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Citing funding woes, charter school group shutting down operations

The Ohio Alliance for Public Charter Schools is disbanding at the end of the year after a decade of advocating for school choice. According to the Gongwer News Service, the alliance's Board Chairman **Chad Readler** told supporters in an email that the decision was prompted by rapid changes in the charter school industry and a lack of funding that prevents charter schools from paying membership dues to the group. "As much as we have tried to adapt, and as much as we believe our work has benefitted the charter movement, the board of directors has decided that the alliance is no longer well-positioned to help lead our movement," Readler said in the email.

Trump's education secretary pick a forceful school privatization supporter

President-elect **Donald Trump's** choice for U.S. Secretary of Education is Michigan billionaire **Betsy DeVos**. As chair of the pro-school choice group American Federation for Children, DeVos is a powerful advocate of privatizing public education by passing laws to publicly fund private school tuition with vouchers and similar programs. She also was behind the push to expand Michigan's charter schools, most of which perform worse than public schools in reading and math. Trump's choice worries many in public education because he has called for a \$20 billion voucher program.

ODE announces launch of free mobile app

The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) has launched a free mobile app for iPhone and Android devices. The Ohio Department of Education Mobile App offers access to the latest education news; educator and family resources; school report cards and other school information; and ODE updates. The app can be found in the Apple App Store and the Google Play Store by searching Ohio Department of Education.

OSBA again offering free electronic Briefcase subscription

Districts can get the OSBA Briefcase newsletter free if *all* subscribers sign up to receive it electronically. If anyone in the district does not choose the electronic option, the district rate of \$135 for up to 15 subscribers applies. Please note your district's preference on the 2017 OSBA membership invoice.

School Management News discount continues for 2017

OSBA is again offering the School Management News newsletter at a 21% discount to member districts in which *all* subscribers choose to receive the publication electronically. The electronic subscription rate is \$150 annually for up to 15 subscribers, a \$40 savings over the paper newsletter. Please indicate which option your district prefers on the 2017 OSBA membership invoice.

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Award of Achievement deadline is Jan. 20

The deadline for submitting applications for OSBA's Award of Achievement and Master Board Member honors is Jan. 20. The awards recognize school board members for participating in workshops, volunteering for service to OSBA and working on behalf of their own boards. Application forms are available at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/43085>. For more information on the program, see page 4.

Consortium offering school breakfast program grants

Ohio is one of 10 states where schools can apply for grants to help increase breakfast program participation. A consortium of groups operating as Partners for Breakfast in the Classroom offers the program; a \$7.5 million Walmart Foundation grant helps support it. The program provides

schools free breakfasts and moves them from the cafeteria to the classroom to serve more children. The program aims to eliminate barriers to breakfast that include school bus schedules, late arrivals, pressure to go directly to class and reluctance to be labeled a low-income student. The grants are

accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis. For details, visit <http://breakfastintheclassroom.org>.

NSBA conference discount deadline is early next month

The National School Boards Association Annual Conference early registration discount deadline is Jan. 10. The 77th annual event is set for March 25-27 in Denver. For more information, visit www.nsba.org/conference.

OSBA online

● www.ohioschoolboards.org

Social media was a popular way for attendees and Trade Show exhibitors to share their experiences at the 2016 OSBA Capital Conference. During the four-day event, OSBA's conference tweets (hashtag #OSBACC) were viewed over 53,000 times, retweeted more than 130 times and liked over 235 times. The hashtag was used more than 1,000 times in November.

School clubs host Santa's Workshop

Wearing Santa hats and holiday sweaters, students at Elyria City's Elyria High School welcomed hundreds of children for a day of crafts and treats.

Santa's Workshop was all about the youngsters who filled the school cafeteria to create Christmas trees, ornaments and other holiday items.

School clubs, such as National Honor Society and Key Club, hosted the Saturday event for elementary students.

"We thought it would be a great way to get involved in the community and let kids in Elyria have a fun time and get in the holiday spirit," the school's National Honor Society President **Jessie Lee**, 17, told a local newspaper.

Source: The Morning Journal



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compiled by Melanie Price, administrative assistant of communication services

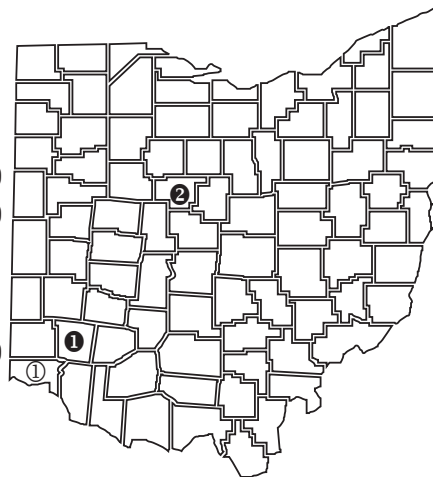
OSBA executive searches

Superintendent

District	Deadline	Contact
① Warren County Career Center	Jan. 16	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
② Pleasant Local (Marion)	Jan. 27	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000

Treasurer

District	Deadline	Contact
① Deer Park Community City	Feb. 16	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000



Other searches

Position	District	Deadline	Contact
Treasurer	Conotton Valley Union Local (Harrison)	Jan. 6	Kevin Spears, superintendent, East Central Ohio ESC, 834 E. High Ave., New Philadelphia, OH 44663
Assistant treasurer	Olentangy Local (Delaware)	Dec. 31	Todd Meyer, chief operations officer, Olentangy Local, (740) 657-4016

National searches

Position	District	Deadline	Contact
Superintendent	Webster, Mass.	Jan. 13	Dorothy Presser, field director, Massachusetts Association of School Committees, (800) 392-6023

Board changes

Bethel-Tate Local (Clermont) appointed **Gary Shepherd** to the board effective Nov. 29. He replaced **Andrew Hamrick**, who resigned. ●●● **Gahanna-Jefferson City** appointed **Jennifer Chrysler** to the board effective Dec. 8. She replaced **Joseph Gottron**, who resigned. ●●● **Licking Heights Local (Licking)** Board of Education member **Matt Satterwhite** announced his resignation effective Dec. 1. He moved out of the district.

Editor's note

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

Administrative changes

Superintendents

Switzerland of Ohio Local (Monroe) hired **Jeff Greenley** as interim superintendent effective Dec. 9. He replaced **John C. Hall**. Greenley previously was the district's human resources director. ●●● **Vantage Career Center** Superintendent **Staci Kaufman** announced her retirement effective July 31.

Treasurers

Continental Local (Putnam) hired **Beverly Sabo** as treasurer effective Dec. 19. She replaced **Kathleen Schmitz**, who took the assistant treasurer position at **Van Wert City**. Sabo previously was the assistant treasurer/accounts receivable clerk at **Tri-County ESC**. ●●● **Old Fort Local (Seneca)** hired **Tom Siloy** as treasurer effective Dec. 19. He replaced **John Kahmann**, who took the treasurer position at **Gibsonburg EV**. Siloy previously was the treasurer at **Bellevue City**.

Sympathies

Former **East Palestine City** Board of Education member **Ruth H. Rudloff** died Dec. 3. She was 97. ●●● Former **Windham EV** Superintendent **H. Robert Wert** died Nov. 30. He was 85.



INFORMATION

by Angela Penquite, managing editor

Award of Achievement applications due in January

Board members dedicate many hours of service to their districts and communities. They serve as president of their local boards, represent their districts on career center boards or serve as their district's legislative or student achievement liaison to OSBA. Many board members also are very active in OSBA, attending workshops, serving on various association committees and participating in regional, state and national events.

OSBA created the Award of Achievement and Master Board Member awards to honor the commitment of these board members. Board members can earn points for the activities they are already involved in: attending conferences and workshops; serving as their local board's president or representative to a career center board; or serving as a delegate, OSBA officer or OSBA committee member.

The Award of Achievement is a special distinction available only to Ohio school board members from OSBA member districts. Board members earning 100 points within a two-year period are eligible for the Award of Achievement. The credits must have been accumulated between January 2015 and December 2016. In-service and special activity credit values are listed on the application.

Excess credits submitted may not be carried over for other Awards of Achievement but may be used toward the Master Board Member Award. The Master Board Member Award, a lifetime distinction, is given to those leaders who earn 300 Award of Achievement credits over a four-year period.

The application deadline for the awards is Jan. 20. Applications can be downloaded at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/43085>. If

you need a printed application, contact OSBA at (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA. Award winners will be notified after the application information is verified. The 2016 awards will be presented at the 2017 spring region conferences.

Board members can confirm the OSBA committees they have served on and workshops they've attended by visiting the OSBA website (www.ohioschoolboards.org). You must log in, then click on "My Account" at the top right of the page to see a list of workshops attended, upcoming training and 2016 committees and roles. If you do not have a username or password, follow the "First time logging in?" or "Forgot password?" prompts in the Login box.

If you have questions about the Award of Achievement, Master Board Member award or the

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Save the date

Mark your calendar for these important workshops.

January 21

New Board Member Workshop
OSBA office, Columbus
\$165, full day

January 28

Board Officers Training
Hilton Garden Inn, Findlay
\$170, full day

January 28

Board Officers Training
Hilton Garden Inn Dayton South,
Miamisburg
\$170, full day

February 1

*OSBA Master of Transportation
Administration Program: Driver records/
background check/compliance needs*
OSBA office, Columbus
\$90, half day

February 7

*OSBA Master of Transportation
Administration Program: Driver records/
background check/compliance needs*
OSBA office, Columbus
\$90, half day

February 11

Board Officers Training
OSBA office, Columbus
\$170, full day

February 11

Board Officers Training
Northeast Ohio Medical University,
Rootstown
\$170, full day

February 27

*SchoolComp Workers' Compensation
Workshop*
Hilton Garden Inn Dayton South,
Miamisburg
Free, half day

March 2

*SchoolComp Workers' Compensation
Workshop*
Owens Community College, Findlay
Free, half day

March 3

Special Education Law Workshop
OSBA office, Columbus
\$155, full day

March 3

*SchoolComp Workers' Compensation
Workshop*
Northeast Ohio Medical University,
Rootstown
Free, half day

March 7

Management Development Series #1
OSBA office, Columbus
\$95, half day

March 14

*SchoolComp Workers' Compensation
Workshop*
Ohio University Inn and Conference
Center, Athens
Free, half day

March 15

State Legislative Conference
Statehouse Atrium, Columbus
\$135, half day

March 16

*SchoolComp Workers' Compensation
Workshop*
OSBA office, Columbus
Free, half day

March 17

Cyberlaw Workshop
OSBA office, Columbus
\$155, full day

April 5

*OSBA Master of Transportation
Administration Program: Emergency
transportation planning*
OSBA office, Columbus
\$90, half day

April 11

*OSBA Master of Transportation
Administration Program: Emergency
transportation planning*
OSBA office, Columbus
\$90, half day

April 18

Management Development Series #2
OSBA office, Columbus
\$95, half day

April 21-22

Board Leadership Institute
Hilton Polaris, Columbus
\$255, two days

May 3

*OSBA Master of Transportation
Administration Program: Fleet compliance*
OSBA office, Columbus
\$90, half day

May 9

*OSBA Master of Transportation
Administration Program: Fleet compliance*
OSBA office, Columbus
\$90, half day

May 17

Management Development Series #3
OSBA office, Columbus
\$95, half day

June 16

OCSBA Spring Seminar
Nationwide Hotel and Conference Center,
Lewis Center
\$210, full day

June 23

Sports Law Workshop
Embassy Suites, Columbus
\$165, full day

Get up to speed quickly!

Don't miss the New Board Member Workshop



Saturday, Jan. 21 • 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
OSBA office, Columbus • Cost is \$165

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

This intensive workshop will focus on the world of boardmanship; communicating effectively; board policy 101; Ohio public school funding; transportation, policy and employee relations issues; and open meetings and public records laws.

Cost for the workshop is \$165 per board member. Four books are included with workshop tuition: “Boardmanship,” “Board-Treasurer Partnership,” “Board-Superintendent Partnership” and “Board-Legislature Partnership.”

Agenda

8:30 a.m.	Registration and continental breakfast (provided)	11:30 a.m.	School finance update <i>OSBA legislative services division</i>
9 a.m.	Welcome	12:30 p.m.	Lunch (provided)
9:15 a.m.	Boardmanship — roles and responsibilities <i>OSBA school board services division</i>	1 p.m.	Policy <i>OSBA management services division</i>
10:15 a.m.	Legislative and lobbying <i>OSBA legislative services division</i>	2 p.m.	Legal update <i>OSBA legal services division</i>
11:15 a.m.	Break	3:30 p.m.	Closing remarks and questions

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. Register online at www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops or contact **Laurie Miller**, senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org.

Become a better board leader

Attend the Board Officers Training

Two dates and four locations to choose from:

● **Saturday, Jan. 28, at the Hilton Garden Inn in Findlay or Hilton Garden Inn Dayton South in Miamisburg**

● **Saturday, Feb. 11, at the OSBA office in Columbus or Northeast Ohio Medical University in Rootstown**

The workshops run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. • Cost is \$170

These workshops, led by experienced OSBA staff, will present the tools you need to improve your boardmanship skills and effectively lead your district. You don't have to be a board officer to attend; board members looking to increase their leadership skills also can benefit.

School board officers serve critical leadership roles in their districts. The president is the visible leader of the board and responsible for the efficient and legal operation of board business.

Unfortunately, too many board officers attempt to fulfill these roles by going it alone. They believe on-the-job training is all they need to responsibly lead the board, but it is crucial for you to be well-informed and have the skills to carry out your leadership duties effectively. Bring your questions about leadership roles.

Topics to be covered include legal duties and responsibilities; planning a productive board meeting; practical parliamentary procedure; public participation at board meetings; open meetings and executive sessions; successful communications; responding to media requests; building team relationships; consensus building; indicators of an effective board; and effective facilitation.

Cost for the workshop is \$170 per board member, and includes a copy of the "Board Presidents' Handbook."

Agenda

8:30 a.m.	Registration and continental breakfast	12:30 p.m.	Lunch (provided)
9 a.m.	Leading the governance team <i>OSBA school board services division</i>	1:30 p.m.	Management and policy matters for 2017 <i>OSBA management services division</i>
10:30 a.m.	Break	2:45 p.m.	Questions and wrap up
10:45 a.m.	Keeping it legal: What board officers need to know <i>OSBA legal services division</i>	3 p.m.	Adjourn



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WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

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☐ Feb. 11, Rootstown, \$170

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. 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. You will need a username and password.



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Phone
or fax

OSBA Registration Hotline,
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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. 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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application process, contact **Judy Morgan**, OSBA senior

administrative assistant of school board services, at (614) 540-4000,

(800) 589-OSBA or jmorgan@ohioschoolboards.org.



LEGISLATIVE REPORT

by Jay Smith, deputy director of legislative services

Lame-duck session closes out 131st General Assembly

The 131st General Assembly concluded with a spirited lame-duck session involving several legislative items impacting public education and local school districts in Ohio. Following is a summary of bills and provisions that the legislature passed during the last several weeks. A few of these bills were dubbed Christmas tree bills due to the large number of amendments — or ornaments — added.

Senate Bill (SB) 3 — Originally passed by the Senate, this legislation sat for nearly 18 months in the House, where it was subject to controversial amendment discussions. During the lame-duck session, the controversial amendments were not brought up.

In its final version, among other items listed below, the bill limits the cumulative time spent on the administration of state assessments to 2% of the school year beginning in 2017-18. In addition, the bill seeks to limit the cumulative time used for taking practice or diagnostic assessments to 1% of the school year. However, a district may exceed this limitation if the

local board adopts a resolution following at least one public hearing.

The bill also eliminates the current requirement that school districts administer writing and mathematics diagnostic assessments to first- and second-graders and writing for third-graders. In addition, the bill exempts certain students from taking the college and career readiness assessment and directs the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) to look at alternative measures of career-technical skill attainment and related assessments.

The bill allows for regulatory relief for districts that meet the definition of “qualified school district,” in addition to some provisions that can be applied to all districts. To meet the definition of a qualified school district, a district must achieve, on its most recent report card, at least 85% of total possible points on its performance index score; receive an A grade for performance indicators met; and have a four-year adjusted cohort graduation

rate of at least 93% and five-year adjusted cohort graduation rate of at least 95%.

Qualified school districts will be exempt from certain requirements for three years after receiving this designation. Those exemptions include several requirements of current law regarding teacher qualifications under the third-grade reading guarantee, mentoring under the Ohio Teacher Residency Program, teacher licensing and class size restrictions.

Additional provisions applied to all districts include an increase in the competitive bidding threshold for school building and repair contracts from \$25,000 to \$50,000; an expansion of the grades offered by STEM schools to K-12; the removal of the requirement for a superintendent to sign diplomas for home-schooled students; and the establishment of a seal of biliteracy and the requirement that each district identifies students who have completed this level of proficiency.

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The bill also includes provisions that make changes to joint vocational school district (JVSD) board membership by removing term limits, allowing for staggered terms and specifying that either a board member of a local school district or an individual with knowledge of the local workforce needs can be appointed to a JVSD board. The appointments to JVSD boards will continue to be made by the participating local school district

boards.

SB 3 also incorporated most of House Bill (HB) 441, which permits students enrolled in a nonpublic school to participate in interscholastic activities at the school district in which the student's nonpublic school is located if certain criteria are met, including the resident district superintendent's approval. The bill also specifies that a district cannot prohibit a student from participating in interscholastic athletics solely due to the student's participation in College Credit Plus.

Additional provisions in SB 3 expand the grade levels from eight to 11 to six to 11 for a school to provide information to students about advanced standing programs offered and eliminate ODE's responsibility for approval of online lessons and blizzard bags to make up school hours.

Go to OSBA's Bill Tracker at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/98770> for a complete list of provisions included in SB 3.

SB 235 — This legislation authorizes a property tax

exemption for the increased value of property planned for commercial or industrial development until completion or up to six years. OSBA opposed this legislation due to the potential loss of revenue for local school districts and governments. Prior to final passage, SB 235 was amended to give the decision-making authority to local governments over whether to grant the exemption to the property owner. The final bill also requires the owner to notify the board of education of any traditional or joint vocational school district in which the parcel is located.

HB 384 — This legislation addresses state institutions of higher education being subject to performance audits conducted by the state auditor. Prior to final passage, an amendment was added to the bill that reduces the assessed value on water utility tangible personal property from 88% to 25% on new investment or replacement property. Aqua Ohio had sought this legislative change in past legislation that was ultimately vetoed by the governor.

HB 410 — The bill deals with school truancy by considering the root causes of absenteeism. The final version of this bill prohibits expelling or suspending a student solely on the basis of the student's absences from school. Should a student reach a certain threshold of absences, the school would be required to establish an absence

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PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Scott Gerfen, assistant editor

Student collects toys for sick children

A **Green Local (Summit)** Green High School student brought some cheer to children who have to spend the holidays at Akron Children's Hospital.

Senior **Brandi Wells** collected new toys for children of all ages during the district's holiday concerts. She plays in the wind ensemble.

"I want people to think about those children having to stay in the hospital for Christmas, and how much a new toy would show them

that people care about them and want them to have a nice holiday," she told a local newspaper.

Wells said she got the idea for a toy drive from a band teacher who had twins who had to spend time in the hospital after they were born. Wells' mother also assists in planning the toy drive.

This was the third year for the collection effort.

"We were a little more successful last year because word had gotten out about the toy drive," Wells

said. "I thought having a collection during the all-day concert was a good opportunity to help make it even more successful."

The donated toys were wrapped in red holiday paper for girls and green paper for boys.

After graduation, Wells plans to study special education. She has been accepted to the Williams Honors College at the University of Akron. She's also considering Kent State University.

Source: **Akron.com**

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intervention team to create a plan to re-engage the student. After a period of time, if the intervention team does not feel the student has made substantial progress on the intervention plan, the school will be required to file a complaint in juvenile court.

School districts with a chronic absenteeism rate below 5%, as displayed on the district's most recent report card, are exempt from the requirements to assign habitually truant students to an absence intervention team for the following school year. However, beginning in the 2017-18 school year, all local boards will be required to adopt a new or amended policy in addressing

student absences that include an intervention plan. The bill gives discretionary authority to the school board for school work to be made up should a student be suspended and creates a pilot program under the Ohio Family and Children First Cabinet Council for multidisciplinary truancy teams.

HB 438 — This bill designates the week prior to the week of Thanksgiving Day as Ohio Public Education Appreciation Week. In addition, the bill was amended to: require instruction on organ and tissue donation as part of the health curriculum; align school counselor evaluations with other evaluations; reduce the local share

of construction projects for school districts that merge or consolidate; and allow regular and priority bidding to take place at the same time when districts dispose of property.

HB 89 — This legislation was amended in the Senate to address Ohio Medicaid School Program (MSP) federal compliance issues raised by the Ohio Department of Medicaid and ODE. The bill allows school-based therapists with Medicaid provider agreements to write the required Medicaid referrals under MSP.

Editor's note: All information in this article was current as of Dec. 13.

December

- 31 Last day for treasurer to canvass the board to establish a date of the organizational meeting — RC 3313.14.

2017 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).
- 17 Last day to submit certification for May conversion levy to tax commissioner — RC 5705.219(B) (105 days prior to election).
- 20 Last day for boards of education to submit fiscal tax-year budget to county auditor — RC 5705.30.
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- 27 Last day to submit May emergency, current operating expenses or conversion levy to county auditor for May election — RC 5705.194, 5705.195, 5705.213, 5705.219 (95 days prior to election).

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- 31 Deadline for educational service center (ESC) governing boards to meet and organize — RC 3313.14; annual campaign finance reports must be filed by certain candidates, political action committees, caucus committees (legislative campaign funds) and political parties (by 4 p.m.) detailing contributions and expenditures from the last day reflected in the previous report through Dec. 31, 2016 — RC 3517.10(A)(3).

February

- 1 OSBA Master of Transportation Administration Program: Driver records, background check and compliance needs.....Columbus
- 1 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 May election — RC 133.18(D); last day for county auditor to certify school district bond levy terms for May election — RC 133.18(C); last day to submit continuing replacement, permanent improvement or operating levy for May election to board of elections — RC 5705.192, 5705.21, 5705.25; last day to certify resolution for school district income

- tax levy, conversion levy or renewal of conversion levy for May election to board of elections — RC 5748.02(C), 5705.219(C) and (G); last day to submit emergency levy for May election to board of elections — RC 5705.195; last day to submit phased-in levy or current operating expenses levy for May election to board of elections — RC 5705.251(A) (90 days prior to election).
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