

# BRIEFCASE

## THE OHIO SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

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### Capital Conference materials shipped to school district treasurers

Packages containing name badges, tickets, ribbons and the Conference Guide for the 2017 OSBA Capital Conference and Trade Show have been sent to district treasurers. If your district has not yet registered for the 62nd annual conference, Nov. 12-14 in Columbus, contact **Ann Herritt** at (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA or download registration forms at <http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org/registration>. OSBA again offers a special member school district group registration rate: once a district has signed up more than six people for the conference, an unlimited number of additional individuals can register for free. For conference details, visit <http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org>.

### American, Ohio public education weeks are next month

American Education Week — Nov. 13-17 — provides the opportunity to honor public education and recognize those who work hard to ensure that every child receives a high-quality education. For further information, ideas, downloadable posters and support materials to help your district celebrate public education, see the article on page 4 of this issue of the Briefcase or visit [www.nea.org/aew](http://www.nea.org/aew). November also marks the first Ohio Public Education Appreciation Week. Legislation was enacted earlier this year designating the week before Thanksgiving for the commemoration.

### Study explores how hunger affects test performance

Students whose families are running low on food stamp benefits perform worse on math tests, according to a study by researchers at the University of South Carolina. Researchers say the monthly schedule for distributing food stamps in South Carolina coincides with testing schedules in such a way that students may have gone hungry for several days by test time. Other studies from across the U.S. show that students who experience chronic food insecurity struggle with testing and learning year-round.

### Ohio child poverty rates down but still above national average

Based on new U.S. Census Bureau data, nearly 70,000 Ohio children rose out of poverty from 2014 to 2016 and more than 30,000 gained health insurance coverage, according to the Children's Defense Fund Ohio. However, too many Ohio children still languish in poverty, the group said, with African-American, Hispanic and multiracial children experiencing poverty at much higher rates than white and Asian children. Poverty is defined as an annual income below \$24,563 for an average family of four. Extreme poverty is half that level, with almost 10% of Ohio's children living in households below that threshold. The group reported that the state child poverty rate

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#### Route workshop information to:

- ☐ Administrative assistants
- ☐ Administrators
- ☐ Business managers
- ☐ Transportation directors

fell from 21.3% in 2015 to 20.5% in 2016. Ohio's child poverty rate is above the national average.

### ODE posts FAQs about new graduation options

The new state budget bill authorized two more graduation options for students who entered ninth grade between July 1, 2014, and June 30, 2015. They provide an opportunity for students who do not meet one of the three existing pathways to earn a diploma. The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) recently posted a frequently asked questions page about the two additional options at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/12667>.

### Capital Conference App has comprehensive event details

The OSBA Capital Conference App provides the most up-to-date conference information. The free app features details on conference sessions, exhibitor listings and the

Student Achievement Fair as well as maps, session handouts and notifications of session changes. Attendees can create a customized conference schedule and create a user account to log into the app on multiple devices and see their schedule, handouts and notes. The app can be downloaded for iPad,

iPhone and Android devices from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. Visit <http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org/app> for details. Bricker & Eckler LLP is sponsoring the app.

### Training helps coaches deal with sudden cardiac arrest

The law requires coaches to annually complete a training course on sudden cardiac arrest in student athletes. For more information, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/20083>.

### OSBA online

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

Make the most of your Capital Conference experience by visiting the "Conference Advice" page at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/35798>. The page offers tips on what to do before the conference, during the event and after the conference. These tips can help make your conference a smooth, productive and enjoyable one.

### Marching band gives veterans a send-off

Members of Bellefontaine City's Bellefontaine High School Marching Band made sure local veterans received a proper send-off prior to departing for a trip to the nation's capital.

The band, under direction of **Jeremy Karg**, marched to the Logan County Fairgrounds, where it performed a variety of songs, including the Bellefontaine fight song and the "Star Spangled Banner."

Around 50 local veterans received an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C. While there, they visited war memorials and toured the city.

Karg hopes that students took away a feeling of gratitude as they honored the veterans.

Source: WBLR Radio



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# BULLETIN BOARD

compiled by Melanie Price, senior administrative assistant of communication services

## OSBA executive searches

### Superintendent

#### District

- ① Ohio State School for the Blind

#### Deadline

TBD

#### Contact

OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000

### Treasurer

#### District

- ① Bowling Green City
- ② Parma City

#### Deadline

Oct. 13

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## Board changes

Cuyahoga Heights Local (Cuyahoga) Board of Education member Dr. **Holly L. Thacker** announced her resignation effective Sept. 13. ●●● **East Liverpool City** appointed **Matt Handley** to the board effective Sept. 11. He replaced **William Cowan**, who resigned. ●●● **Fremont City** appointed **Violeta Rhea** to the board effective Sept. 18. She replaced **Jolene Chapman**, who resigned effective Aug. 24.

## Administrative changes

### Treasurers

**Dover City** hired Assistant Treasurer **Marsha K. Clark** as treasurer effective Jan. 1. She will replace **Brenda Hurst**, who is retiring. ●●● **London City** hired **Trevor R. Gummere** as treasurer effective Oct. 2. He replaced **Kristine Blind**, who took the treasurer position at **Gahanna-Jefferson City**. Gummere previously was the treasurer at **Mount Gilead EV**. ●●● **Mason City** hired **Shaun Bevan** as treasurer effective Oct. 9. He replaced **Ronda Johnson**, who took the treasurer position at **Wyoming City**. Bevan previously was the treasurer at **Kings Local (Warren)**.

## Sympathies

Former **Akron City** Superintendent **Charles Gordon Johnson** died Sept. 15. He was 72. ●●● **Hilles Glenn Kemp**, a member of the former **Belmont County** Board of Education, died Sept. 17. He was 91. ●●● Former **Benjamin Logan Local (Logan)** Board of Education member **John Robert "Bob" Henry** died Sept. 19. He was 81. ●●● **Cincinnati City** Board of Education member **A. Chris Nelms** died Sept. 19. He was 64. ●●● **R. Paul Bidlack**, a former member of the **Paulding**

### Editor's note

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

EV and the former **Grover Hill** School District boards of education in Paulding County, died Sept. 14. He was 92. ●●● Dr. **Marilyn J. Carnes**, a member of the **Pickaway-Ross Career & Technology Center** Board of Education and a former member of the **Zane Trace Local (Ross)** and the former **School Board of Ross County** (now **Ross-Pike ESC**) boards of education, died Sept. 13. She was 81. ●●● Former **Zanesville City** Board of Education member **Marvin Lee Eppley** died Sept. 14. He was 78.



## INFORMATION

by Angela Penquite, managing editor

### Plan now to celebrate American Education Week 2017

The National Education Association's (NEA) American Education Week (AEW) is Nov.



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

13-17. Take advantage of this week to spotlight the importance of providing every child in America with a quality public education, from kindergarten through college, and the need for everyone to do his or her part in making public schools great.

Created in 1921, AEW celebrates public education and honors individuals who are making a difference in the lives of public education students. The AEW tagline, "Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and Our Responsibility," reflects NEA's vision of calling upon all Americans to do their part in making public schools great for every child so they can grow and achieve in the 21st century.

The weeklong celebration includes a special observance each day of the week to spotlight the various individuals who are critical to building great public schools for the nation's 50 million K-12 students. AEW's celebration days include:

● Monday, Nov. 13: National kickoff. Schools across the country

will celebrate excellence in education by hosting kickoff events and activities.

● Tuesday, Nov. 14: Parents Day. Schools will invite parents into the classroom for a firsthand look at what the school day is like for their children.

● Wednesday, Nov. 15: Education Support Professionals Day. Individuals who provide invaluable services to schools are recognized for their outstanding work.

● Thursday, Nov. 16: Educator for a Day. Community leaders will be invited to serve as educators and experience the challenges of teaching and meeting the needs of students.

● Friday, Nov. 17: Substitute Educators Day. This day honors the educators who are called upon to replace regularly employed teachers.

#### Activity ideas

To help plan and promote AEW's celebration days, NEA is offering an online tool kit,

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## Management Development Series #4: Policy and recent legislation — students and instruction

Thursday, Oct. 19  
OSBA office, Columbus

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Cost is \$95



House Bill (HB) 49, the biennial budget bill, and the lame-duck session present numerous changes for districts. Also, get an in-depth look at HB 410, including changes to truancy and student discipline. Learn about HB 49 and lame-duck changes impacting students and instruction, including College Credit Plus, graduation requirements and more, as well as how these changes affect your board policies. In addition, the Ohio Department of Education will review the recently submitted Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) state plan.

### Agenda

**9:30 a.m. Registration**

**9:55 a.m. Welcome and overview**

**10 a.m. Every Student Succeeds Act — where are we now?**

ODE will provide an overview of Ohio's ESSA state plan and share an update on the current status and next steps.

*Dr. J. Christopher Woolard, senior executive director, Harvard Strategic Data Project, Center for Accountability and Continuous Improvement, Ohio Department of Education (ODE)*

**11 a.m. Break**

**11:15 a.m. Policy considerations**

Learn how this year's active legislature affects your

board policies. Review changes impacting students and instruction and the updates you need to make to be compliant.

*Kenna S. Haycox, senior policy consultant, OSBA*

**12:15 p.m. Lunch (provided)**

**1 p.m. Student truancy and discipline**

Explore the new truancy obligations imposed on school districts by HB 410. Discover how this impacts student discipline before reviewing some common mistakes districts make when imposing student discipline.

*Derek L. Towster, Esq., Scott Scriven LLP*

**2 p.m. Closing thoughts and adjourn**

The class is offered from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. Cost for the workshop is \$95 and includes lunch and materials. 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).

# 2017 Treasurers' Clinic

Tuesday, Oct. 10 • OSBA office, Columbus • Cost \$120

Plan now to attend the 2017 OSBA Treasurers' Clinic. This clinic provides the most current information on school district fiscal issues. **New for 2017: We're pleased to announce that the Treasurers' Clinic has been approved for five continuing professional education (CPE) credits and two Center for Public Investment Management (CPIM) credit hours.**

The Treasurers' Clinic is relevant to all members of a district's management team. Treasurers, business managers, board members, administrators and treasurer's office personnel are all encouraged to attend. Registration and continental breakfast begin at 8 a.m. The fee is \$120, which includes registration, continental breakfast, lunch and materials. You can register at [www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops) or by contacting OSBA's **Laurie Miller** at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or [Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org).

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# OSBA MASTER OF TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATION (MTA) PROGRAM

Don't miss the kickoff of the 2017-18 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 \$95, or you can purchase an MTA subscription for the workshop series; contact **Diana Paulins**, OSBA senior administrative assistant of policy 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](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/transportation-training-programs) to learn about the MTA certification program.



## Workshop dates and descriptions

### **Oct. 18 or 25 — Personnel management**

Transportation administrators must have some knowledge of labor practices to effectively manage their staffs. Discuss working with contracts, discipline, driver qualifications and evaluations and how to manage issues.

### **Nov. 29 or Dec. 6 — Transportation rules and regulations**

Explore federal, state and local regulations and a checklist that every transportation department can use to measure its performance and compliance. This class is a favorite for new supervisors, veteran supervisors and other school administrators who are responsible for pupil transportation services.

### **Feb. 7 or 14 — The transportation handbook**

Guidelines and procedures are essential and can be the manager's best friend. Discuss the handbook development process as well as what to include in the handbook and how to keep it current.

### **April 4 or 11 — Public relations and working with the media**

Experience a "live interview" process to learn how to develop talking points and stay on target in an interview. Also learn how to build proactive media relationships.

### **May 2 or 9 — Designing your operational plan and building keys for success**

Review how to put the operational plan together, including timelines and how to schedule or delegate projects. Discover how building support networks and stakeholder groups are key to your success.

Register online at [www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops). You also can purchase a subscription plan for all the workshops in this series. For questions about the program or to register, contact **Diana Paulins** at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or [mta@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:mta@ohioschoolboards.org).



# Expecting the Unexpected

*A workshop for central office and school building administrative assistants*

Friday, Oct. 13, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. • OSBA office, Columbus • Cost \$95

## Agenda

9:30 a.m.	<b>Registration and coffee</b>	11:45 a.m.	<b>Lunch and small group discussion</b>
10 a.m.	<b>Welcome and introductions</b>	12:30 p.m.	<b>How do I deal with difficult students (and parents)?</b>
10:15 a.m.	<b>Amid the chaos — board and superintendent relations</b> Even when great teamwork exists, responsibilities and relationships among boards and superintendents can be confusing. OSBA Director of Board and Management Services <b>Cheryl W. Ryan</b> will provide a clear explanation of these roles so navigating them on a day-to-day basis is easier.		Learn how listening skills and compassion can be used to defuse intense situations with students and parents. OSBA Senior Student Achievement Consultant <b>Kim Miller-Smith</b> shares how front line staff can use these strategies when the situation arises.
10:45 a.m.	<b>A reporter is in the lobby — working with the news media</b> What is the best way to address media inquiries and work with reporters, especially during a crisis? OSBA Communication Manager <b>Scott Gerfen</b> will provide valuable insight into the consideration needed before addressing the media.	1 p.m.	<b>Was I supposed to keep those records?</b> As a custodian of your district's records, it's important to know how long files are to be kept and appropriately stored. OSBA Deputy Director of Legal Services <b>Jennifer A. Hardin</b> will outline important policies on records retention, public records requests and personnel files.
11:15 a.m.	<b>How can I organize all these documents?</b> <b>Amanda Finney</b> and <b>Cheryl Domby</b> from BoardDocs will explain how organizing valuable documents safeguards essential school records and helps districts operate more effectively.	1:45 p.m. 2 p.m.	<b>Final discussion and wrap-up</b> <b>Adjourn</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).



# WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

## OSBA MTA Program

- ☐ Oct. 18, Columbus, \$95
- ☐ Oct. 25, Columbus, \$95
- ☐ Nov. 29, Columbus, \$95
- ☐ Dec. 6, Columbus, \$95
- ☐ Feb. 7, Columbus, \$95
- ☐ Feb. 14, Columbus, \$95
- ☐ April 4, Columbus, \$95
- ☐ April 11, Columbus, \$95
- ☐ May 2, Columbus, \$95
- ☐ May 9, Columbus, \$95

## Treasurers' Clinic

- ☐ Oct. 10, Columbus, \$120

## Expecting the Unexpected

- ☐ Oct. 13, Columbus, \$95

## Management Development Series #4: Policy and recent legislation — students and instruction

- ☐ Oct. 19, Columbus, \$95

## OSBA Workshop Registration Form

Workshop name \_\_\_\_\_ Workshop date \_\_\_\_\_  
Attendee name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
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 email **Laurie Miller**, senior events manager, at [Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org). Include a purchase order number with fax or email.



\_\_\_\_\_ *Please check here if you require special accommodations. Contact us or attach a written description of needs.*

**Please photocopy this form for each person**

## OSBA workshop registration procedures

OSBA sends email confirmation of registration if an email 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, email or online 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.

You may register on our website at [www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops). You will need a username and password.



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or fax

OSBA Registration Hotline,  
(614) 540-4000, ext. 300;  
toll free (800) 589-OSBA,  
ext. 300; or fax us at  
(614) 540-4100.



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

### Cancellation and refund policy

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

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complete with promotional materials, activity ideas and downloadable templates.

Some suggested activities include:

- Organize an AEW kickoff open house to celebrate education, teachers, education support professionals, substitute teachers, parents and students.
- Distribute a media alert and press release about your event. Get samples at [www.nea.org/aew](http://www.nea.org/aew).
- Use social media to promote the activities in your district. NEA has sample tweets and Facebook posts available in the AEW tool kit. Use the hashtag #AEW2017 in your tweets.
- Invite parents to have lunch with their children in the school cafeteria.
- Ask a local radio station to share “quiz” questions about the city’s schools.
- Organize an AEW bulletin board contest, in which each classroom works together with its teacher to design a bulletin board that reflects the week’s theme.
- Invite community members to read to elementary students.
- Work with your local newspaper on a feature story on the district, with photos of students involved in learning activities, plus essays from all grade levels.
- Encourage the community to wear school colors on Friday, Nov. 17.
- Give teachers, support staff, administrators and school board members note tablets with the inscription, “We’re Proud To Be in the Kid Business.”

- Invite students to perform before a PTO meeting.
- Encourage art classes to make vanity license plates for American Education Week and post them in school hallways and the administration building.
- Ask high school students to write thank-you notes to their favorite teachers.
- Give bus drivers cookies and

thank-you cards signed by all the students on their route.

- Ask local businesses to sponsor a lunch or continental breakfast for all school employees.
- Ask a high school graphic design class to make American Education Week posters to put up around the community.

Visit [www.nea.org/aew](http://www.nea.org/aew) for the complete tool kit.



## OSBA Book Club

### The fall selection: “Building Great School Board-Superintendent Teams”

Join us in reading “Building Great School Board-Superintendent Teams: A Systematic Approach to Balancing Roles and Responsibilities” by Dr. Michael T.

Adamson, director of school board services at the Indiana School Boards Association, and Dr. Bradley V.

Balch, a professor at Indiana State University. We’re excited that both authors plan to join us on the webinars, which will be held at 11:45 a.m. on Oct. 26 and Nov. 16.



### Ready to join? Its easy:

- Register at [www.ohioschoolboards.org/bookclub](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/bookclub).
- Follow the link sent to you to order a book for each participating reader. Discounted prices are available through OSBA’s bookstore at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/36476>.
- Note the dates and times for the webinars on your calendar and participate in the statewide conversation. You’ll receive a reminder about the webinars.
- Enjoy the read! OSBA is excited to create this opportunity for discussion in your district and across the state.

For questions, contact **Teri Morgan**, deputy director of board and management services, at (614) 540-4000 or [tmorgan@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:tmorgan@ohioschoolboards.org).

**Sign up today at [www.ohioschoolboards.org/bookclub](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/bookclub)!**



## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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compiled by Angela Penquite, managing editor

### Promoting innovative uses of technology

The Vernier Technology Awards reward the innovative use of data collection technology using a computer, graphing calculator or other handheld device in the science classroom.

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

**Eligibility:** K-12 science teachers

**Deadline:** Dec. 15

**Contact:** [www.vernier.com/grants/nsta](http://www.vernier.com/grants/nsta)

### Promoting aerospace education

The Educator Grant program, sponsored by the Air Force Association, promotes aerospace education activities in classrooms

and encourages development of innovative aerospace activities within the prescribed curriculum.

**Maximum awards:** \$500

**Eligibility:** K-12 teachers

**Deadline:** Dec. 15

**Contact:** <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/58264>

### Grants to develop wildlife education

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) is offering grants to Ohio educators who have successfully used Project WILD in their classrooms or conducted informal educational programs. The Wildlife Education project or program allows educators to take lesson plans

outdoors, bringing conservation education concepts to life for students. Criteria on these first-come, first-served grants includes participation in one of Ohio's Project WILD programs, the dissemination of factual and science-based information on native Ohio wildlife, involvement of the students in the projects as much as possible and correlation of the projects to the educator's curriculum or program goals.

**Maximum awards:** \$500

**Eligibility:** schools currently participating in Project WILD

**Deadline:** June 30

**Contact:** <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/39540>



## LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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by Jay Smith, deputy director of legislative services

### Senate Education Committee hears e-school accountability bill

The Senate Education Committee recently held a hearing on Senate Bill (SB) 39, legislation that would enact a number of provisions that would increase oversight and transparency of online charter schools, or e-schools, as initiated in House Bill 2 of the 131st General Assembly.

The legislation, sponsored by Sen. **Joe Schiavoni** (D-Boardman), would require e-schools to submit a monthly report on student participation in learning opportunities to the Ohio Department of Education (ODE). These schools also would need to notify the student's parent, ODE

and the school district of residence if a student fails to participate in learning opportunities for 10 consecutive days. In addition, e-school representatives would be required to confer with a student's parents if his or her performance declines.

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## PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Scott Gerfen, assistant editor

### Berea City alum donates company; students running business

Instead of selling his company or passing it onto his children, a **Berea City** Schools alum made a unique donation.

**Doug Kawiecki**, a 1980 graduate of Berea High School and owner of ACM Signs & Graphics, donated his company to the district and helped create an innovative entrepreneurial program at Berea-Midpark High School. He told a local TV station his wife inspired him to do it.

Kawiecki's donation included

\$75,000 worth of equipment and a computerized router.

Students are now learning how to make professional signs and run a small business.

"This class is very different, a lot of hands-on work," junior **Nicholas Ruggiero** said. "No books involved."

The company, which sells real signs, is now called Lightning Strike Imaging ([www.lightningstrikeimaging.com](http://www.lightningstrikeimaging.com)).

"It's just something new that I

haven't really done before," senior **Adriana Riley** said. "Learning how to carve into wood, making posters and stuff like that. I think that's pretty cool."

Teacher **Jim Bycznski** said he's teaching students how to create a product that has craftsmanship and a spreadsheet to track supplies and materials.

The students already have profited \$3,000, which goes into the district's general fund.

Source: WEWS-TV

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A provision in SB 39 seeks to affirm in law that e-schools must "provide" rather than "offer" 920 hours of learning opportunities to students in each academic year. For a student to count as a full-time equivalency of 1.0, the percentage of learning opportunities provided by the e-school to that student must be equal to the amount of time that the student is actively engaged in learning opportunities. The Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow (ECOT) claimed in a lawsuit it filed against ODE that current law does not require e-schools to actively educate students if class materials are made available online.

SB 39 also seeks to elevate transparency in e-school operation. For example, certain school report card elements would be reported on promotional materials. Public meetings of the governing board would be streamed online as the meetings occurred. Sponsors would be required to report to ODE if the e-school fails to comply with the required International Association for K-12 Online Learning standards.

Additionally, the legislation clarifies other issues. It would limit contracts between school operators and the governing authority to a term of three years, and subsequent agreements would be required to reflect any applicable

modifications made prior to renewal. Attendance requirements and rules would be strengthened by including them in the contracts between the sponsor and the e-school's governing authority.

SB 39 also includes a provision specifying that when the state auditor issues a finding for recovery from a charter school audit, that money would be returned to the school district from which it had been deducted.

For more information on SB 39 go to OSBA's BillTracker page at [www.ohioschoolboards.org/billtracker](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/billtracker).

*Editor's note:* All information in this article was current as of Sept. 28, 2017.

## October

- 10 Treasurers' Clinic.....Columbus
- 10 Last day for voter registration for November election — RC 3503.01, 3503.19(A) (30 days prior to election).
- 12 Southwest Region Fall Conference.....Cincinnati
- 13 Expecting the Unexpected Workshop.....Columbus
- 15 Last day for certification of licensed employees to State Board of Education — RC 3317.061.
- 18 OSBA Master of Transportation Administration Program: Personnel management.....Columbus
- 19 Management Development Series #4: Policy and recent legislation — students and instruction.....Columbus
- 19 Northwest Region Fall Conference.....Archbold
- 25 OSBA Master of Transportation Administration Program: Personnel management.....Columbus
- 26 Deadline for filing pre-general election campaign finance report for certain candidates, detailing contributions and expenditures from 4:01 p.m. on the last day reflected in the previous report through 4 p.m. on the twentieth day before the election (October 18) — RC 3517.10(A)(1) (12th day prior to election).

- 31 End of first ADM reporting period — RC 3317.03(A).

## November

- 1 Last day for classroom teachers to develop online classroom lessons ("blizzard bags") in order to make up hours for which it is necessary to close schools — RC 3313.482(A)(3)(a).
- 7 General Election Day — RC 3501.01 (first Tuesday after the first Monday).
- 12-14 OSBA Capital Conference and Trade Show.....Columbus
- 12 Northwest Region Executive Committee Meeting.....Columbus
- 12 Southeast Region Executive Committee Meeting.....Columbus
- 13 Central Region Executive Committee Meeting.....Columbus
- 29 OSBA Master of Transportation Administration Program: Transportation rules and regulations.....Columbus

## December

- 1 Winter School Finance Workshop.....Columbus
- 5 MDS #5: Early Intervention and De-escalation Techniques in Schools.....Columbus
- 5 Southwest Region Executive Committee Meeting.....Lebanon

- 6 OSBA Master of Transportation Administration Program: Transportation rules and regulations.....Columbus
- 6 Northeast Region Executive Committee Meeting.....Wadsworth
- 7 SchoolComp Safety Seminar.....Columbus
- 12 Hot Topics in School Law Webinar
- 15 Deadline for filing post-general election campaign finance statement for certain candidates, detailing contributions and expenditures from 4:01 p.m. on the last day reflected in the previous statement through 4 p.m. on the seventh day before filing the statement (December 8) — RC 3517.10(A) (1) (38th day after election).
- 31 Last day for treasurer to canvass the board to establish a date of the organizational meeting — RC 3313.14.

## 2018 January

- 15 Deadline for boards of education of city, exempted village, vocational and local school districts to meet and organize — RC 3313.14; last day for boards of education of city, exempted village, vocational and local school districts to adopt tax budgets for the coming school fiscal year — RC 5705.28(A) (1).