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# Central Region News

The Central Region of the Ohio School Boards Association



## Join Us!

## Fall Conference September 24

Fall conference is an excellent opportunity for district leadership to learn from and to interact with each other.

We'll be honoring the region's outstanding board members; Friends of Education, Exemplary School Employees, and Central Region teachers nominated for Ohio Teacher of the Year. Additionally, we will recognize board members with 35 and 40 years of service to Ohio school districts.

Reserve a table that seats up to eight people for \$320. Individual registration is \$40. For detailed information view <http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/sites/default/files/2014CRFallConf.pdf> Deadline for reservation is Sept. 19.

## Regional Manager

I am delighted to serve board members and school districts as the OSBA Central Regional Manager. Did you know that the Central Region is one of five OSBA regions and it serves 14 Central Ohio counties?

The region sponsors a Fall and Spring Conference and, recognizes the achievements of school districts, board members, teachers, community members and district employees. Additionally, Central Region supports regional and state success through a system of committees.

Feel free to contact me with your ideas, questions and concerns.  
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## Save the Date!

### Award Deadline

#### August 22

Deadline for Friends of Public Education and Exemplary School Employee awards

### Legislative Breakfast

#### September 15

Meet candidates from the Central Region for the Ohio House and Senate

### Fall Conference

#### September 24

Central Region Fall Conference at Villa Milano. Event begins with social hour at 5 p.m.



# Advocating for Public Schools



On July 12, 2014, the Central Region of OSBA lost a long-time friend with the passing of Cindy Crowe. Cindy lived every day of her life to the fullest even during her courageous battle against ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease).

Cindy was a passionate and strong advocate of public education. She earned a Bachelor's Degree in Education from Indiana State University. As a certified Teacher in K-8 Special Reading Instruction she got involved with the Remediation Program in Reading. Cindy served on the Westerville Board of Education for 14 years, was a delegate of the Ohio School Board Association and President of the Central Ohio School Board Association.

She also served on the Education Committee for the Westerville Area Chamber of Commerce and has been involved in a number of community service organizations including Westerville Education Challenge (sustains Challenge Day which promotes acceptance and anti bullying), Ohio Reads, Character Education, The Westerville Education Foundation, Westerville Parent Council, Westerville Alumni Association, Westerville Parks Foundation Committee, Kids Voting USA, Read Across America and the Westerville Rotary Club.

During her tenure as a Board Member over the 14 years she was most proud of the opportunity to share in the celebration of educational achievement and shake the hands of approximately 20,000 Westerville graduates.

## Legislative Breakfast

This year is gearing up to be a pivotal one for both local and national elections. With many challenges ahead, it is important that school district leaders meet with candidates and find out their positions on issues impacting public education. Meet House and Senate candidates in the Central Region and hear their views on important education issues.

**Where:** OSBA  
8050 N. High Street, Columbus, OH 43235  
**When:** Monday, Sept. 15  
**Time:** 8:30 a.m. - 10 a.m.  
**Cost:** \$10

**Ohio Senate Districts 3 and 15**  
**Ohio House Districts 17, 19, 20, 21, 23 and 67**

RSVP to Marcella Gonzalez at  
[mgonzalez@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:mgonzalez@ohioschoolboards.org) or (800) 589-6722 ext. 230.

## Kids PAC

Political Action Committees (PACs) are accounts from which contributions to political campaigns can be made. *Kids* PAC is a way for us to focus attention on our legislative agenda and to support lawmakers who believe in our goals.

*Kids* PAC was established by the OSBA Executive Committee to give board members the opportunity to belong to a PAC whose membership was aware of the problems facing boards of education and whose goals were aimed at dealing with those issues.

Contributions can be made by personal check (up to \$100) made out to *Kids* PAC or cash. By law, school district and corporate checks can not be accepted. All contributors will be recognized in the OSBA Journal. You can also go to [KidsPAC.org](http://KidsPAC.org) and donate online with your credit card.

*Note: Contributions are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes.*

For more information or to obtain a membership form, contact Marcella Gonzalez at [mgonzalez@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:mgonzalez@ohioschoolboards.org) or call (614) 540-4000.

# 2014 Central Region Treasurers' Clinic



Plan to attend the 2014 OSBA Treasurers' Clinic. The Central Ohio clinic will be held on September 26, at the Embassy Suites. Treasurers, business managers, board members, administrators and treasurer's office personnel are encouraged to attend.

The Treasurers' Clinics offer timely information on a multitude of topics relevant to all members of a district's management team. Attendees also can fulfill their local and state professional development needs, including in-service, LPDC and continuing professional education credits.

Registration and continental breakfast begin at 8 a.m.; the clinic runs from 8:25 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The fee is \$150, which includes registration, continental breakfast, lunch and materials. You can register by contacting Laurie Miller, senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or [Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org).

## Important Joint Press Conference

HB 597, legislation to repeal the implementation of Common Core in Ohio, has been assigned to the House Rules Committee, bypassing the usual referral through the House Education Committee.

OSBA, OASBO and BASA have tentatively scheduled a press conference for Monday, August 18<sup>th</sup> to address the proposed repeal of Common Core.

The purpose of the press conference is to share the perspective of board members, superintendents and the three association leaders about the importance of Common Core and the issues with repeal. This bill is fast-tracked and expected to pass out of the Rules Committee quickly. **It is vital that educators and public school board members speak out on the costly consequences of this legislation.**

For more information contact Damon Asbury, director of legislative services at [dasbury@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:dasbury@ohioschoolboards.org).

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## Walter Armes In the News

<http://www.thisweeknews.com/content/stories/whitehall/news/2014/07/07/twofold-honor-for-longtime-public-servant.html>

Armes was recognized for his dedication to Whitehall. He was named Citizen of the Year by the Whitehall Community Celebration Association and the Living Legend award by the Whitehall Education Foundation for his contributions to student and staff achievement in and beyond the classroom. For the entire article, follow the link above.





# Student Achievement Fair

Showcase your students at the OSBA Capital Conference in November.

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2014 Student Achievement Fair, held Nov. 11 during the OSBA Capital Conference in Columbus. Nominate a fresh, innovative programs or practices your district is willing to share with thousands of Ohio school district representatives. **Nominations are due Aug. 29.**

Follow the link below to nominate your students.

[Nominate a Student Achievement Fair program](#)

## Make Plans for Capital Conference

November 9-12 is the OSBA Capital Conference. Conference hotel online reservations open on September 4 at 9 a.m. Individual registration is \$275. Register 7 people for a flat fee of \$1,700 and realize no charge for any additional registrants!

Capital Conference is the premier professional development opportunity for board members and district employees and is also recognized as one of the nation's leading education conferences.

Plan on visiting the Central Region booth at conference and participating in the KidPac raffle! Each region will raffle a beautiful gift basket representative of the region. Raffle tickets will be sold for \$10 each or seven tickets for \$50. The purchase of seven raffle tickets earns the KidPac lapel pin. Watch future communications for more details.



Sarah Cochenour (above) from Union Scioto Board of Education and James Bope (below) from Fairfield Union Board of Education receive their Veteran Board Member Awards from OSBA during recent school board visits.

