

# BRIEF CASE

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## Report: Charter school closings harm students, waste tax dollars

Since becoming legal in 1997, 29% of Ohio's charter schools have closed, including 17 schools last year in Columbus, *The Columbus Dispatch* reported. These closings interrupt students' education, leave families scrambling to enroll their children in another school and cost taxpayers millions of dollars in wasted funds. The paper also reported that since 2000, the state found that 110 charter schools misspent a total of \$22.6 million in public funds. In some of those cases, charter school officials were convicted of criminal charges in addition to being held liable for the misspent money.

## OSBA State Legislative Conference set for next month

Make plans now to attend the State Legislative Conference on March 13 in the Ohio Statehouse Atrium. The annual event is hosted by OSBA, the Buckeye Association of School Administrators and the Ohio Association of School Business Officials. Don't miss this opportunity to hear from and meet with educational leaders and legislators from around the state and discuss key issues affecting public education. For details and registration information, see the *Briefcase* blue pages.

## Black Caucus seeking scholarship applications

The OSBA Black Caucus is accepting applications for the 2014 Leo Lucas Stipend, a program that provides graduating African-American seniors funds for college. The program is named for the late **Leo Lucas**, a **Dayton City** school board member and educator who founded the caucus. Forms are posted at [www.ohioschoolboards.org/ohio-black-caucus](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/ohio-black-caucus). The application deadline is March 14. For more information, contact **Candice L. Christon** at (614) 540-4000 or [cchriston@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:cchriston@ohioschoolboards.org).

## New board members: Add to your skills at Board Leadership Institute

The well-attended OSBA New Board Member Academy recently wrapped up after sessions at four sites around Ohio. New board members who could not attend the academy, as well as those seeking more in-depth learning, won't want miss the OSBA Board Leadership Institute. Set for May 2-3 in Columbus, the Friday-Saturday institute is designed for all levels of school board experience. For more information, see the *Briefcase* blue pages or call OSBA.

## Be sure to send board recognition month news, photos to OSBA

OSBA reminds school districts to submit information and photographs of their School Board Recognition Month celebrations so they can be featured in the *Journal* magazine and on the OSBA website. Send news and photos by Feb. 17 to **Crystal Davis** at [cdavis@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:cdavis@ohioschoolboards.org) or 8050 N. High St., Suite 100, Columbus, OH

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### Route workshop information to:

- Administrators
- Assistant treasurers
- New board members
- Principals
- Transportation supervisors

43235. Materials also can be submitted online at [www.ohio-schoolboards.org/forms/sbrm.php](http://www.ohio-schoolboards.org/forms/sbrm.php).

### OSBA lobbyist resigns to join Ohio Library Council

OSBA Deputy Director of Legislative Services **Michelle Francis** has resigned to become the Ohio Library Council's director of government and legal services. Francis served as an OSBA lobbyist for nine years.

### Political pro, ex-board member Pinkney dies

Political strategist and former **Cleveland City** (now **Cleveland Municipal**) school board member **Arnold Pinkney** died Jan. 13 at 83. He served on the school board during the 1970s, and most recently worked to get a major Cleveland school levy passed in 2012. As a strategist, he guided the campaigns of former U.S. Rep. **Louis Stokes** and ex-Cleveland

### Batavia Local hosts freezing fundraiser for Special Olympics

**Batavia Local (Clermont)** students, teachers, administrators and school board members plan to plunge into some icy water to raise money for Special Olympics Ohio.

The February event, "Freezin' for a Reason," will raise money for the group and give participants the opportunity to join the Polar Plunge; more than 100 people pledged to participate.

"This is a great opportunity to support Ohio's Special Olympics athletes and we are asking for the communities' help to reach our fundraising goal of \$10,000," Batavia High School senior **Bailey Schultz** told a local newspaper.

The school district team has raised more than \$18,000 for the Special Olympics over the last three years.

Source: *The Clermont Sun*

Mayor **Carl Stokes**. Pinkney also managed **Jesse Jackson's** historic 1984 presidential campaign.

### ODE seeking sponsors for summer meals program

The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) is looking for local sponsors and sites to operate

the 2014 Summer Food Service Program. Schools and nonprofit organizations interested in becoming sponsors, or sites with existing sponsors, should visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/24488> and complete the Potential Sponsor Survey no later than March 1. For further information, call (800) 808-6325.



## Briefcase

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### OSBA online

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The 2013 Capital Conference video documentary produced by students from **Grand Valley Local (Ashtabula)** and **ATech/Ashtabula County Technical & Career Campus** is now available at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/85500>. The video is being shared with other state school boards associations and used to promote the conference. In its fifth year, the OSBA documentary program enables interactive media students to practice their skills in a real-world setting.



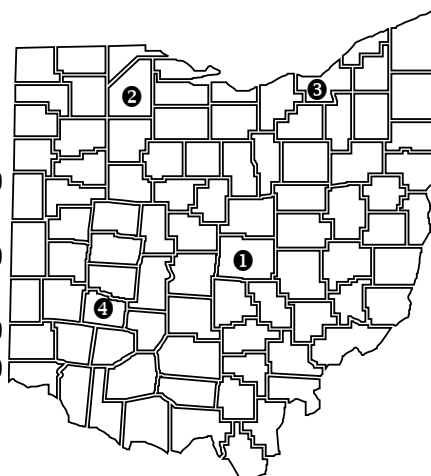
# BULLETIN BOARD

compiled by Melanie Price, administrative assistant of communication services

## OSBA executive searches

### Superintendent

District	Deadline	Contact
① Johnstown-Monroe Local (Licking)	March 1	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
② North Baltimore Local (Wood)	March 13	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
③ Fairview Park City	March 24	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
④ Xenia Community City	April 14	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000



① = Superintendent

### Other searches

Position	District	Deadline	Contact
Treasurer	Kings Local (Warren)	Feb. 17	<a href="http://www.kingslocal.net">www.kingslocal.net</a>
Treasurer	EHOVE Career Center	Feb. 28	Mandy Martin, personnel and licensure, North Point ESC, (419) 627-3908

### National searches

Position	District	Deadline	Contact
Superintendent	Ridgefield, Wash.	Feb. 12	McPherson & Jacobson LLC, executive recruitment & development, (888) 375-4814
Superintendent	Horatio, Ark.	Feb. 13	McPherson & Jacobson LLC, executive recruitment & development, (888) 375-4814
Superintendent	Ackley, Iowa	Feb. 21	McPherson & Jacobson LLC, executive recruitment & development, (888) 375-4814

#### Editor's note

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

#### Board changes

Bucyrus City appointed Traci L. Wetterau to the board effective immediately. She replaced Sandra Stone. ●●● Columbus City Board of Education member Carol L. Perkins announced her resignation effective Jan. 31. ●●● Copley-Fairlawn City appointed Paul Cevasco to the board effective immediately. He replaced Julie A. Schafer, who resigned due to being elected judge for Akron Municipal Court. ●●● London City appointed Dr. Martha Geib to the board effective Jan. 13. ●●● Medina City appointed Douglas Eastwood and Tracy Givelekian to the board effective Jan. 19. They replaced Dr. Karla Robinson and Susan Vlcek, who both resigned. ●●● Nelsonville-York City appointed

**Roberta Bunting** to the board effective immediately. ●●● **Perrysburg EV** appointed **William J. Davis III** to the board effective Jan. 9. He replaced **Barry E. Van Hoozen**, who resigned due to being elected to Perrysburg City Council. ●●● **Revere Local (Summit)** appointed **Claudia Hower** and **George Seifert** to the board effective Jan. 14. ●●● **Waterloo Local (Portage)** Board of Education member **Steve Jones** announced his resignation effective Feb. 1.

## **Administrative changes**

### **Superintendents**

**Alexander Local (Athens)** Superintendent **Jeffrey Cullum** announced his retirement effective June 30. ●●● **Elida Local (Allen)** hired **Tony Cox** as superintendent effective July 1. He will replace **Don Diglia**, who is retiring. Cox currently is the district's high school principal. ●●● **Grandview Heights City** Superintendent **Edward J. O'Reilly** announced his resignation effective July 31. ●●● **Lisbon EV** Superintendent **Donald M. Thompson** announced his retirement effective June 30. ●●● **Medina County Career Center** Superintendent **Michael S. Larson** announced his retirement effective June 30. ●●● **North Baltimore Local (Wood)** Superintendent **Marlene North** announced her retirement effective June 30. ●●● **Reynoldsburg City** hired **Tina Thomas-Manning** as superintendent effective May 1. She will replace **Steve Dackin**, who is retiring. Thomas-Manning is associate superintendent for the Division of Accountability and Quality Schools at the Ohio Department of Education ●●● **Trimble Local (Athens)** Superintendent Dr. **Kim Jones** announced her retirement effective June 30.

### **Treasurers**

**Bay Village City** Treasurer **Debbie Putnam** announced her retirement effective June 30. ●●● **Kings Local (Warren)** Treasurer **Mike Mowery** announced his retirement effective July 31. ●●● **West Geauga Local (Gauga)** hired **Daniel L. Wilson** as interim treasurer effective Feb. 1. He replaced **Michele Tullai**, who retired. Wilson will continue as treasurer at **Mentor EV** and interim treasurer at **Richmond Heights Local (Cuyahoga)**.

### **Sympathies**

Former **Campbell City** Board of Education member **Thomas J. Abeid Sr.** died Jan. 11. He was 93. ●●● **Ronald Leroy Montgomery**, a member of the former **Centralia** Board of Education in Ross County, died Jan. 23. He was 96. ●●● Former **Edgewood City** Board of Education member **James Edward Hartman** died Jan. 21. He was 78. ●●● Former **Gibsonburg**

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## **BoardDocs users: Learn how to use People Manager to create and manage user accounts**

BoardDocs is the exclusive eGovernance partner of OSBA. During this session, current BoardDocs users will learn how to use the BoardDocs People Manager to create new user accounts, edit existing user accounts, set user names and passwords, allow users to set their own passwords and assign roles to control which users see confidential content on the BoardDocs site. This free webinar will be on Feb. 25 from 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. To register, visit <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/487761505>.

Once registered, you will receive an email confirming your registration with the information you need to view the webinar. For questions, contact **Amanda Finney**, OSBA senior marketing coordinator, at (800) 589-OSBA; (614) 540-4000; or [afinney@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:afinney@ohioschoolboards.org). For more information about BoardDocs, visit [www.boarddocs.com](http://www.boarddocs.com).



# PUPIL TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATOR TRAINING PROGRAM

This new series of workshops will help those involved in student transportation better understand and perform day-to-day operations.

These half-day workshops will include a working lunch and time for questions. Register online at [www.ohioschoolboards.com/workshops](http://www.ohioschoolboards.com/workshops) or contact Laurie Miller, OSBA senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000; (800) 589-OSBA; or [Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org).



## **PUPIL TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATOR TRAINING PROGRAM #3** ***Driver records/background check/compliance needs***

Wednesday, Feb. 12 • 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. • \$90 • OSBA office, Columbus

No one can afford for anything to “fall through the cracks,” especially in this area. Ohio’s regulations governing school bus driver requirements are among the most detailed in the nation. This seminar will present strategies and methods to achieve and maintain compliance.

## **PUPIL TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATOR TRAINING PROGRAM #4** ***Emergency planning***

Wednesday, April 9 • 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. • \$90 • OSBA office, Columbus

A transportation department must have a viable emergency plan in place. These plans should be documented and include not only the routine crisis incidents that occur in this industry (breakdowns, sick children, minor accidents), but also the major events we hope will never happen. Learn how to identify what should be included in an emergency plan, how to develop the action plans and how to make a plan that anyone can follow, even in your absence.

## ***Did you miss the first session? It will be repeated on March 5:*** **PUPIL TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATOR TRAINING PROGRAM #1** ***Rules and laws governing Ohio pupil transportation***

Wednesday, March 5 • 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. • \$90 • OSBA office, Columbus

Ohio schools transport more than 900,000 students daily, using approximately 13,000 school buses. These school buses, which have been repeatedly proven to be the safest form of pupil transportation — nearly 30 times safer than the typical passenger vehicle — travel nearly 1 million miles daily to accomplish this monumental task.

Because of this and other factors, pupil transportation is one of the most regulated services nationwide, as well as in Ohio. Recently, changes were enacted in a number of the administrative rules, as well as in the Ohio Revised Code through House Bill 59. This workshop will explore the various federal and state regulations that transportation administrators need to be familiar with to ensure that their student transportation is safe, dependable and compliant with both laws and best practices.

Join OSBA school transportation services staff for a fast-paced, in-depth discussion of current laws and best practices used throughout the state.



# School Finance 101: What Board Members Should Know

Friday, Feb. 28 at the OSBA office in Columbus

School finance is a complicated subject. As board members, it is important to know the basics. Learn from the experts about state and local funding, levies and five-year forecasts. Become your district's expert and find out how to access data and what questions to ask.

8:45 a.m.	Registration and continental breakfast	11 a.m.	Five-year forecasts
9 a.m.	Welcome and overview <i>Damon Asbury, director of legislative services, OSBA</i>	Noon	Lunch
9:15 a.m.	State-funding formula – what school board members need to know <i>Ohio Department of Education</i>	1 p.m.	Where do I find the information? <i>Jay Smith, lobbyist, OSBA</i>
10:45 a.m.	Break	1:30 p.m.	Levies, levies, levies and local funding <i>Mike Sobul, treasurer, Granville EV</i>
		3 p.m.	Wrap-up and adjourn

Cost is \$150, which includes materials, lunch and refreshments. 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).

## Questions about workers' comp rates?

### Get answers at the 2014 Spring SchoolComp Workers' Compensation Workshops



Hear the latest on the SchoolComp program, Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) changes and experience review. These sessions meet BWC's two-hour safety training requirement.

The workshops will be held at five sites around Ohio, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. While there is no fee, registration is requested to accommodate those attending.

You can register on the Ohio Association of School Business Officials website at [www.oasbo-ohio.org](http://www.oasbo-ohio.org) or by calling (614) 431-9116.

#### Dates and locations:

Program members should mark their calendars now to attend one of the following workshops:

#### Tuesday, March 4

Owens Community College, Findlay

#### Wednesday, March 5

Northeast Ohio Medical University, Rootstown

#### Monday, March 10

Ohio University Inn and Conference Center, Athens

#### Thursday, March 20

Wyndham Garden Dayton South, Miamisburg

#### Monday, March 31

OSBA office, Columbus





# Increasing Private Funding for Your School District

Thursday, March 6  
OSBA office, Columbus

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Cost is \$150

Are you concerned about the future of school funding? Looking for new funding sources for your school district?

Get answers on how a K-12 education foundation can help. Hear success stories from around Ohio and network with other education foundations and experts. Designed for superintendents, school board members, foundation board members, development directors and volunteers, this interactive workshop is one you won't want to miss!

Already have a school foundation? From fundraising to board governance, learn strategies, tips and trends to promote your mission and raise your level of success. Don't have a school foundation set up to serve your district? Learn about key legal, financial and operational components to building a successful foundation.

Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. Register online at [www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops) or contact **Laurie Miller**, senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000; (800) 589-OSBA; or [Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org).

## Management Development Series #1:

# Negotiations 101

Friday, March 14  
OSBA office, Columbus

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Cost is \$90

Why do schools bargain with employee unions? How do negotiations work? What are the differences between traditional bargaining and interest-based bargaining? What happens at impasse? If any or all of these questions are on your mind, this workshop is intended for you. Negotiations 101 is designed for anyone unfamiliar with collective bargaining in Ohio's public schools. We will cover negotiations from beginning to end. Our focus will be on the entire context of negotiations, from Ohio law and the State Employment Relations Board through team selection, proposal/counterproposal development, at-the-table negotiations, impasse procedures and different bargaining methods. There will be ample time for questions and answers.



Whether you are an administrator or board member, if collective bargaining is new to you or you don't understand all parts of the process, this workshop will improve your knowledge and skills in this complex area. Presenters will be **Van D. Keating**, director of management services, and **Renee L. Fambro**, deputy director of labor relations, OSBA.

### Agenda

9:30 a.m.	Registration	12:30 p.m.	What to bargain
10 a.m.	Why bargain	1:15 p.m.	Break
11 a.m.	Break	1:30 p.m.	To settle or not
11:15 a.m.	How to bargain	2 p.m.	Final questions and adjourn
Noon	Lunch (provided)		

Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. Register online at [www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops) or contact **Laurie Miller**, senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000; (800) 589-OSBA; or [Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org).



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# State Legislative Conference

Thursday, March 13  
9:15 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Ohio Statehouse Atrium, Columbus  
Cost is \$130

The 2014 State Legislative Conference provides school board members, administrators and treasurers the opportunity to meet with their state legislators and discuss issues impacting public education. It is your opportunity to get the message out on the importance of a strong public school system.

## Agenda

- 8:45 a.m. Registration
- 9:15 a.m. Lobbyists' update/talking points/call to action
- 10:15 a.m. Perspectives from the House
- 11 a.m. Perspectives from the Senate
- 11:45 a.m. Lunch with your legislators
- 1 p.m. Meetings with your legislators — Contact your legislators to schedule an appointment prior to the conference. Contact the OSBA legislative division if you need assistance.

Register online at [www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops) or contact **Laurie Miller**, OSBA senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000; (800) 589-OSBA; or [Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org).

Visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/28276> for driving directions and links to parking information.









# Districts represented at the 2013 BLI

Adams County/Ohio Valley Local (Adams)  
Akron City  
Akron Digital Academy  
Amanda-Clearcreek Local (Fairfield)  
Apollo Career Center  
Ashtabula Area City  
Ashtabula County ESC  
Ashtabula County Technical and Career Center  
Athens City  
Auburn Career Center  
Batavia Local (Clermont)  
Bath Local (Allen)  
Belpre City  
Berea City  
Big Walnut Local (Delaware)  
Bloom-Carroll Local (Fairfield)  
Brecksville-Broadview Heights City  
Brunswick City  
Buckeye Central Local (Crawford)  
Buckeye Local (Ashtabula)  
Cambridge City  
Canaan Local (Mahoning)  
Canton City  
Cedar Cliff Local (Greene)  
Champion Local (Trumbull)  
Cleveland Heights-University Heights City  
Coldwater EV  
Copley-Fairlawn City  
Coshocton County Career Center  
ESC of Cuyahoga County  
Cuyahoga Falls City  
Cuyahoga Heights Local (Cuyahoga)  
Cuyahoga Valley Career Center  
Dalton Local (Wayne)  
Delaware Area Career Center  
Delphos City  
Dover City  
East Central Ohio ESC  
East Liverpool City  
East Palestine City  
Eastland-Fairfield Career & Technical Schools  
Eaton Community City  
EHOVE Career Center  
Elgin Local (Marion)  
ESC of Central Ohio  
Fairborn City  
Fairview Park City  
Field Local (Portage)  
Fostoria City  
Four County Career Center  
Franklin City  
Fremont City  
Goshen Local (Clermont)  
Great Oaks ITCD  
Greene County Career Center  
Greenfield EV  
Greenville City  
Hamilton City  
Hamilton County ESC  
Hamilton Local (Franklin)  
Hicksville EV  
Hillsboro City  
Johnstown-Monroe Local (Licking)

Kelleys Island Local (Erie)  
Lakota Local (Butler)  
Lancaster City  
Lincolnview Local (Van Wert)  
Lisbon EV  
Little Miami Local (Warren)  
Lockland Local (Hamilton)  
Logan-Hocking Local (Hocking)  
Mad River Local (Montgomery)  
Madison Local (Lake)  
Madison-Plains Local (Madison)  
Manchester Local (Adams)  
Maplewood Career Center  
Margaretta Local (Erie)  
Marlington Local (Stark)  
Marysville EV  
Massillon City  
Mayfield City  
Medina City  
Medina County Career Center  
Miami Trace Local (Fayette)  
Miami Valley Career Technology Center  
Mid-East Career and Technology Centers  
Mount Vernon City  
Muskingum Valley ESC  
New Boston Local (Scioto)  
New Lexington City  
New Miami Local (Butler)  
Newbury Local (Geauga)  
Noble Local (Noble)  
Nordonia Hills City  
North Baltimore Local (Wood)  
North Olmsted City  
North Point ESC  
North Royalton City  
Northeastern Local (Clark)  
Northridge Local (Licking)  
Northridge Local (Montgomery)  
Northwestern Local (Clark)  
Northwestern Local (Wayne)  
Ohio Hi-Point Career Center  
Oregon City  
Ottawa-Glandorf Local (Putnam)  
Parkway Local (Mercer)  
Parma City  
Penta Career Center  
Pike County Career Technology Center  
Plymouth-Shiloh Local (Richland)  
Polaris Career Center  
Preble County ESC  
Preble-Shawnee Local (Preble)  
Ravenna City

Reading Community City  
Revere Local (Summit)  
Reynoldsburg City  
Ridgewood Local (Coshocton)  
Rittman EV  
Rootstown Local (Portage)  
Ross Local (Butler)  
Sandusky City  
Seneca East Local (Seneca)  
Shaker Heights City  
South Point Local (Lawrence)  
South-Western City  
Southeast Local (Portage)  
Southwest Local (Hamilton)  
Spencerville Local (Allen)  
Springfield City  
Springfield Local (Lucas)  
Springfield Local (Mahoning)  
Springfield-Clark Career Technology Center  
St. Clairsville-Richland City  
Strasburg-Franklin Local (Tuscarawas)  
Streetsboro City  
Swanton Local (Fulton)  
Three Rivers Local (Hamilton)  
Tolles Career & Technical Center  
Tri-County Career Center  
Tri-County ESC  
Trimble Local (Athens)  
Trumbull Career & Technical Center  
Union Scioto Local (Ross)  
Urbana City  
Vandalia-Butler City  
Vanguard-Sentinel Career and Technology Centers  
Vantage Career Center  
Warren County Career Center  
Warren County ESC  
Washington Court House City  
Washington Local (Lucas)  
Waverly City  
Wayne County Schools Career Center  
Wayne Local (Warren)  
Wellsville Local (Columbiana)  
West Branch Local (Mahoning)  
West Carrollton City  
West Clermont Local (Clermont)  
Western Local (Pike)  
Westfall Local (Pickaway)  
Windham EV  
Woodridge Local (Summit)  
Worthington City  
Zane Trace Local (Ross)


## 2014 BLI agenda

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

8 a.m. Registration/breakfast  
9:15 a.m. Opening general session  
10:45 a.m. Breakout sessions  
Noon Networking luncheon  
1:30 p.m. Breakout sessions  
3 p.m. Breakout sessions  
4:30 p.m. Dinner on your own

6:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

7:30 a.m. Breakfast  
8:15 a.m. Breakout sessions  
9:45 a.m. Breakout sessions  
11:15 a.m. Breakout sessions  
12:30 p.m. Luncheon with speaker/closing ceremonies



Friday, March 21  
9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.  
Embassy Suites, Columbus  
Cost is \$150

# Special Education Law Workshop

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|-------------------|---|------------------|---|
| <b>8:30 a.m.</b>  | <b>Registration and continental breakfast</b>   | <b>Noon</b>      | <b>Lunch (provided)</b>   |
| <b>8:50 a.m.</b>  | <b>Welcome</b>  | <b>1 p.m.</b>    | <b>Hot topics in special education</b><br>The author of OSBA's <i>Special Education Law in Ohio</i> provides an overview of up-and-coming legal and legislative changes, including EpiPens, diabetes management and more.<br><i>Susan E. Geary, Esq., Bricker and Eckler, LLP, Columbus</i>   |
| <b>9 a.m.</b>     | <b>ODE update: 2014 outlook</b><br>Hear about recent changes and initiatives at the Ohio Department of Education's (ODE) Office of Exceptional Children, including what's ahead for special education in 2014 and beyond.<br><i>Jessica Dawso, assistant legal counsel; Monica Drvota, assistant director (Procedural Safeguards); Olivia Schmidt, assistant director (Monitoring Supports and Services); and Wendy Stoica, assistant director (Diverse Learners); ODE Office of Exceptional Children</i> | <b>1:45 p.m.</b> | <b>From achoo to Zyrtec: guidelines for managing food allergies in schools</b><br>Review the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's voluntary guidelines, which include practical information, planning steps and strategies for reducing allergic reactions and responding to life-threatening reactions. Improve your existing food allergy management plans and practices.<br><i>Megan Bair Zidian, Esq., Britton, Smith, Peters &amp; Kalail Co. LLP, Cleveland</i> |
| <b>10 a.m.</b>    | <b>In it to win it: managing special education cases for the long haul</b><br>Hear tips for managing long-term special education cases, including suggestions for documenting and ensuring that procedural safeguards are met; anticipating and preparing for due process hearings; assigning a case manager; and more.<br><i>Christina Henagen Peer, Esq., Walter Haverfield LLP, Cleveland</i>  | <b>2:15 p.m.</b> | <b>Break</b>  |
| <b>10:45 a.m.</b> | <b>Break</b>  | <b>2:30 p.m.</b> | <b>The nuts and bolts of IEEs</b><br>Understand your district's legal obligation to consider independent educational evaluations (IEE), determine when to permit payment for IEE costs and learn to avoid IEE-related actions that may lead to litigation.<br><i>Jeremy J. Neff, Esq., Ennis, Roberts &amp; Fischer Co. LPA, Cincinnati</i>   |
| <b>11 a.m.</b>    | <b>Responding to bullying of students with disabilities</b><br>Through case law examples and recent guidance from the Office of Civil Rights, this session will review the different requirements and standards applied and provide guidance for proactively preventing reoccurrences of similar behavior.<br><i>Daniel A. Jaffe, Esq., Squire Sanders (US) LLP, Cleveland</i>  | <b>3:15 p.m.</b> | <b>Adjourn</b>  |

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The Embassy Suites Columbus is located in north Columbus at 2700 Corporate Exchange Drive, Columbus, 43231. Visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/embassy-columbus> for directions.





# Cyberlaw Seminar

Friday, March 28, 9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

OSBA office, Columbus

Cost is \$150

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| 8:30 a.m.  | <b>Registration and continental breakfast</b>   | 11:45 a.m. | <b>Lunch (provided)</b>   |
| 8:50 a.m.  | <b>Welcome</b>  | 12:30 p.m. | <b>Negotiating school software contracts</b><br>Review some of the key clauses found in many school software contracts and learn best practices to ensure the district's interests are protected when it enters into these contracts.<br><i>Gregory Krabacher, Esq., Bricker &amp; Eckler LLP, Columbus; and Wayne M. Serra, Esq., Bricker &amp; Eckler LLP, Cleveland</i>  |
| 9 a.m.     | <b>To surf and protect: a district's duties under CIPA</b><br>Review a district's obligations under the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), including if the district must filter privately and district-owned devices used off campus.<br><i>Pamela A. Leist, Esq., Ennis, Roberts &amp; Fischer Co. LPA, Cincinnati</i>                          | 1:15 p.m.  | <b>Making schools safer through technology</b><br>Schools should consider technology when developing and implementing their school safety and crisis management plans. Discover how technology can help in a crisis, particularly in the areas of prevention, preparedness, response and recovery.<br><i>Nicholas E. Subashi, Esq., Subashi &amp; Wildermuth, Dayton; and Thom Jones, director of sales and marketing, Lauren Innovations</i> |
| 9:45 a.m.  | <b>Better than "acceptable": how to upgrade your district's AUP</b><br>Ensure your district has a comprehensive and current acceptable use policy (AUP), and learn how to set policies and monitor network use to effectively enforce it.<br><i>Donna M. Andrew, Esq., Pepple &amp; Waggoner Ltd., Cleveland</i>  | 2:15 p.m.  | <b>Break</b>  |
| 10:30 a.m. | <b>Break</b>  | 2:30 p.m.  | <b>What's trending now?</b><br>Close your day of learning on the "bleeding edge" with the latest court decisions affecting schools and technology. Leave with practical tips and potential effects on your district.<br><i>Candice L. Christon, staff attorney, OSBA</i>  |
| 10:45 a.m. | <b>Data privacy: how safe is your cloud data?</b><br>Sending your data "to the cloud" may have legal repercussions for your district. Identify legal and technical issues you should consider and resolve before making the jump to online storage applications.<br><i>Lindsay F. Gingo, Esq., Britton, Smith, Peters &amp; Kalail Co. LPA, Cleveland</i> | 3:15 p.m.  | <b>Adjourn</b>  |

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# OSBA's Regional Spring Conferences

<b>Central Region</b>	<b>Wednesday, March 19</b>	<b>Southeast Region</b>	<b>Tuesday, March 4</b>
<b>Northeast Region</b>	<b>Wednesday, March 5</b>	<b>Southeast Region</b>	<b>Thursday, March 6</b>
<b>Northwest Region</b>	<b>Thursday, March 13</b>	<b>Southwest Region</b>	<b>Tuesday, March 11</b>

To register for your region's annual spring conference, contact your regional manager at the address below or print the registration forms found at [www.ohioschoolboards.org/regions](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/regions).

## **Central Region, March 19**

Villa Milano, Columbus

Cost: \$40

Reservation deadline: March 14

Contact: Jeff Chambers

Central regional manager (interim)

8050 N. High St., Ste. 100

Columbus, OH 43235

Phone: (614) 540-4000

Email: [jchambers@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:jchambers@ohioschoolboards.org)

## **Southeast Region, March 4**

Buckeye Hills Career Center, Thurman

Cost: \$35

Reservation deadline: Feb. 21

Contact: Paul D. Mock

Southeast regional manager

685 E. Main St.

Logan, OH 43138-1737

Phone: (740) 385-5240

Fax: (740) 380-2487

Email: [pmock@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:pmock@ohioschoolboards.org)

## **Northeast Region, March 5**

Maplewood Career Center, Ravenna

Cost: \$35

Reservation deadline: Feb. 25

Contact: Terri Neff

Northeast regional manager

1225 Candlewick Lane

Broadview Heights, OH 44147

Phone: (216) 470-6395

Email: [tneff@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:tneff@ohioschoolboards.org)

## **Southeast Region, March 6**

Sheridan High School, Thornville

Cost: \$35

Reservation deadline: Feb. 21

Contact: Paul D. Mock

Southeast regional manager

685 E. Main St.

Logan, OH 43138-1737

Phone: (740) 385-5240

Fax: (740) 380-2487

Email: [pmock@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:pmock@ohioschoolboards.org)

## **Northwest Region, March 13**

Vanguard-Sentinel Career and Technology Centers, Fremont

Cost: \$30

Reservation deadline: March 7

Contact: Dr. Judy Jackson May

Northwest regional manager

1513 Cobblestone Drive

Bowling Green, OH 43402

Phone: (419) 575-0663

Email: [jjacksonmay@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:jjacksonmay@ohioschoolboards.org)

## **Southwest Region, March 11**

Great Oaks ITCD, Cincinnati

Cost: \$38

Reservation deadline: March 6

Contact: Ronald J. Diver

Southwest regional manager

8797 Meadowlark Drive

Franklin, OH 45005

Phone: (937) 746-7641

Email: [rdiver@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:rdiver@ohioschoolboards.org)

### **Authority for reimbursement**

Ohio Revised Code Section 3315.15 authorizes the establishment of a service fund for board members. Such funds may be used for expenses incurred for meetings such as this one.

### **Award of Achievement**

These conferences entitle board members to five Award of Achievement credits.

More information and directions to each location can be found at [www.ohioschoolboards.org](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org).



# WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

**Pupil Transportation Administrator Training Program #3: Driver records/background check/compliance needs**  
 Feb. 12, Columbus, \$90

**School Finance 101: What Board Members Should Know**  
 Feb. 28, Columbus, \$150

**REPEAT: Pupil Transportation Administrator Training Program #1: Rules and laws governing Ohio pupil transportation**  
 March 5, Columbus, \$90

**Increasing Private Funding for Your School District**  
 March 6, Columbus, \$150

**State Legislative Conference**  
 March 13, Columbus, \$130

**Management Development Series #1: Negotiations 101**  
 March 14, Columbus, \$90

**Special Education Law Workshop**  
 March 21, Columbus, \$150

**Cyberlaw Seminar**  
 March 28, Columbus, \$150

**Pupil Transportation Administrator Training Program #4: Emergency planning**  
 April 9, Columbus, \$90

## 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 Web page 24 hours a day.

### Award of Achievement/LPDC

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

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. 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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EV Board of Education member **James "Jim" Allen Hickman** died Jan. 5. He was 81. ●●● **Martha L. Rolli**, a former member of the **Indian Valley Local** Board of Education and the former **Warwick Township** Board of Education in Tuscarawas County died Jan. 17. She was 92. ●●● Former **Nordonia Hills City** Board of Education member **Ronald Dean Warrick** died Jan. 4. He was 85. ●●● **Ella Frances Wigton**, treasurer for the former **Perrysville Schools** in Ashland County, died Jan. 10. She was 92. ●●● Former **West Carrollton City** Board of Education member **Arthur Emerson Fahrney** died Jan. 25. He was 98.



## LEGISLATIVE REPORT

by Jay Smith, lobbyist

### Calamity days

Severe winter weather has already taken its toll on Ohio this school year, with many districts having used up their five allotted calamity days. Currently, districts need to make up any days exceeding the allotted number, possibly by extending the school year. In response, Reps. **Tony**

**Burkley** (R-Payne) and **Brian Hill** (R-Zanesville) have introduced legislation to increase the number of calamity days for the 2013-2014 school year.

The legislation, House Bill (HB) 416, seeks to add four calamity days to the amount already allocated to schools. In addition, the legislation was amended in

committee to allow schools, at the discretion of the local board, to add up to 30 minutes to the school day to make up the lost time. A school will be considered to have made up a day for each additional five hours its students in grades one through six are in session, and for each 5.5 hours students in

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## Call for conference breakout session proposals!

The hallmark of the OSBA Capital Conference is the educational programming. Breakout sessions feature practical advice that attendees can take back to their districts. The conference offers sessions on innovative programs, cost-saving strategies, key legislation and other timely and important topics.

OSBA is now accepting proposals for breakout sessions for the 2014 Capital Conference. Proposals will be selected based on strong interest, relevance, creativity, innovation, proven success and practical, how-to information.

The deadline for proposals is 5 p.m. on March 17. We encourage online nominations, but paper submissions will be accepted. Download a nomination form at the website below.

Visit [www.ohioschoolboards.org/nominate-a-session](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/nominate-a-session) to submit your proposal today!



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grades seven through 12 are in session. The legislation, as passed by the House committee, also contains an emergency clause, which will allow the bill to go into effect immediately upon the governor's signature.

The bill seems to be on a fast track since being introduced on Jan. 28 and reported out of the House Education Committee on Jan. 29. It is expected to be voted out of the House chamber on Feb. 12 when the legislature has its next scheduled session. Following action in the House, the bill will go to the Senate for further consideration.

### Member feedback needed on CC+ recommendations

HB 59, the biennial budget bill, required the Ohio Board of Regents chancellor to make recommendations on a new structure for handling postsecondary options for high school students. The new program — College Credit Plus (CC+) — would replace all current postsecondary options.

The chancellor met the deadline for issuing his recommendations, releasing his report in December. Following is a short list of changes included in the recommended CC+

proposal:

- All districts and public institutions of higher education (IHEs) must participate in CC+.
- Resident school districts would retain 17% of the per-pupil state funding amount for CC+ students.
- Funding for CC+ would be prorated based on credits earned.
- Public school students attending public colleges may not be charged any amount for tuition.
- Local agreements with IHEs would be permitted (between floor and ceiling funding parameters).

OSBA, in coordination with the

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# OSBA Student Achievement Fair

Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2014 • Greater Columbus Convention Center

The OSBA Capital Conference Student Achievement Fair highlights outstanding initiatives from school districts across the state. OSBA is seeking fresh, innovative programs or practices your district is willing to share with thousands of Ohio school district representatives. One hundred programs and practices will be selected based on creativity and impact on student achievement. The fair will be held from

11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 11 during the OSBA Capital Conference.

Five performing groups from across Ohio will be selected to entertain attendees during the Student Achievement Fair. To be considered, you must submit an audio or video recording of the performing group. DVDs or CDs can be mailed to OSBA or a video or MP3 can be submitted with the online application.

OSBA is now accepting nominations for district programs and performing groups. While multiple programs may be submitted for consideration, no more than two per district will be selected, so districts should prioritize their submissions.

Nominate your district at [www.ohioschoolboards.org/saf-nominations](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/saf-nominations). The nomination deadline is June 27.





## PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Bryan Bullock, assistant editor

### Assignment choices engage central Ohio students in learning

Central Ohio students are being given the flexibility to choose class assignments that best fit their learning style and interests.

Students in **Hilliard City** teacher **Bridget Ebenhack's** science classes can choose from a "learning menu" of assignments that include options such as worksheets, research projects, video projects and lab work.

"Each menu attempts to incorporate activities from the multiple intelligences that students

possess — allowing them to learn in a way that they are comfortable and confident with and, hopefully, enjoy more," Ebenhack told a local newspaper.

She introduced the concept in her classes last school year and administrators say more teachers at Hilliard Darby High School are doing the same.

Teachers in **Bexley City**, **Pickerington Local (Fairfield)**, **South-Western City** and **Whitehall City** have reportedly

adopted similar learning menus.

To encourage homework completion, Whitehall City's Kae Avenue Elementary School gives students a variety of assignments to select from that target math, spelling, reading, science or social studies skills.

"Anytime the kids have a choice, it gets them more interested in their own learning," said Whitehall City teacher **Amanda Cote**.

Source: *The Columbus Dispatch*

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Buckeye Association of School Administrators and the Ohio Association of School Business Officials, is seeking members' feedback on the CC+ recommendations. Your input will have a bearing on OSBA's position if legislation is proposed. Also keep in mind that legislation would be needed to implement the chancellor's recommendations for the CC+ program. The full report can be found on the Ohio Board of Regents website, [www.ohiohighered.org](http://www.ohiohighered.org).

The OSBA legislative division will continue to keep you informed as the governor and legislature respond to the chancellor's report.

For the latest legislative updates,

please contact the OSBA legislative division at (800) 589-OSBA.

*Editor's note:* All information in

this article was current as of Jan. 31.

## 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 Renee L. Fambro, deputy director of labor relations, at (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA for more information.

**February 2014**

- 11 A Walkthrough of the New Days-to-hours Requirement webinar
- 12 Pupil Transportation Administrator Training Program #3..... Columbus
- 12 Central Region Executive Committee meeting..... Columbus
- 24 *Last day to file (by 4 p.m.) as a write-in candidate for May election — RC 3513.041 (72 days prior to the election).*
- 25 Using BoardDocs People Manager to Create and Manage User Accounts webinar
- 28 School Finance 101 Workshop ..... Columbus

**March 2014**

- 1 *Last day to take action and deliver written notice of nonrenewal of superintendent's contract — RC 3319.01; last day to take action on and deliver written notice of nonrenewal of treasurer's contract — RC 3313.22.*
- 4 SchoolComp Workers' Compensation Workshop ..... Findlay
- 4 Southeast Region Spring Conference..... Thurman
- 5 SchoolComp Workers' Compensation Workshop ..... Rootstown
- 5 Repeat: Pupil Transportation

- Administrator Training Program #1..... Columbus
- 5 OSBA Book Club *How Children Succeed* webinar #2
- 5 Northeast Region Spring Conference..... Ravenna
- 6 Increasing Private Funding for Your School District..... Columbus
- 6 Southeast Region Spring Conference..... Thornville
- 10 SchoolComp Workers' Compensation Workshop ..... Athens
- 11 Southwest Region Spring Conference..... Cincinnati
- 13 State Legislative Conference.. Columbus
- 13 Northwest Region Spring Conference..... Fremont
- 14 Management Development Series #1 Workshop ..... Columbus
- 19 Central Region Spring Conference..... Columbus
- 20 SchoolComp Workers' Compensation Workshop ..... Miamisburg
- 21 Special Education Law Workshop ..... Columbus
- 28 Cyberlaw Workshop..... Columbus
- 31 SchoolComp Workers' Compensation Workshop ..... Columbus

**April 2014**

- 1 Southwest Region Executive Committee meeting.....TBD
- 2 OSBA Book Club *How Children Succeed* webinar #3
- 5-7 NSBA Annual Conference..... New Orleans
- 7 *Last day for voter registration for May election — RC 3503.01, 3503.19(A) (30 days prior to the election).*
- 9 Pupil Transportation Administrator Training Program #4..... Columbus
- 15 *Last day for certain board members and administrators to file financial disclosure forms with the Ohio Ethics Commission — RC 102.02.*
- 24 Management Development Series #2 Workshop ..... Columbus
- 27 Southeast Region Executive Committee meeting..... Zanesville
- 28 *Last day to submit certification for August income tax levy to Ohio Department of Taxation — RC 5748.02(A) (100 days prior to the election).*
- 30 *Last day to take action on and give written notice of intent not to re-employ nonteaching employees. Note: This requirement does not apply to municipal school district employees as defined in RC 3311.71 — RC 4141.29(D)(1)(e).*