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#### Association listing districts' restart plans on its website

OSBA is compiling a list of Ohio districts' plans for reopening and restarting their schools for the upcoming school year. Access the list at **www.ohioschoolboards.org**/**ohio-school-district-restart-plans**. OSBA is asking districts that haven't already done so to send the association their restart plans so they also can be posted on that page. To share your plans, please send the plan or a webpage link to **Jeff Chambers** at jchambers@ohioschoolboards.org. You can access additional restart resources at **www.ohioschoolboards.org/restart-education-ohio-resources**.

#### State Board passes resolution condemning racism, promoting equity

The State Board of Education adopted a resolution at its July 14 meeting condemning racism and hate speech and requiring bias training for Ohio Department of Education (ODE) staff. The resolution, put forth by board President Laura Kohler, passed by a 12 to 5 vote. It directs ODE to "ensure … that racism and the struggle for equality are accurately addressed." It also "strongly recommends that all Ohio school districts begin a reflection and internal examination of their own involving teachers, parents, students and community to examine curriculum; hiring practices; discipline strategies, suspensions and expulsions; classroom resources, including textbooks; and professional development." The resolution is posted at http://links.ohioschoolboards. org/44578.

#### OSBA announces 2020 Capital Conference will be a virtual event

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and state health regulations, the OSBA Capital Conference and Trade Show will be conducted as a virtual event this year. For more than six decades, the conference has been Ohio's premier education event, so going virtual was not an easy decision. But it was driven by the unavailability of the Greater Columbus Convention Center, state health guidelines and a survey of members, presenters and exhibitors. The OSBA team now is putting all its creativity and imagination into delivering a virtual conference that will exceed your expectations. Details will be released later this month.

#### It's time to select local journalists for OSBA Media Honor Roll program

OSBA'S 2020 Media Honor Roll program is underway. The program gives districts a way to recognize their local journalists for providing fair and accurate coverage of their schools. It is designed to help districts build and maintain positive, productive relationships with the news media to help ensure balanced reporting. Those relationships can go a long way toward making sure news outlets share the many good things districts are doing, which helps increase community support. Details



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have been emailed to superintendents and communication directors and are posted at http://links.ohio schoolboards.org/35524. The selection deadline is Sept. 11.

# State extends emergency management test deadline

The state has extended the deadline for districts to conduct the emergency management test for 2020 to Dec. 31, 2021. The extension only applies to the 2020 test, so administrators also will need to complete by Dec. 31, 2021, an additional test for the 2021 calendar year. Schools are urged to schedule and conduct their 2020 test this year if it can be done safely and effectively. One way to complete this year's test is by conducting a virtual tabletop exercise with key stakeholders and first responders. Sample exercise toolkits are available at http:// links.ohioschoolboards.org/68492.

#### Board member pens children's book on COVID-19

An **Oberlin City** board member is educating children about the novel coronavirus pandemic in a new book.

Board President **Jason Williams** wrote "The Awesome Adventures of Amina and Amir: COVID-19 and the 5 Healthy Habits," which features ways to combat the virus.

"While discussing COVID-19, school closures and why my children could not play with their friends anymore, I had the idea of presenting this information through a children's book," Williams told a local newspaper.

Williams did research that included consulting with three doctors and one virologist. He even added a personal touch, with his children inspiring characters in the book.

Source: The Morning Journal

# ESCs create the Reframing Education Initiative

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and in support of the work of the High School Redesign Taskforce and the statewide strategic plan for education, nearly 80 curriculum and instruction, school improvement and content



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area specialists from 39 ESCs have collaborated on the Reframing Education Initiative. Local school districts can use this decisionmaking framework, including guiding questions, aligned resources and a remote learning plan template, to consider best practices, have authentic conversations about instructional expectations and make plans to reframe education moving forward. For more information, visit http://reframingeducation. org.

#### **OSBA** online

• www.ohioschoolboards.org OSBA continues to update and share information to support its members during the COVID-19 pandemic. Those updates are posted at www.ohioschoolboards. org/coronavirus. Most OSBA staff is working remotely but can be reached at (614) 540-4000. Staff email address are listed at http:// links.ohioschoolboards.org/40922.



compiled by Melanie Price, senior administrative assistant of communication services

#### **Board changes**

Ashland City Board of Education member Mike Heimann resigned July 31. Board member Dr. James R. Wolfe announced his resignation effective Dec. 31. ••• Galion City appointed Melissa Miller to the board effective July 13. She replaced Brian W. Owens, who resigned. ••• Lake Local (Stark) Board of Education member David Poling resigned July 21. ••• Vermilion Local (Erie) Board of Education member Michael T. Stark resigned July 8. ••• Wellsville Local (Columbiana) appointed John Morrow to the board effective immediately. He replaced Thomas F. Brophey, who passed away in May.

#### **Administrative changes**

#### Superintendents

**Benjamin Logan Local (Logan)** hired **John F. Scheu** as interim superintendent effective immediately. He replaced Interim Superintendent **Scott Howell**. Scheu previously was superintendent at **Sidney City**. **●● Bright Local (Highland)** hired **Mike Bick** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He replaced Interim Superintendent Terry Fouch. Bick previously was the elementary school principal at the district. **●● Crooksville EV** hired **Kevin C. Smith** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He replaced **Matt Sheridan**. Smith previously was the high school principal at **West Muskingum Local (Muskingum)**. **●●● Lexington Local (Richland)** Superintendent **J. Michael Ziegelhofer** announced his retirement effective Aug. 1. **●● Mid-East Career and Technology Centers** hired **Matt Sheridan** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He replaced Dr. **Richard A. Hall**, who resigned effective July 31. Sheridan previously was Crooksville EV superintendent. **●● Pettisville Local (Fulton)** hired **Ken Boyer** as interim superintendent effective Aug. 1. He replaced Dr. **Stephen S. Switzer**, who retired July 31. **●● Ross Local (Butler)** hired Dr. **Chad Konkle** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He replaced Scott Gates, who took the assistant director of alternative education position at **Butler County ESC**. Konkle previously was assistant superintendent at **Hamilton City**. **●● West Holmes Local (Holmes)** hired **John E. Thomas** as interim superintendent effective Aug. 1. Thomas previously was acting superintendent at **Madison Local (Richland)**.

#### Treasurers

Athens-Meigs ESC hired Interim Treasurer Teresa McGinnis as treasurer effective June 1. She replaced Laura C. Dukes, who retired. ••• Dover City hired Kathryn E. Brugger as treasurer effective Aug. 1. She replaced Andrew Bache, who took the treasurer position at Indian Valley Local (Tuscarawas). Brugger previously was treasurer at Marlington Local (Stark). ••• Indian Valley Local (Tuscarawas) hired Andrew Bache as treasurer effective July 1. He replaced Brad Maholm, who retired July 1. Bache previously was treasurer at Dover City. ••• Mid-East Career and Technology Centers hired Nan Nolder as treasurer effective July 31. She replaced Richard White, who retired June 1. Nolder previously was the treasurer at Muskingum Valley ESC.

#### Editor's note

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

#### **Sympathies**

Former Beavercreek City Board of Education member John Henry Powell died July 5. He was 94. ••• Former Bettsville Local (Seneca) Treasurer and member of the former Seneca County School Board Donna Rose Lang died July 12. She was 91. ••• Former Black River Local (Medina) Board of Education member Rev. Charles Harrison Frye died July 9. He was 88. ••• Perry D. "Donald" Rothhaar, a former member of Buckeye Central Local and the former Chatfield school boards, both in Crawford County, died July 31. He was 94. ••• Former Claymont City Board of Education member Ronnie Anthony Vinci died July 11. He was 73. ••• Former East Muskingum Local (Muskingum) Board of Education member Kenneth R. McGee died July 12. He was 71. ••• Former Fairfield County ESC Superintendent J. Larry Miller died July 19. He was 77. ••• Former Gallipolis City Treasurer Wayne Leslie Niday died July 12. He was 87. ••• Former Madison-Plains Local (Madison), South Point Local (Lawrence) and Warren Local (Washington) Superintendent Frederic Howard Reeder died July 13. He was 81. ••• Edward E. McConnell, a member of the former Newton Township Board of Education in Muskingum County, died July 10. He was 90. ••• Former North Point ESC and EHOVE Career Center Board of Education member Barbara Lou Butcher died July 10. She was 87. ••• Former Whitehall City Board of Education member Barbara Lou Butcher died July 10. She was 87. ••• Former Whitehall City Board of Education member Donald F. Sander died July 14. He was 93.

# LEGISLATIVE REPORT by Will Schwartz, deputy director of legislative services Cupp elected speaker after Householder is removed from post

On Dec. 31, 2004, Rep. Larry Householder (R-Glenford) left the Ohio House of Representatives, including his post as speaker of the House, due to term limits. Householder also exited under the cloud of a federal investigation into alleged money laundering and irregular campaign practices. No charges were filed.

January 2017 marked Householder's return to the House, and just two years later, he ascended to the speaker post. His second stint as speaker ended in historic fashion on July 30, 2020, by a unanimous vote of his peers to remove him from his post as the top-ranking House official.

This change in leadership was

spurred by an announcement on July 21 that Householder and four others were arrested by federal agents in connection with an alleged \$60 million bribery and racketeering investigation. Minutes before the House voted to remove Householder from his speaker post, a federal grand jury indicted the 61-year-old Perry County Republican, along with his four accused associates.

Shortly after 10 a.m. on July 30, Rep. **Jim Butler** (R-Oakwood) presided over an emergency session of the lower chamber with the intent to remove Householder as speaker. Butler, who also was a contender to replace Householder, conducted the session due to his role as speaker pro tempore, the second-highest leadership position in the House.

Rep. **Bill Seitz** (R-Cincinnati) made a motion to vacate the office of speaker. After several minutes of voting, the House voted 90-0 to remove Householder as speaker. Seitz then made a motion for the House to stand in recess. The motion carried, and lawmakers took a break after their historic act.

Statehouse reporters indicated that Republican lawmakers were set to caucus privately at 1:30 p.m. that day to hold a vote of the caucus on who it would select to become speaker. It was reported that the caucus was split between *Continued on page 5* 



## **Ripped From the Headlines: Diversity and inclusion lessons from around the country**

#### Tuesday, Sept. 1 • noon-1 p.m. • Cost: \$50

Panelists will review some of the top diversity and inclusion stories that made headlines during the 2019-20 school year. Join us for a discussion on the legal and practical impact these stories have on K-12 schools in Ohio and leave with tips and lessons learned from your colleagues and counterparts across the country.

Dr. Almitra L. Berry, founder, A L Berry Consulting Inc.; Stephen Francis, president, Franchise D&I Solutions LLC; and Rico Rice, president, Rice Education Consulting; moderator: Sara C. Clark, chief legal counsel, OSBA

# Accommodating Transgender Staff and Students in 2020

#### Tuesday, Oct. 6 • noon-1 p.m. • Cost: \$50

The laws regarding the rights of transgender staff and students and what public schools may or must do to accommodate their needs continues to evolve. In addition to examining the current status of the law, panelists will discuss frequently requested accommodation requests, including the use of names and pronouns consistent with gender identity, updates to school records, field trips, and access to restrooms and locker rooms aligned with gender identity.

Alex Shanks, associate director, Equitas Health, and Sara C. Clark, chief legal counsel, OSBA

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# **Collaboration Counts:** School district and governmental partnerships

## Thursday, Aug. 27 • 9 a.m.-4 p.m. • Virtual • Cost: \$100

#### 9 a.m. Welcome and overview

#### 9:15 a.m. Sharing and trading spaces

This panel will share best practices about locating health centers, public libraries or recreation centers on school district property. *Terrah J. Floyd, treasurer, Springboro Community City; Pete Ruby, superintendent, Huntington Local (Ross); James Hill, director, Chillicothe and Ross County Library, HSS Branch; Doug G. Stuart, board member, Rittman EV and Wayne County Schools Career Center; and Kathy Zimmer, executive director for telehealth services, Aultman Health Foundation* 

#### 10:30 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. Tax abatements, TIFs and other business incentives

This session will provide an overview of the legal implications and best practices for school districts that are affected by tax abatements, tax increment financing (TIFs) and other business incentive measures that can drain district resources. *Bob Lamb, economic development director,* 

Delaware County Board of Commissioners

Noon Lunch break

#### 12:30 p.m. Keeping the communication lines open

Former school board members who now serve as city council members, township trustees or state legislators will share best practices for communicating with schools and other entities.

#### Andy Teater, president, Hilliard City Council

1:15 p.m. Break

#### 1:30 p.m. When your work affects our work

A panel of school district administrators will discuss state projects that can adversely affect district operations.

Dr. Todd F. Hoadley, superintendent, and Brian L. Kern, treasurer, Dublin City; and Robert Morton, superintendent, Defiance City

- 2:30 p.m. Break
- 2:45 p.m. Best practices for school districts and their first responder partners

This session highlights the legal requirements and best practices for defining, formalizing and enhancing school and police partnerships. *Erin M. Wessendorf-Wortman, attorney, Ennis Britton Co. LPA* 

3:45 p.m. Wrap-up and adjourn

#### To register

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# OSBA Master of Transportation Administration (MTA) Program

Don't miss the kickoff of the 2020-21 MTA program. This series of workshops will help those involved in student transportation better understand and perform day-to-day operations.

These half-day workshops — offered from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. — include a working lunch and time for questions. Each class is scheduled twice; participants may sign up for either session. Each class is \$100, or you can purchase an MTA subscription for the workshop series; contact **Diana Paulins**, OSBA senior administrative assistant of board and management services, for subscription information. 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

#### Sept. 16 — Routing and technology

In today's school environment, it is essential to maximize route efficiency and get the best use out of your buses. This also becomes key as we manage continuing driver shortages. No one can afford to run extra buses or run buses with only a few students. We will look at some proven strategies for determining how many buses you really need and different styles of routing. This conversation also requires us to look at routing cost analysis. We will examine some of the technologies available to districts to assist with routing and their costs and benefits.

#### Oct. 28 — Personnel management

Employees can either "make or break" any operation. A transportation administrator must have some knowledge of labor practices to effectively manage staff, especially when there is a bargaining unit. Discussion will include not only working with contracts but also discipline, grievances, arbitration, negotiations and practices. We also will review driver qualifications and how to manage issues, evaluations and monitoring driver license records.

#### Dec. 2 — Transportation rules and regulations

Without a working knowledge of the laws and rules, the transportation administrator is flying blind. This class will walk through the key regulations that you might have overlooked, forgotten or not even have known existed. We will explore the relationship between federal, state and local regulations, talk about policy versus practice and then look at a checklist that every transportation department can use to measure its performance and compliance. This class is a favorite not only for brand new supervisors but also veterans and other school administrators who are responsible for pupil transportation service.

#### Feb. 3 or 10 — The transportation handbook

Transportation administrators cannot afford to "fly by the seat of their pants" or to be inconsistent in management practices. Guidelines and procedures are essential and can be the manager's best friend. Other issues that are related include board policy, administrative guidelines, labor agreements and other local resources. We will discuss the handbook development process as well as what to include in the handbook and how to keep it current.

#### March 3 or 10 — Public relations and working with the media

We will have two related focus points for this session. First, we will experience a live interview process to refine our skills in developing talking points and staying on target in an interview about a real event. Second, after focusing on reactive news responses, we will shift focus to proactive news relationships to inform your community about the resources your transportation department offers.

#### April 7 or 14 — Designing your operational plan and building keys for success

We will start this final class of the year by looking at how to put the operational plan together. What is your work calendar? When do you need to do what, and how do you schedule or delegate that project? Much of what we do has a critical work path, and unless you plan your work in advance it is easy to get "behind the curve" and feel like you are trying to catch up. After that, we will focus on building support networks, identifying friends and foes and how to recognize where you need allies to succeed. Building your stakeholders' group and support network is key to your success and helps broaden your potential for positive impact.

Register by contacting **Diana Paulins** at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or mta@ohioschoolboards.org. You also can purchase a subscription plan for all the workshops in this series; contact Paulins for more information.

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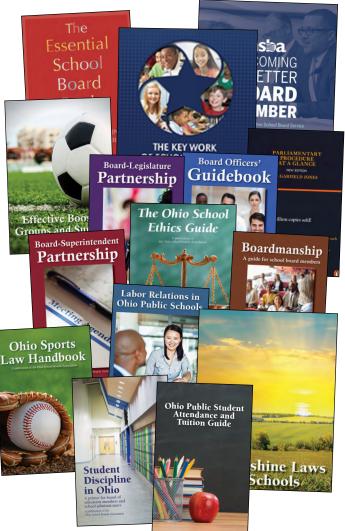
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#### *Legislative Report, continued from page 4*

Rep. **Robert R. Cupp** (R-Lima) and Butler. The caucus decided that whoever received the most votes of the caucus would win its full support during a vote on the floor of the House, thus achieving the required majority of all votes cast by the representatives.

Just before 5 p.m., lawmakers returned after several hours of caucusing. In an unexpected move, Rep. **Jeffrey A. Crossman** (D-Parma) made a motion to expel Householder from the House before Republicans could make a separate motion to nominate someone new for speaker. Householder has indicated he has no intention of resigning.

The motion failed 54-38, despite the following four Republican lawmakers supporting the expulsion: Reps. **Dave Greenspan** (R-Westlake); **Gayle Manning** (R-North Ridgeville); **Scott Oelslager** (R-North Canton); and **Thomas F. Patton** (R-Strongsville).

Republican lawmakers reportedly opted not to expel Householder from the House that



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day due to a state constitutional limitation on the number of times a lawmaker may be expelled from the chamber for the same cause. Householder is up for reelection in the Nov. 3 general election. If he won, lawmakers would be unable to expel him at the start of the 134th General Assembly if they had previously expelled him for the same cause.

Rep. **Timothy A. Ginter** (R-Salem) then rose with a motion to nominate Cupp to serve as speaker of the House. Ginter was one of several lawmakers who had expressed an intent to replace Householder, but later rallied with others to support veteran Allen County lawmaker Cupp.

Ginter stated, "In the midst of all types of situation, (Cupp) is a man, is a statesman, is an individual that handles himself with integrity and character. Bob Cupp will listen to us. Bob Cupp will establish fairness in the Ohio House."

Rep. Jason Stephens (R-Kitts Hill) seconded the motion and offered support, and Rep. Niraj J. Antani (R-Miamisburg) moved that the nominations for speaker be closed. Lawmakers then voted 55-38 to elect Cupp, from the 4th House District, to become the 100th individual to serve as speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives.

Despite supporting a Republican for speaker earlier in the 133rd General Assembly, all House Democrats voted against Cupp's nomination for speaker. Rep. **Emilia Sykes** (D-Akron), who *Continued on page 6* 

# **PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!**

compiled by Scott Gerfen, assistant editor

### Triad Local Schools sell face masks to support COVID-19 needs

With the coronavirus pandemic driving up classroom costs, one school district in southwest Ohio hopes a fundraiser will help pay expenses.

**Triad Local (Champaign)** Schools is selling face masks, which will be required for in-person instruction in the new school year, Superintendent **Vickie Hoffman** told a local newspaper.

The masks cost \$12 each and feature two designs, either the cardinal mascot or "T," in red,

black or white, the school colors.

Some of the proceeds will go to boosters and the extra expenses associated with COVID-19.

"The money will go right back into the things we need for this pandemic," Hoffman said. "Proceeds go toward buying things like disposable masks, cloth masks for those that cannot afford them, extra hand sanitizer (and more)."

According to the district's reopening plans, masks are required for most students while

on buses; in hallways; in classrooms, if social distancing cannot take place; and may be required during small groups.

The masks are made by a local company, Hometown Roots by MJ, which is owned by **Jenna Hoffman**, a Triad Local graduate and **Mandy Higbee**. Hoffman is not related to the superintendent.

"We wanted to give back to the community and help out our local schools," Higbee said.

Source: Springfield News-Sun

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serves as leader of the minority party, told reporters after the vote, "We do not trust them."

Three Republican legislators also voted against Cupp: Reps. **Thomas E. Brinkman Jr.** (R-Mount Lookout), **Candice Keller** (R-Hamilton) and **Bill Dean** (R-Xenia).

Later that day, Ohio Supreme Court Justice **Judith L. French** administered the oath of office with Cupp's wife, **Libby**, in attendance.

In addressing his colleagues from the dais, the new speaker said, "I am deeply grateful to have earned the support of my colleagues in the Ohio House of Representatives — the people's house — who have entrusted me with the position of speaker. It is a great privilege to lead this chamber. It is imperative to restore the public trust in our elected officials. The duty of the legislative branch of government is to serve to enact laws in the best interest of the people of Ohio."

Cupp concluded with a pledge to meet a challenge posed by President **George Washington** and that is inscribed on the Thomas J. Moyer Ohio Judicial Center, which houses the state Supreme Court: "Let us raise a standard to which the wise and honest can repair."

As lawmakers left the Statehouse and returned home to their

districts, the final fate of Householder still remained unknown. What, too, remains unknown is the extent and reach of the alleged illicit actions and whether additional charges may be coming.

The same day of the speaker vote, U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio **David DeVillers**, whose office brought the charges against Householder and his associates, offered the following comment: "Dark money is a breeding ground for corruption. The investigation continues."

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

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- 29 Last day to submit emergency, current operating expenses or conversion levy to county auditor for May election — RC 5705.194, 5705.195, 5705.213, 5705.219(C) (95 days prior to election).
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