

# BRIEF CASE

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## Duke Energy tax appeal threatens school district revenues

OSBA, the Buckeye Association of School Administrators, Ohio Association of School Business Officials and southwest Ohio schools are challenging Duke Energy's appeal to lower its personal property valuation by 40%. Duke just recently began telling schools that it was reducing its tax payments, despite filing the appeal in December. The move comes just before the end of the fiscal year and will have a devastating financial impact on many school districts. There also is concern that other utilities might seek tax cuts, leading to more funding losses. OSBA urges its members to contact state officials on this issue. Download sample letters at <http://ealerts.osba-ohio.org/messages/597.html>.

## Capital Conference packets will be mailed soon

Watch your mail for the 2010 OSBA Capital Conference brochure and registration forms, which will be sent in mid-July. The brochure features details on speakers, special events, workshops, lodging, registration, parking and more. Registration forms will be sent to treasurers only, so contact your treasurer to register for the conference and special events. The conference is Nov. 7-10 in Columbus. Watch OSBA's publications and website for further details.

## Alan November speaking at conference's Early Bird Workshop

Alan November, an international leader in education technology, will be the speaker at the Nov. 7 Capital Conference Early Bird Workshop. November's ideas about global communication, collaboration, assessment and critical thinking have inspired schools and others around the world to rethink and redefine their approach to education and technology. Workshop tuition is \$75. Contact your treasurer to register.

## NSBA offers Investing in Innovation Fund grant resources

School districts that have applied to the U.S. Department of Education for Investing in Innovation Fund (i3) resources or are interested in applying should check out the many private funding match resources. Grantees are required to secure a 20% private sector funding match to be eligible for the awards. A registry of private funding sources is posted at [www.foundationregistryi3.org](http://www.foundationregistryi3.org). The National School Boards Association has developed a resource kit to help districts navigate the i3 process. Download the kit at <http://links.osba-ohio.org/43901>.

## OSBA taps South Euclid-Lyndhurst video team to document conference

South Euclid-Lyndhurst City's AVTV Productions has been chosen as the official student video documentary team for the 2010 OSBA Capital Conference, Nov. 7-10, in Columbus. Based at Charles F. Brush High School, AVTV is the district's media

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### Route workshop information to:

- Administrators
- Communication directors
- New board members
- Principals

productions team. The program was selected based on the outstanding video work it submitted. The OSBA project, in its second year, gives students the opportunity to document the statewide conference, which draws more than 10,000 education leaders from across Ohio. The AVTV team will video different events during the conference and edit the footage into a 10-minute documentary. The final product will be streamed on the OSBA website, shared with other state school boards associations and used to promote the conference.

### Web-footed procession marks end of school year

The day after the final day of school, one last group of youngsters walked out of Worthington Estates Elementary School to find out what the future had in store.

The occasion was the annual duckling march at the **Worthington City** school. This year, 11 ducklings and their mother that had been living in the school courtyard were herded along the empty hallways, out the door and down to the nearby Olentangy River.

Each spring the same mother duck has returned to the school to start another family. The school welcomes the ducks with a wading pool and food. The ducks pay their "rent" by providing a learning lab and plenty of entertainment. Once reaching the river, the ducks settled in under some bushes alongside the Olentangy.

Source: *ThisWeek Worthington*

### Magna Awards program accepting nominations

The prestigious Magna Awards program is accepting submissions for the 2011 program; Ohio districts must be OSBA members to be eligible. For more information and an online nomination form, visit <http://links.osba-ohio.org/57241>.

### Registration under way for NSBA technology conference

Registration is open for the National School Boards Association T+L Conference in Phoenix, Oct. 19-21. This national event features innovative, technology-enhanced strategies for engaging students, streamlining district practices and

raising student achievement. For details, visit [www.nsba.org/TL](http://www.nsba.org/TL).

### This month in OSBA history

On July 5, 1955, Ohio Gov. **Frank Lausche** signed legislation allowing local school boards to pay dues to a state association, setting the stage for the creation of the Ohio School Boards Association. Two previous attempts to pass the legislation had failed. OSBA convened in Columbus for its first official meeting on Dec. 3, 1955.

### OSBA online

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

The OSBA website can help keep you in touch with key groups. From the home page, click on Member Resources, then, on the next page, click on Important Links. There you will find links to Ohio school districts, OSBA databases, associations, legislative and other government offices, the OSBA staff directory and regional information.



## Briefcase

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# BULLETIN BOARD

compiled by Melanie Price, administrative assistant of communication services

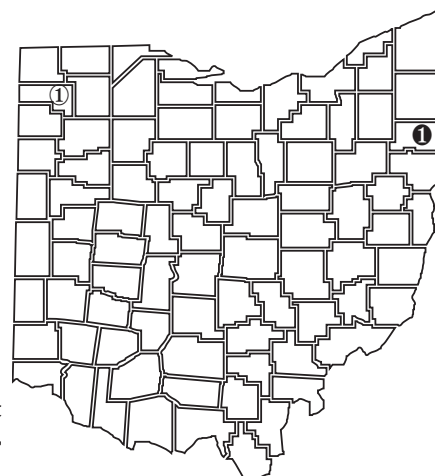
## OSBA executive searches

### Superintendent

District	Deadline	Contact
① Youngstown City	July 30	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000

### Treasurer

District	Deadline	Contact
① Defiance City	July 16	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000



① = Superintendent  
① = Treasurer

## Other positions

Position	District	Deadline	Contact
Middle school principal	Amanda-Clearcreek Local (Fairfield)	July 21	Sheryl Pontius, secretary, Amanda-Clearcreek Local, (740) 969-7260

## Board changes

Orrville City Board of Education member **Donna J. Smith** announced her resignation effective June 19. She is moving out of the district.

## Administrative changes

### Superintendents

**Batavia Local (Clermont)** Superintendent **Barbara Bradley** announced her resignation effective July 31. ●●● **Clark-Shawnee Local (Clark)** hired **Gregg E. Morris** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. Morris replaces **Debbie Finkes**, who resigned effective June 30. He is currently the superintendent at **Gahanna-Jefferson City**. ●●● **Cory-Rawson Local (Hancock)** hired **Bradley E. Cox** as part-time superintendent effective immediately. He will share duties with high school Principal **Mark Willeke**. ●●● **Edgewood City** hired **Douglas J. Lantz** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He replaces **Larry Knapp**, who is resigning effective July 31. Lantz is currently the superintendent at **Northmont City**. ●●● **Granville EV** Superintendent **Scot T. Prebles** will resign effective July 31. He is taking the superintendent position at **Brecksville-Broadview Heights City**. Prebles replaces Dr. **Thomas P. Diring**, who took the superintendent position at **West Geauga Local (Gauga)**. ●●● **Millcreek-West Unity Local (Williams)** hired Dr. **Robert Smith** as interim superintendent. He replaces **Deborah Piotrowski**,

### Editor's note

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

who took the superintendent position at **Xenia Community City**. ●●● **New Albany-Plain Local (Franklin)** hired Dr. **Bill Reimer** as interim superintendent effective June 8. He replaces Dr. **Steve D. Castle**, who resigned. Reimer will continue to work for the **ESC of Central Ohio**, where he is an assistant superintendent. ●●● **Ottawa Hills Local (Lucas)** hired Dr. **Kevin S. Miller** as the superintendent effective Aug. 1. He replaces **Cathleen Heidelberg**, who retired effective March 31. Miller is currently the superintendent at **Hicksville EV**. ●●● **Parma City** hired Dr. **Jeffrey M. Graham** as superintendent effective Aug. 2. He replaces Dr. **Sarah Zatik**, who is retiring effective July 31. Graham is currently the superintendent at **Woodridge Local (Summit)**. ●●● **Pickaway-Ross Career & Technology Center** hired **Steve Winegardner** as interim superintendent effective July 1. He replaces **Brett H. Smith**, who took the superintendent position at **Butler Technology and Career Development Schools**. Winegardner was the district's director of secondary education. ●●● **Portsmouth City** hired **Scott Dutey** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He replaces **Donald A. Armstrong**, who resigned in February. Dutey is currently the district's curriculum and grants administrator. ●●● **Warrensville Heights City** hired **Marva Kay Jones** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. She replaces **R. Elaine Davis**, who retired. Jones currently is the director of curriculum and instruction at **Massillon City**. ●●● **Columbus City** hired **Keith Bell Sr.** as deputy superintendent effective Aug. 2. He is currently the director of academic affairs for secondary schools at **Westerville City**.

### **Treasurers**

**Chillicothe City** hired **Kellie A. Lester** as treasurer effective July 1. She replaces **John D. Rose**, who took the treasurer position at **Union-Scioto Local (Ross)**. Lester was the treasurer at **Tuscarawas Valley Local (Tuscarawas)**. ●●● **Clay Local (Scioto)** Treasurer **Betty Applegate** announced her retirement effective July 1. The district hired Assistant Treasurer **Brandi Dillow** as her replacement.

### **Sympathies**

**Ashtabula County ESC** and **Ashtabula County JVSD** board member and **OSBA Board of Trustees** member **Lester C. Marrison** died June 28. He was 67. ●●● Former **Buckeye Local (Ashtabula)** Board of Education member **Wilbur J. Hall** died April 12. He was 87. ●●● **Robert H. Headman**, also a former **Buckeye Local** board member, died April 22. He was 84. ●●● Former **Dayton City** Assistant Superintendent **George Wallace Jackson** died June 21. He was 86. ●●● Former **Fostoria City** Board of Education member **George A. Loudon Jr.** died June 3. He was 97. ●●● **James Edward Hart**, a board of education member at **Huber Heights City** and **Miami Valley Career & Technology Center**, died June 19. He was 50. ●●● Former **Hopewell-Loudon Local (Seneca)** Board of Education member **Harold Kaser** died June 14. He was 91. ●●● Former **Keystone Local (Lorain)** Board of Education member **Charles J. Schaffer** died June 11. He was 63. ●●● Former **Sugarcreek Local (Greene)** Board of Education member **Dwight William Barnett** died June 13. He was 79. ●●● Former **Steubenville City** Board of Education member **Albert Ellis "Coach" Hays** died May 30. He was 80.



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— *Mechanicsburg EV*

For information on Ohio's best administrative search team, call OSBA's Rob Delane, Kathy LaSota, Kendall Lee, Al Meloy or Cheryl Ryan at (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA.

## **New board members:**

# **Trying to maneuver the maze of boardmanship? Find your way at the New Board Member Workshop**

- **Designed for new board members**
- **Intensive, one-day workshop**
- **Plenty of networking opportunities**
- **Saturday, July 24**
- **OSBA office, Columbus**



School boardmanship is more complex and demanding than ever. To carry out their leadership duties effectively, new school board members must begin moving from the role of an involved citizen to that of a responsible elected official as soon as possible. High-quality board member education, designed specifically for newly elected board members, can help you become a more effective educational leader in your community.

The Ohio School Boards Association is sponsoring an intensive one-day workshop for new school board members. The workshop will focus on the knowledge and skills new board members find essential to becoming effective contributors to their district's management team. Topics include the world of boardmanship; decision-making and working as a team; how Ohio schools are funded; the Sunshine Law and executive sessions; and many more.

Cost for this workshop is \$125 per board member. Four books are included with workshop tuition: *Boardmanship*, *Board-Treasurer Partnership*, *Board-Superintendent Partnership* and *Board-Legislature Partnership*.

To register, call (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA. More information can be found at [www.ohioschoolboards.org/new-board-member-workshop](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/new-board-member-workshop).

### **Agenda**

9 a.m. Welcome

9:05 a.m. Basic boardmanship

*Kathy LaSota, deputy director of school board services*

10:05 a.m. Legislation and lobbying

*Michelle Francis, lobbyist*

11 a.m. Break

11:15 a.m. School finance

*Michelle Francis*

12:15 p.m. Lunch

1 p.m. Policy

*Donna Williams, policy consultant*

1:45 p.m. Personnel

*Van D. Keating, director of management services*

2:30 p.m. Break

2:45 p.m. Legal issues

*Hollie F. Reedy, chief legal counsel*

3:45 p.m. Closing remarks and questions

4 p.m. Adjourn



## Don't miss these free webinars:

### *Top 10 back-to-school questions*

*Wednesday, July 14, at 10:30 a.m.*

OSBA's legal division will host a free webinar on Wednesday, July 14, from 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Attorneys will provide answers to the top 10 back-to-school questions, direct you to relevant cases and statutes, and answer any questions you may have about the materials.

### *The balancing act: When you're both a parent and a board member*

*Tuesday, Aug. 3, at noon*

This free one-hour webinar will include topics that board members who also are parents of district students often ask, including, "What kind of role can I continue to play in my child's classroom?" "Can I continue to serve as an officer in our PTA/PTO or booster club?" or "How can I advocate for my child without creating the perception of wanting special treatment?" The webinar also will provide tips for helping your student adjust when mom or dad becomes a board member.

Register for these free webinars at  
[www.ohioschoolboards.org/free-webinar-registration](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/free-webinar-registration).

## New-to-school Public Relations Forum — Getting Ready for the New School Year

Wednesday, Aug. 11  
OSBA office,  
Columbus  
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Cost: \$35



OSBA and OHSPRA (formerly NSPRA/Ohio) are teaming up to help newly appointed school communicators start their careers off on the right foot. Send your rookie school communication specialists or directors to meet some of the state's leading school communication experts.

The forum is designed to connect those new to the field with veterans — current and former Ohio leaders in the National School Public Relations Association — to help rookies do their jobs better. Learn which school PR vets to turn to for help with a crisis, publications, media relations, board relations, staff communication or any of the many issues facing school communicators. Learn whom to call at the Ohio Department of Education for information.

#### **Agenda**

- 11 a.m. If I only knew then what I know now: panel discussion with veteran district PR directors
- 12:15 p.m. Working lunch: where to go for data and help
- 1 p.m. Question and answer session
- 2 p.m. Adjourn

To register, use the form in this issue of the *Briefcase*, contact **Laurie Miller** at (614) 540-4000; (800) 589-OSBA; or [Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org) or visit OSBA's website — [www.ohioschoolboards.org/new-to-school-public-relations-forum](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/new-to-school-public-relations-forum).

# Back to School: Attendance, Tuition and Custody Law Workshop

Thursday, Aug. 5  
Marriott Northeast, Cincinnati

Tuesday, Aug. 10  
OSBA office, Columbus

**Cost: \$120**, includes registration, continental breakfast, lunch and materials.

The law addressing attendance and tuition matters is complex and changes frequently. How your district handles these matters affects your district's bottom line. Learn the latest legal developments at this information-packed seminar.

## Agenda

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

**9 a.m. Coffee time with your ODE school finance area coordinators**

Start the day with an update and question-and-answer session with your Ohio Department of Education (ODE) area coordinators. The importance of accurate data for attendance and tuition purposes is vital to your district. Get answers to your back-to-school questions and hear what's new in the education management information system world.

*\*Larry Grooms and Fred Ross, area coordinators, Finance Program Services, ODE*

*Estelle Diehl and Donald Urban, area coordinators, Finance Program Services, ODE*

**10 a.m. Immigration students**

Immigration students who are not part of an approved foreign-exchange student program pose several attendance and tuition law issues. Get a basic understanding of how attendance and tuition are affected by immigrant students and take this opportunity to ask a school law attorney your questions.

*\*\*Susan G. Clark, Esq., Pepple & Waggoner Ltd., Cleveland*

**10:45 a.m. Question-and-answer session (break)**

**11 a.m. Special education attendance and tuition law issues**

Join a special education law expert for a refresher course on state and federal laws applicable to special education attendance and tuition.

*\*\*Laura G. Anthony, Esq., Bricker & Eckler LLP, Columbus*

**11:45 a.m. Lunch (provided)**

**12:45 p.m. "The unmarried father" and other stories by Hollie F. Reedy**

We will consider issues of attendance and tuition that are frequently repeated with different fact patterns, but evade clear answers.

*\*\*Hollie F. Reedy, chief legal counsel, OSBA*

**1:45 p.m. Question-and-answer session (break)**

**2 p.m. Attendance investigations and tuition fraud**

Discuss the process, options, and pros and cons of attendance investigations and pursuing tuition fraud.

*\*C. Bronston McCord III, Esq., Ennis Roberts Fischer Co. LPA, Cincinnati*

*Jeremy J. Neff, Esq., Ennis Roberts Fischer Co. LPA, Cincinnati*

**3 p.m. Question-and-answer session**

**3:15 p.m. Adjourn**

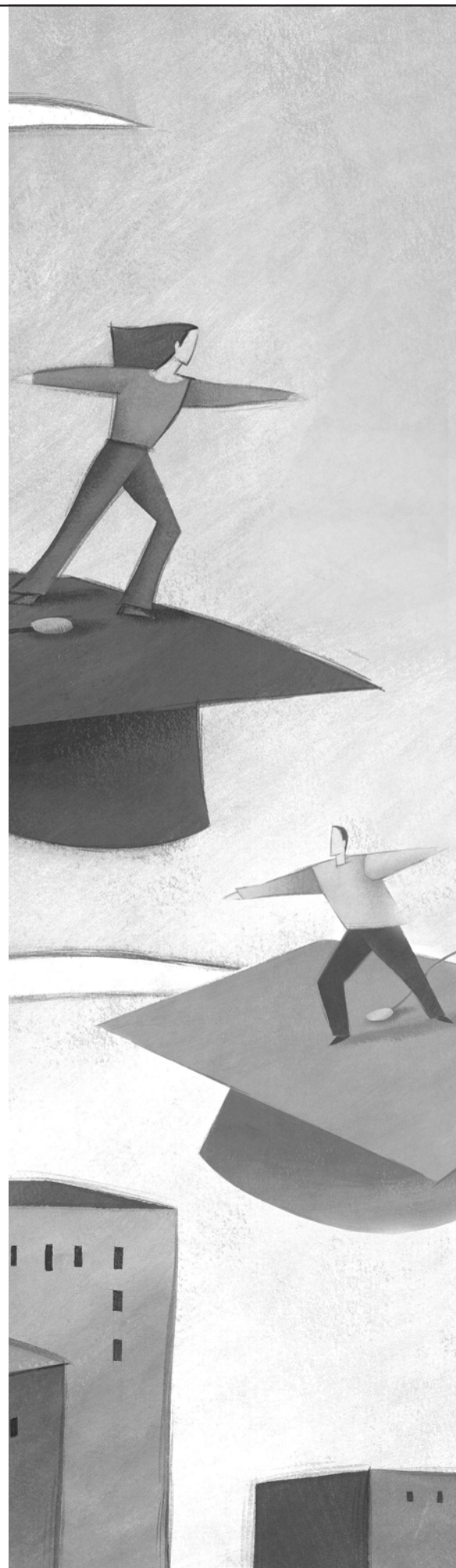
\* Indicates speaker at the Cincinnati location.

\*\* Speaking at both locations.

## Locations

Marriott Northeast, Cincinnati — Aug. 5  
9664 Mason-Montgomery Road, Mason, 45040, (513) 459-9800

OSBA office, Columbus — Aug. 10  
8050 N. High Street, Columbus, 43235, (614) 540-4000





# WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

## New Board Member Workshop

July 24, \$125

## Back-to-School Workshop

Aug. 5, Cincinnati, \$120

Aug. 10, Columbus, \$120

## New-to-school Public Relations Forum

Aug. 11, \$35

### OSBA Workshop Registration Form

Workshop name \_\_\_\_\_ Workshop date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Attendee name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_  
 Daytime phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
 District/firm \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is a check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ or P.O.# \_\_\_\_\_ to cover \_\_\_\_\_ registration(s). Make checks payable to OSBA and mail to 8050 N. High St., Suite 100, Columbus, OH 43235-6481; fax to (614) 540-4100; or e-mail Laurie Miller at [Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org). Include a purchase order number with fax or e-mail.



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**Please photocopy this form for each person**

## OSBA workshop registration procedures

OSBA sends e-mail confirmation of registration if an e-mail address is provided. Registration is open to all boards and staff of OSBA members. "Walk-in" registrations are welcome on a space-available basis only. Please call OSBA to check the status of registration before you arrive at the workshop. To register, you must have a purchase order number or a check payable to OSBA and a completed registration form. You may register with a purchase order number by phone, fax, e-mail or Web page 24 hours a day.

### Award of Achievement/LPDC

Most workshops entitle members to Award of Achievement credits. Local Professional Development Committee certificates of attendance will be issued to all workshop attendees.



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ext. 300; or fax us at  
(614) 540-4100.



E-mail registrations can be sent to Laurie Miller at [Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org). Please include a purchase order number.

You may register on our Web page at [www.ohioschoolboards.org](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org). Events are listed at the bottom of the page.

### Cancellation and refund policy

- Cancellations received by OSBA at least four workdays before the date of the workshop will receive a full refund or no charge to the district.
- Cancellations received less than four workdays before the date of the workshop will have one-third of the fee charged to the district.
- No-shows and cancellations the day of the workshop will be charged the full registration amount.





# FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

by Angela Penquite, communication design manager

## Grants for special needs children's programs

The Innovating Worthy Projects Foundation was founded to provide financial help to quality special needs children's programs. The foundation makes grants to organizations dedicated to developing innovative programs, disseminating ideas or providing direct care or services for children with special needs, acute illnesses or chronic disabilities.

**Maximum awards:** \$5,000

**Eligibility:** 501(c)(3) organizations

**Deadline:** Aug. 31

**Contact:** [www.iwpcf.org/application/index.html](http://www.iwpcf.org/application/index.html)

## Funds for classroom gardens

The Herb Society of America will select four classrooms to receive a Donald Samull Classroom Grant to establish an outdoor herb garden. The funds may be used for soil, plant trays, containers, youth-sized tools and more.

**Maximum awards:** \$200

**Eligibility:** teachers of grades 3-6 who have at least 15 students in their class

**Deadline:** Sept. 1

**Contact:** [herbsociety.org/resources/samull-grant.html](http://herbsociety.org/resources/samull-grant.html)

## Funds available to encourage literacy and creativity

The Ezra Jack Keats Foundation offers mini-grants to school and public libraries for programs that encourage literacy and creativity in children. Programs relating to the work of Ezra Jack Keats are welcome, but not required.

**Maximum awards:** \$500

**Eligibility:** school libraries

**Deadline:** Sept. 15

**Contact:** <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/14516>

## Grant program supports education

The Charles Lafitte Foundation Grants Program awards funds to

help groups and individuals foster lasting improvement of the human condition by providing support to education, children's advocacy, medical research and the arts. The foundation provides support for innovative programs aimed at assisting students with learning disabilities, providing technology and computer-based education, creating access to education of the arts, supporting at-risk children from preschool to college and providing learning enhancement, including the development of leadership skills. The education program includes support for research and conferences, as well as support for programs that promote academic excellence in institutions of higher learning.

**Maximum awards:** varies

**Eligibility:** 501(c)(3) institutions

**Deadline:** open

**Contact:** [www.charleslafitte.org/education.html](http://www.charleslafitte.org/education.html)

## Looking for a bargain?



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# LEGISLATIVE REPORT

by Michelle Francis, lobbyist

## Several education bills await lawmakers' return

The Ohio House and Senate have recessed for the summer for the campaign season. Below is a summary of bills impacting education that received some attention prior to the recess.

### Seat belts on school buses

House Bill (HB) 448, sponsored by Rep. **Kathleen Chandler** (D-Kent), would require all school buses purchased, leased or rented

after Jan. 1, 2014, to transport students to and from school to be equipped with a seat belt assembly for all passengers. Chandler has introduced this type of legislation in previous sessions of the General Assembly. However, it received immediate attention in the final days before the legislature recessed. The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee passed the bill out of

committee after its second hearing. It was passed the same day of a tragic fatal bus accident that occurred at **Tri-Valley Local (Muskingum)**. Members of the committee acknowledged more debate is needed on the bill.

### Cyberbullying

Reps. **Nancy Garland** (D-New Albany) and **Marian Harris** (D-Columbus) are the cosponsors of HB 520, which would require school districts to include cyberbullying in their policies prohibiting bullying. Specifically,

the legislation would require schools to:

- expand their existing student anti-harassment policies to cover incidents of harassment, intimidation or bullying that occur on school buses or off school property;
- include in their policies a prohibition against bullying by electronic means (cyberbullying);
- provide training on their anti-harassment policies as a part of the in-service training required for all teachers, administrators, counselors, nurses and school psychologists.

HB 520 has a companion bill in the Senate, SB 126, sponsored by Sen. **Teresa Fedor** (D-Toledo). HB 520 had sponsor testimony in the House Education Committee prior to the summer recess and SB 126 is being heard in the Senate Education Committee.

### Budget planning commission

Even though the General Assembly is officially on summer recess, some events are happening at the Statehouse. The new legislative Budget Planning and Management Commission recently met for the first time. The committee was created last year in HB 1 and is charged with

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## Where can you find the *real* facts?



### The Education Tax Policy Institute

(ETPI) continues to be the *only* organization in Ohio dedicated to research and analysis of education public policy issues.

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## PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Gary Motz, editorial manager

### Students create physical therapy tool from Wii remote

By adapting Wii technology, students from **Fremont City's** Ross High School and **Tiffin City's** Columbian High School engineered a tool to help occupational and physical therapy patients and their therapists assess patients' progress.

Described as dynamic digital rehabilitation, Ross student **Andrew Nichelson** and Columbian students **Seth Sholl** and **Cody Semer** developed the idea for their senior project in the **Vanguard-Sentinel** JVSD Technology Center's

computer technician program. Initially intended to be a data glove for computer gaming, the seniors changed their plan after talking to Sholl's father, a physical therapist.

Semer told a local newspaper that the Wii remote is connected to a computer via Bluetooth signals. On the computer screen the signals mimic mouse movements that indicate the patient's range of motion. This information then can be sent to the patient's therapist.

The boys worked with

Vanguard-Sentinel teachers **Floyd Collins** and **Terry Ritchie**; an instructor at Terra Community College; and an occupational therapist at a local hospital.

"They learned more from this project than can be taught from books or in the classroom," Collins told the newspaper. "They learned what it is to be a team and working for a common goal, relying on each other's strengths and overcoming their weaknesses."

Source: *The News-Messenger*

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reviewing the state's budget circumstances and making recommendations ahead of next year's full-blown budget deliberations.

Members of the commission are:

- Rep. **Ron Amstutz** (R-Wooster)
- Rep. **Jay Goyal** (D-Mansfield)
- Sen. **Shannon Jones** (R-Springboro)
- Sen. **Dale Miller** (D-Cleveland)
- Rep. **Vernon Sykes** (D-Akron)
- Sen. **Chris Widener** (R-Springfield)

The six-member group recently began its work with a presentation from the Legislative Service Commission (LSC), the nonpartisan research arm of the General

Assembly. Part of LSC's presentation included a chart detailing the differences between what the governor's administration and Senate Republicans consider "one-time" money in the fiscal year 2010-11 biennial budget.

Regardless of what is defined as one-time money, both Sykes and Jones, co-chairs of the committee, issued statements at the beginning of the hearing urging bipartisan cooperation for this early review process.

Members clarified that the group is not charged with writing and debating the fiscal year 2012-13 budget, however, they are going to

focus on identifying overarching strategies for the next governor and General Assembly that will drive upcoming budget developments.

The committee's next hearing will feature presentations from the Office of Budget and Management and the National Conference of State Legislatures. After that, the committee is not likely to meet again until the lame-duck session following the November elections.

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*Editor's Note: All information in this article was current as of July 1, 2010.*

**July 2010**

- 15 *Last day to adopt school library district tax budget on behalf of a library district — RC 5705.28(B)(1).*
- 20 Central Region Executive Committee Meeting.....Columbus
- 20 *Last day to submit certification for November conversion levy to tax commissioner — RC 5705.219(B) (105 days before election).*
- 23-25 NSBA Central Region Meeting .....Louisville, Ky.
- 24 OSBA New Board Member Workshop.....Columbus
- 26 *Last day to submit certification for November income tax levy to Ohio Department of Taxation — RC 5748.02(A) (100 days prior to the election).*
- 30 *Semiannual campaign finance reports due (by 4 p.m.) detailing contributions and expenditures through June 30, 2010 — RC 3517.10(A)(4) (last business day of July); 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 (95 days before election).*

**August 2010**

- 1 *Last day to file statistical report with Ohio Department of Education (ODE) — RC 3319.33.*
- 3 *Special Election Day — RC 3501.01 (first Tuesday after the first Monday).*
- 4 OSBA Northeast Region Executive Committee Meeting .....Ravenna
- 4 *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 conversion levy for November election to board of elections — RC 5705.195, 5705.219, 5748.02(C); last day to submit emergency levy for November election to board of elections — RC 5705.195; last day to submit phased-in levy or current operating expenses levy for November election to board of elections — RC 5705.251(A); last day to file (by 4 p.m.)*

- nominating petitions for board of education with board of elections — RC 3513.254, 3513.255 (90 days prior to the election).*
- 5 OSBA Back to School Workshop.....Cincinnati
- 8 OSBA Southeast Region Executive Committee Meeting.....Logan
- 10 OSBA Back to School Workshop.....Columbus
- 10 OSBA Southwest Region Executive Committee Meeting.....Dayton
- 11 OSBA New to School Public Relations Forum .....Columbus
- 23 *Last day to file (by 4 p.m.) as a write-in candidate — RC 3513.041 (72 days prior to the election).*

**September 2010**

- 1 OSBA Southeast Region Treasurers’ Clinic .....Athens
- 8 OSBA Northeast Region Treasurers’ Clinic .....Rootstown
- 10 OSBA Northwest Region Treasurers’ Clinic .....Perrysburg
- 15 OSBA Southwest Region Treasurers’ Clinic .....Wilmington
- 17 OSBA Strike Workshop .....Columbus
- 21 OSBA/OHSPRA Levy Workshop.....Columbus