the sixth overall since 2013. The proposed \$1.5 billion dividend equals 88% of the premiums employers paid for the policy year that ended June 30, 2018. The BWC Board of Directors is scheduled to vote on the proposal at its June 28 meeting. If approved, checks would be issued to employers in September.

## Study: Ohio food insecurity rate above U.S., Midwest average

According to Feeding America's Map the Meal Gap 2019 report, Ohio's 14.5% food insecurity rate tops the Midwest's 11.4% rate and the national rate, which is 12.5%. The study shows an even higher rate in Ohio households with children, 20% of which are food insecure. The rate reaches 25% in some of the state's rural counties. To view the report, which features state-by-state data, visit <https://map.feedingamerica.org>.

## Capital Conference registration opens in a little over a month

Attendees can register for the 2019 OSBA Capital Conference and Trade Show beginning July 15. OSBA is once again offering a group registration rate for Ohio's premier professional development event. Once a member district registers at least seven individuals for the group rate of \$1,975, an unlimited number of additional people from the district can register for free. This offer represents a substantial discount from the individual registration fee of \$310. Keynote speakers at this year's conference include award-winning actress Laura Linney; world-class magician and

June 10, 2019

Volume 50 Issue 11

### Contents

More news..... 2  
*ODE recognizes schools for supporting military families; Student video team chosen for conference documentary; OSBA online*

Bulletin Board..... 3

News ..... 5

Legislative Report ..... 6

Public Schools Work!..... 7

### Route workshop information to:

- ☐ Administrators
- ☐ Human resources directors
- ☐ Transportation supervisors

Science Channel host **Jason Latimer**; Center of Science and Industry Chief Executive Officer **Dr. Frederic Bertley**; and former Ohio State University football star and youth advocate **Maurice Clarett**. For more information, visit <http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org>.

### **ODE recognizes schools for supporting military families**

The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) has recognized nearly 40 Ohio public schools with the Purple Star designation for their commitment to serving students and families who are connected to the U.S. military. The honor celebrates schools' efforts to support military families through a variety of programs, resources and assistance. There are approximately 34,000 children in Ohio with one or more parents serving in the armed forces. Visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/>

### **Fort Frye Local students spruce up community**

For the fifth year in a row, students from **Fort Frye Local's (Washington)** Fort Frye High School spent a day beautifying areas throughout the district. More than 20 groups of up to 18 students took part in the community service project.

Freshman **Casey Brooker** spread mulch around trees and flower beds in the village of Beverly's Dodge Park while freshman **Jacob Lang** trimmed bushes outside the Beverly Volunteer Fire Department.

Social studies teacher **John Bostic** said it's important to give back to the community.

"They give us so much," he told a local newspaper. "We can give one day at least."

Source: Marietta Times

**20546** for a list of recognized schools and program information.

### **Student video team chosen for conference documentary**

Students from **North Canton City** and **Plain Local (Stark)** will collaborate as the 2019 Capital Conference video documentary

team. The team will film conference events and conduct interviews with attendees, speakers, OSBA leaders and others. Its final product will be a brief documentary that will be streamed on the OSBA website, shared with other state school boards associations and used to promote the conference. This OSBA program enables students to enhance their skills by documenting a nationally renowned conference attended by more than 9,000 public education leaders from across Ohio.



## **Briefcase**

Ohio School Boards Association  
8050 North High Street, Suite 100  
Columbus, OH 43235-6481  
(614) 540-4000 • (800) 589-OSBA  
fax: (614) 540-4100 • [www.ohioschoolboards.org](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org)

OSBA President: **John W. Halkias**, Plain Local (Stark)

OSBA Chief Executive Officer: **Richard C. Lewis**, CAE

Editor: **Gary Motz**, senior editorial manager

Managing editor, layout and design: **Angela Penquite**, deputy director of communication services

Assistant editor: **Scott Gerfen**, communication manager

*A one-year subscription to Briefcase is \$140 for up to 15 subscribers. Briefcase also is available electronically by email or by fax. For more information, contact Lesley Moore at the address or fax number above or email [Lmoore@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:Lmoore@ohioschoolboards.org). Briefcase is published semimonthly by the Ohio School Boards Association. Postage paid at Westerville, Ohio. Postmaster: Send address changes to: Briefcase, Attn.: Mailroom, Ohio School Boards Association, 8050 N. High St., Suite 100, Columbus, OH 43235-6481.*

© 2019, Ohio School Boards Association; all rights reserved

*The appearance of an advertisement in an OSBA publication is neither a guarantee nor endorsement by OSBA of the product, service or company or the claims made for the product, service or company in such advertising.*

OSBA leads the way to educational excellence by serving Ohio's public school board members and the diverse districts they represent through superior service, unwavering advocacy and creative solutions.

### **OSBA online**

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

The OSBA Information Center, available at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/45185>, offers resources that can answer questions on numerous topics. It features links to the Journal magazine; OSBA newsletters; education research; student achievement strategies; OSBA regional information; and more.



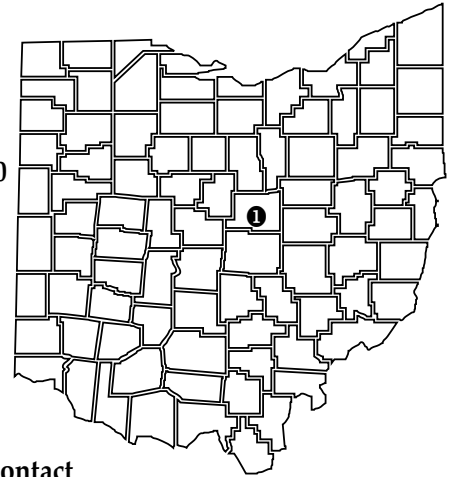
# BULLETIN BOARD

compiled by Melanie Price, senior administrative assistant of communication services

## OSBA executive searches

### Superintendent

District	Deadline	Contact
① Fredericktown Local (Knox)	June 28	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000



### Other searches

Position	Location	Deadline	Contact
Superintendent	Morgan Local (Morgan)	June 14	David N. Branch, superintendent, Muskingum Valley ESC, (740) 452-4518

### National searches

Position	Location	Deadline	Contact
Superintendent	Waco, Texas	June 19	Butch Felkner, executive search services director, Texas Association of School Boards, (800) 580-8272

## Board changes

Bay Village City appointed **David Vegh** to the board effective May 13. He replaced **Amy Huntley**, who resigned in April. ●●● **Eastwood Local (Wood)** appointed **Randy Rothenbuhler** to the board effective May 15. He replaced **Robert Kuhlman**, who resigned. ●●● **Garaway Local (Tuscarawas)** appointed **Mike Warkall** to the board effective May 20. He replaced **Robert Coburn**, who resigned effective May 13 due to moving out of the district. ●●● **Goshen Local (Clermont)** appointed **Deborah Gray** to the board effective May 20. She replaced **Sue Steele**, who passed away. ●●● **Mansfield City Board of Education** member **Judy Stahl Forney** announced her resignation effective May 31. ●●● **Millcreek-West Unity Local (Williams)** appointed **David Chester** to the board effective May 14. He replaced **Kellie Gray**, who resigned to take the position of Williams County treasurer.

### 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

**Austintown Local (Mahoning)** Superintendent **Vincent S. Colaluca** announced his retirement effective May 31. ●●● **Fredericktown Local (Knox)** hired **Thomas G. Shade** as interim superintendent effective June 4. He replaced **Matthew Chrispin**, who resigned. ●●● **Ottawa Hills Local (Lucas)** hired **Dr. Adam Fineske** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He

will replace Dr. **Kevin S. Miller**. Fineske currently is superintendent at **Sylvania City**. ●●● **Pymatuning Valley Local (Ashtabula)** hired **Christopher Edison** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace **Michael Candela**, who took the superintendent position at **Ashtabula County ESC**. Edison currently is an elementary principal at **Jefferson Area Local (Ashtabula)**. ●●● **Yellow Springs EV** hired Dr. **Terri Holden** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. She will replace **Mario Basora**, who took the superintendent position at **Huber Heights City**. Holden currently is executive director of teaching and learning at **Winton Woods City**. ●●● **Dublin City** hired Dr. **Tracey Deagle** as assistant superintendent effective Aug. 1. She will replace **Tracey D. Miller**, who took the superintendent position at **New Richmond EV**. Deagle currently is a middle school principal in the district.

### **Treasurers**

**Bellefontaine City** Treasurer **Keith E. Krieger** announced his retirement effective Dec. 31. ●●● **Cuyahoga Falls City** hired **Kristy Stoicoiu** as treasurer effective Aug. 1. She will replace **Barbara J. Donohue**, who took the treasurer position at **Shelby City**. Stoicoiu currently is the treasurer at **Stow-Munroe Falls City**. ●●● **Jackson Local (Stark)** Treasurer **Linda Paris** announced her retirement effective July 31. ●●● **Kenston Local (Geauga)** hired **Paul Pestello** as treasurer effective

Aug. 1. He will replace **Phillip D. Butto IV**, who took the treasurer position at **Hudson City**. Pestello currently is treasurer at **South Euclid-Lyndhurst City**. ●●● **Mount Vernon City** Treasurer **Judy Stahl Forney** announced her retirement effective May 31.

### **Sympathies**

Former **Coshocton City** Superintendent and **North Ridgeville City** Assistant Superintendent **Leslie Charles Harris** died April 14. He was 78. ●●● Former **Granville EV** and **C-Tech of Licking County** Board of Education member **Frederick W. Palmer** died May 16. He was 93. ●●● **Mark Hicks**, a member of the former **Mendon-Union** school board in Mercer County, died May 11. He was 70. ●●● Former **Switzerland of Ohio Local (Monroe)** Superintendent **David Phillips** died May 9. He was 79. ●●● Former **Warren City** Board of Education member **Myrtle Estelle Webb Pritchett** died May 15. She was 90. ●●● **West Clermont Local (Clermont)** Board of Education member **Denise Smith** died May 19. She was 64.



## **Attend the OSBA Pre-Board Candidate Workshop**

**Know someone who is thinking of running for your school board or someone who would be an asset to your board? Encourage them to attend this workshop to learn the responsibilities of board service.**

This free workshop describes the roles and responsibilities of school board service and requirements for running for a seat on a local board of education. Set for Saturday, July 13, from 10 a.m. to noon at the OSBA office in Columbus, this workshop will be led by two veteran OSBA staff members.

Space is limited, so contact OSBA Senior Events Manager **Laurie Miller** at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or [Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org) to register.

For more information on running for a board of education seat, visit OSBA's candidate website, [www.getonboardohio.org](http://www.getonboardohio.org). Learn more about this and other board candidate workshops at [www.getonboardohio.org/board-candidate-workshops](http://www.getonboardohio.org/board-candidate-workshops).

# Levy University

New  
date!

Wednesday, June 26, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.  
OSBA office, Columbus • Cost is \$170

## Agenda

**8:30 a.m. Registration and continental breakfast**

**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, deputy director of board and management services, OSBA*

**10 a.m. Levy campaign do's and don'ts**

This session will cover school board responsibilities and legal requirements as well as begin the discussion on campaign best practices. Learn more about legislation that allows a district to place a special levy on the ballot focused only on school safety and security initiatives.

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

**11:30 a.m. Working lunch (provided)**

**11:45 a.m. Campaign best practices**

This session will continue with 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, Michael Collins, Ryan Collins, Andrea Kruse and Nathan Miner*

**3 p.m. Adjourn**

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).



## OSBA Survey Service

*The solution for your survey needs*

Community and staff input and feedback are among the best ways to drive your strategic decision-making process, resulting in higher-impact outcomes. Conducting a survey prior to your next levy or bond issue allows you to educate your community and collect "hot button" comments to use in your campaign messaging. A quality survey takes time to create, distribute, collect and analyze. OSBA's online survey service does this work for you.

Count on OSBA's knowledgeable staff to work with you to create customized survey questions, disseminate the survey and collect the data. Additionally, a team of communication and board services professionals can analyze survey results, provide customized recommendations and deliver a final report as well as suggested actions after the survey.

For more information, contact **Cheryl W. Ryan** at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or [cryan@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:cryan@ohioschoolboards.org).





# Sports Law Workshop

Friday, June 28

9 a.m.-3:15 p.m.

Embassy Suites, Columbus

Cost is \$190 (includes one book)

## Agenda

8:30 a.m.	<b>Registration and continental breakfast (provided)</b>	12:45 p.m.	<b>When good coaches make bad choices</b> An experienced school attorney reviews examples of negligence and other problematic coach behaviors. Hear best practices for dealing with coaching issues, including disciplinary action, and when and how to terminate employment when necessary. <i>Sandra R. McIntosh, Esq., Freund, Freeze &amp; Arnold LPA, Columbus</i>
9 a.m.	<b>OHSAA legal update</b> The workshop kicks off with a discussion by the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) about new initiatives. Hear OHSAA's thoughts and recommendations, including recent OHSAA bylaw changes. <i>Jerry Snodgrass, executive director, and Steve Craig, Esq., legal counsel, OHSAA</i>	1:45 p.m.	<b>Break</b>
10:15 a.m.	<b>Break</b>	2 p.m.	<b>Athletics, drugs and drug testing</b> Whether your district has a policy about drug-testing student athletes or you're considering one, learn about the legal aspects of testing student athletes, including the impact medical marijuana legalization in Ohio could have on your current policies and procedures. <i>Derek Towster, Esq., Scott Scriven LLP</i>
10:30 a.m.	<b>Top legal issues impacting athletic programs</b> Hear about the hottest legal topics impacting school district athletic programs. Two experienced school attorneys will walk attendees through the legal issues that every athletic director should think about and be prepared to address. <i>Pamela A. Leist, Esq., and William M. Deters II, Esq., Ennis Britton Co. LPA, Cincinnati</i>	3:15 p.m.	<b>Adjourn</b> <i>This program has been approved by the Supreme Court of Ohio Commission on Continuing Legal Education for 5.00 total CLE hours of instruction.</i>
Noon	<b>Lunch (provided)</b>		

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). The Embassy Suites is located at 2700 Corporate Exchange Drive, Columbus, 43231. Unauthorized audio recording or videotaping of any session is strictly prohibited.



# Refocusing your board from conflict to kids

**Friday, July 19, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. • OSBA office, Columbus • Cost is \$100**

As a board member, how often do you remind yourself “what’s best for our kids,” particularly when discussions go wrong, personalities clash and building consensus becomes unattainable? Student achievement is more than test scores. High-achieving boards of education maintain an emphasis on collaboration and empowering their administrative teams to help each and every student. This workshop welcomes the leadership team – the board, superintendent and treasurer – to gather information that can be used to refocus on kids.

## **Agenda**

**9:30 a.m.**

### **Registration**

**10 a.m.**

### **Snapshot of your board role**

Understanding and embracing your role on the team and “staying in your lane” is extremely important. A brief overview of roles and responsibilities will set the stage for the day’s discussions.

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

**10:30 a.m.**

### **When conflict comes to call**

Even seasoned school boards can crack when their districts face controversy. Identify common controversies that boards may face, including contentious public participation sessions, employment matters that become PR nightmares and other sensitive, controversial or uncomfortable issues that boards are asked to address. Leave with practical tips and recommendations for resolutions to help keep external conflicts from affecting your board’s cohesion.

*Jennifer A. Hardin, deputy director of legal services, OSBA*

**11:30 a.m.**

### **Stretch break**

**11:35 a.m.**

### **Communication and consensus**

Choosing our words seems so simple, but the wrong words often cause conflict. Review the basics of communication and get tips for improving meeting conversations and social media interactions.

*Teri Morgan*

**Noon**

### **Lunch (provided)**

**12:30 p.m.**

### **Students in the spotlight**

Board members can work with the community in constructive efforts to increase learning opportunities and student achievement or they can behave in ways that undermine these efforts. What makes the difference? What are the critical factors that accurately predict high or low student achievement in a district? Learn research-based best practices to keep your students in the student achievement spotlight.

*Kim Miller-Smith, senior student achievement consultant, OSBA*

**1:30 p.m.**

### **Show and tell**

**1:45 p.m.**

### **Final thoughts**

**2 p.m.**

### **Adjourn**

Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. 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).



# WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

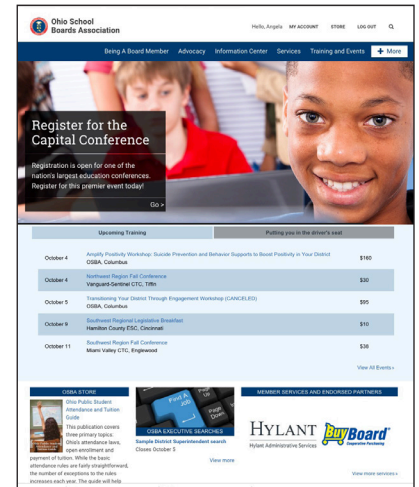
Register at [www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops)

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.



# Maximize

your leadership team's

# performance

with the Achiever

## Recruit and retain the best with the Achiever Leadership Assessment.

The Achiever measures cognitive skills and personality dimensions, providing relevant data to enable you to make the right leadership decisions for your district. Key benefits include

- **maximizing** potential;
- **streamlining** the hiring process;
- **enhancing** decision-making.



**Ohio School  
Boards Association**

Learn more at [www.ohioschoolboards.org/achiever](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/achiever) or contact **Cheryl W. Ryan** at (614) 540-4000 • (800) 589-OSBA • [cryan@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:cryan@ohioschoolboards.org)





## NEWS

by Angela Penquite, managing editor

### School board members: OSBA needs you!

Board members, are you looking for ways to network with colleagues from around the state? Would you like to be more involved in OSBA leadership? Do you want to represent your district at region or state events? If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, consider answering OSBA’s call for nominations and taking on a leadership role in *your* association.

What do you gain by becoming active in OSBA leadership? Besides the opportunity to provide input that shapes the future of the association, many current regional and statewide committee members say their leadership roles offer a better perspective of statewide educational issues and give them the chance to network with board members in their region and across the state.

Each year, OSBA sends out a call for committee nominations asking board members to take on regional or statewide roles in the association. Some of these roles are as simple as meeting once at the OSBA Capital Conference to review the rules governing the Annual Business Meeting of the OSBA Delegate Assembly. Some require you to attend meetings in your region. Others are more involved, requiring attendance at

both regional and OSBA Board of Trustee meetings.

The Call for Committee Nominations brochure was mailed to all board members in May. It outlines the procedure for nominating an individual and includes an official nomination form. Individuals must be nominated by a school board or board member. The forms are returned to the regional manager. Next, the region’s nominating committee reviews them and develops a slate of candidates for the elected offices to be voted upon at the regions’ fall conferences. Members who aren’t chosen as candidates may be considered for committee appointments near the end of the year.

All board members are encouraged to seek a nomination. A description of each committee and the time commitment involved are included in the nomination brochure, which you can download at <http://links.ohio.schoolboards.org/64060>.

Interested in becoming more active in OSBA? Here are the next steps:

- Review the nomination brochure to determine your areas of interest.
- Talk with your regional manager to learn more about what is involved in the positions. The

contact information for regional managers is available at [www.ohio.schoolboards.org/region-managers](http://www.ohio.schoolboards.org/region-managers).

- Complete the nomination form and return it to your regional manager by June 28.



### 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 OSBA at (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA for more information.



## LEGISLATIVE REPORT

by Jay Smith, deputy director of legislative services

### Testing Reduction Act introduced in the House

House Bill (HB) 239 recently was introduced in the Ohio House of Representatives by Reps. **Gayle Manning** (R-North Ridgeville) and **Erica Crawley** (D-Columbus). The legislation, being termed the Testing Reduction Act, seeks to reduce the amount of time Ohio's students spend on standardized testing.

HB 239 would reduce state-mandated tests by eliminating these four high school end-of-course exams needed for graduation: Geometry, English

Language Arts I, American History and American Government. Beginning with the class of 2022, students would be required to take only three end-of-course exams: English Language Arts II, Science and Algebra I.

In addition, the bill would eliminate the requirement for high school students to take a nationally standardized college admission assessment. The bill would modify current law on state-funded administration of the ACT/SAT for

high school juniors to make it voluntary.

The bill also would require school districts to assemble a local work group to examine testing that the district currently requires. The work group would consist of the district superintendent; a district curriculum or testing administrator or designee of the superintendent; three building principals representing an elementary, middle and high school;

*Continued on page 7*



# OSBA Student Achievement Fair

Monday, Nov. 11, 2019

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.

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 nominate a district program today!



# PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Scott Gerfen, assistant editor

## Jackson Local students' derby car project drives inclusion

Members of an after-school club at **Jackson Local's (Stark)** Jackson Middle School have built birdhouses and cornhole boards. This year, they made it to the top of the hill at the Soap Box Derby in Akron.

Created five years ago, My Impact Lifts Others (MILO) brings together autistic students with other students. School intervention specialists **Lindsey Fentner** and **Katie Raddish** lead the students, whose car competed in the derby's

Gravity Racing Challenge STEM category in May.

"We wanted to provide better opportunities for them to interact with more of their peers and students with other disabilities as well," Fentner told a local newspaper.

Teachers recommend students for the club at the beginning of the school year. Students meet once a month for activities and to work on one large project each year. The club purchased a kit to build the

race car.

"For some (students), they were using tools they'd never used before, which was good exposure," Fentner said. "Some kids had never used a hammer or a drill. It was a good obstacle, giving them life skills they haven't practiced."

More than 130 school teams from grades three to 12 participated in the Gravity Racing Challenge at the University of Akron.

Source: Akron Beacon Journal

---

*Legislative Report, continued from page 6*

and three parents of students enrolled in the district, selected by the local parent-teacher organization, representing an elementary, middle and high school.

This work group would be required to report to the local board of education on ways to reduce testing time for students within six months of its formation. Specifically, it would be required to consider the time spent on district-required testing; the current district testing calendar; identification of groups of students being tested at a greater rate than others; the purpose of the testing and if that purpose has been achieved; the use of testing data to drive instructional decisions; the

financial costs; if tests are duplicative; and any previous testing audits or examinations of testing the district may have. Upon completion of its report, the work group may be dissolved, continue to meet or reconstituted in the future based on local need.

Under current law, schools must ensure that students do not spend more than 2% of the school year on state- and district-required assessments and more than 1% of the school year taking practice or diagnostic tests. However, current law also allows districts to exceed these limitations by adopting a board resolution after a public hearing. The bill specifies that if districts or schools want to exceed

these limitations, they must do so through an annual resolution after considering recommendations from their testing work groups.

The bill also would require the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) to issue an annual report on the time spent on state- and district-required testing. The report must be published on ODE's website and delivered to the governor and standing House and Senate committees that consider primary and secondary education legislation. HB 239 is undergoing hearings in the House Primary and Secondary Education Committee.

*Editor's note:* Information in this article was current as of May 31, 2019.

## June 2019

- 23 Northwest Region Executive Committee meeting.....Bowling Green
- 26 Levy University.....Columbus
- 28 Sports Law Workshop.....Columbus
- 30 2018-19 school year ends — RC 3313.62; end of third ADM reporting period — RC 3317.03(A).

## July 2019

- 1 2019-20 school year begins — RC 3313.62; last day for board to notify teaching and nonteaching employees of succeeding year salaries — RC 3319.082, 3319.12; board may begin to adopt appropriation measure, which may be temporary — RC 5705.38(B); treasurer must certify available revenue in funds to county auditor — RC 5705.36(A) (1).
- 8 Last day for voter registration for August election — RC 3503.01, 3503.19(A) (30 days prior to election).
- 10 OSBA Urban Network meeting.....Columbus  
Last day for termination of teaching contract by a teacher without consent of the board of education — RC 3319.15.
- 13 Pre-Board Candidate Workshop.....Columbus
- 15 Last day to adopt school library district tax budget on behalf of a library district — RC

- 5705.28(B)(1).
- 19 Refocusing your board from conflict to kids ..... Columbus
- 29 Last day to submit certification for November income tax levy to Ohio Department of Taxation — RC 5748.02(A) (100 days prior to election).
- 31 Central Region Executive Committee meeting..... Columbus
- 31 Last day for board of education to adopt a plan to require students to access and complete online classroom lessons ("blizzard bags") in order to make up hours for which it is necessary to close schools — RC 3313.482(A)(1); semiannual campaign finance reports must be filed by certain candidates (by 4 p.m.) detailing contributions and expenditures made through June 30, 2019 — RC 3517.10(A) (4).

## August 2019

- 1 Last day to file statistical report with Ohio Department of Education — RC 3319.33; last day to submit November emergency, current operating expenses or conversion levy to county auditor for November general election — RC 5705.194, 5705.195, 5705.213, 5705.219(C) (95 days prior to election).

- 2 Attendance, Tuition and Custody Law Workshop.....Lewis Center
- 5 Southwest Region Executive Committee meeting.....TBD
- 6 Special Election Day — RC 3501.01 (first Tuesday after the first Monday).
- 7 Northeast Region Executive Committee meeting.....Warren
- 7 Last day to file (by 4 p.m.) a nominating petition as a board of education candidate for the November general election — RC 3513.254, 3513.255; 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 November election — RC 133.18(D); last day for county auditor to certify school district bond levy terms for November election — RC 133.18(C); last day to submit continuing replacement, permanent improvement or operating levy for November election to board of elections — RC 5705.192, 5705.21, 5705.25; last day to certify resolution for school district income tax levy or renewal of conversion levy for November election to board of elections — RC 5748.02(C), 5705.219(G); last day to submit emergency levy for November election to board of elections — RC 5705.195.