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It's time to start planning for School Board Recognition Month

January is School Board Recognition Month, so districts should finalize their celebration plans before the holiday break. OSBA has posted a tool kit at www.ohioschoolboards.org/school-board-recognition-month with resources and ideas for honoring board members. OSBA also will send personalized certificates for districts to present to board members. Recognition celebrations will be featured in the Journal and on the OSBA website. Send news and photos of your events to **Crystal Davis** at cdavis@ohioschoolboards.org or 8050 N. High St., Suite 100, Columbus, OH 43235. Districts also can submit materials online at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/84140>.

Capital Conference doesn't miss a beat with new format

A new three-day format — including filled-to-capacity workshops on opening day — did not diminish attendance, enthusiasm or learning opportunities at the 62nd annual OSBA Capital Conference and Trade Show. More than 9,200 public education leaders filled the Greater Columbus Convention Center Nov. 12 through 14 for the nation's second-largest education convention. The 9,251 attendees enjoyed a stellar slate of keynote speakers, hundreds of presenters sharing their expertise on the hottest topics in education, wall-to-wall networking, the Student Achievement Fair and the country's largest education trade exhibition filled with 576 vendor booths. See the December issue of the OSBA Journal for a full Capital Conference recap.

Five school board members earn association's most prestigious honor

OSBA recognized the 2017 All-Ohio School Board Nov. 13 at the Capital Conference. Receiving OSBA's highest honor were: **Terry Groden, North Olmsted City; Penny Kill, Spencerville Local (Allen) and Apollo Career Center; Gail Martindale, Cedar Cliff Local (Greene) and Greene County Career Center; Jeff Meyers, Madison Local (Richland); and Ed Penrod, Logan-Hocking Local (Hocking) and Tri-County Career Center.**

Northeast Ohio board member tapped as 2018 OSBA president-elect

The OSBA Delegate Assembly elected **John W. Halkias, Plain Local (Stark)**, as the association's 2018 president-elect during the Capital Conference. Halkias, a Plain Local board member since 1999, will become president in 2019 after his term as president-elect. Current OSBA President-elect **Randy Smith, Forest Hills Local (Hamilton)**, will become OSBA president on Jan. 1, 2018.

Lifelong educator, student advocate is OSBA President's Award winner

Damon Asbury, OSBA's recently retired director of legislative services, is the 2017

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President's Award honoree. OSBA President **Denise Baba, Streetsboro City**, presented the award to him at the Capital Conference. Each year, the OSBA president recognizes an individual who has demonstrated dedicated leadership and commitment to public schools. Asbury, who served as OSBA legislative director for eight years, devoted 50 years to public education. Prior to joining OSBA, he served as State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio executive director and superintendent at **Worthington City**. He spent 24 years at **Columbus City**, including serving as deputy superintendent and interim superintendent. One of his many accomplishments was his leadership on the district's Desegregation Planning Team.

Conference workshop handouts available online

Handouts from most of the learning sessions and other

Students chat with space station astronauts

Orbiting the Earth at 4 miles per second, two astronauts provided a classroom lesson for students at **Shaker Heights City's** Shaker Heights High School.

Shaker Heights was one of a select few school districts from across the country chosen by NASA for the live link with the International Space Station.

During the Q&A, astronauts **Joseph Acaba** and **Mark Vande Hei** discussed some of their research.

"There is a lot of hope that some lung tissues that have been grown on the space station may help contribute to finding a cure for cancer," Vande Hei said.

Astronauts ended their chat with midair somersaults.

Source: Fox8 Cleveland

workshops at the 2017 OSBA Capital Conference are posted online. Download the handouts at <http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org/handouts>.

Capital Conference photos posted on OSBA Flickr page

Hundreds of photos from the

2017 Capital Conference are now posted on OSBA's Flickr page at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/2017ConferencePhotos>. Photos can be viewed and downloaded from that page.

OSBA online

● www.ohioschoolboards.org

Attendees used social media to share their experiences at the 2017 OSBA Capital Conference and Trade Show. During the three-day event, OSBA's conference tweets (hashtag #OSBACC) were viewed nearly 40,000 times, retweeted more than 90 times and liked over 285 times. The hashtag was used more than 950 times in November.

Correction

The 2018 president-elect for the Southwest Region was misidentified in the Regional Roundup article in the Nov. 13 Briefcase. **Linda A. Jordan, Clark County ESC**, is the region's 2018 president-elect.



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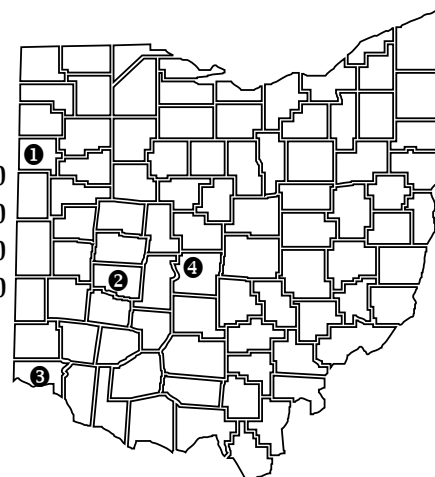
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OSBA executive searches

Superintendent

District	Deadline	Contact
❶ Van Wert City	Jan. 24	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
❷ Clark-Shawnee Local (Clark)	Jan. 25	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
❸ Loveland City	Jan. 29	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
❹ Ohio State School for the Blind	TBD	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000



National searches

Position	District	Deadline	Contact
Superintendent	Chase County Schools, Imperial, Neb.	Dec. 14	McPherson & Jacobson LLC, (888) 375-4814

Board changes

Conneaut Area City Board of Education member **Christopher Newcomb** announced his resignation effective Nov. 17. ●●● Dayton City appointed **William E. Harris Jr.** to the board effective Nov. 7. He replaced **Adil T. Baguirov**, who resigned effective Nov. 1 due to moving out of the district. ●●● Perkins Local (Erie) Board of Education member **Andrew Carroll** announced his resignation effective Nov. 14. He has taken a job outside of the state. ●●● Preble Shawnee Local (Preble) Board of Education member **Candice R. Fyffe** announced her resignation effective Nov. 15. She is moving out of the district. ●●● Wayne Trace Local (Paulding) appointed **Kori Stoller** to the board effective Nov. 10. She replaced **Perry Sinn**, who died Oct. 15.

Administrative changes

Superintendents

Columbus City hired Deputy Superintendent Dr. **John D. Stanford** as interim superintendent effective Dec. 31. He will replace Dr. **J. Daniel Good**, who is retiring effective Dec. 31. ●●● Lakewood City Superintendent **Jeff W. Patterson** announced his retirement effective July 31. ●●● Mason City Superintendent Dr. **Gail Kist-Kline** announced her retirement effective July 31.

Editor's note

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

effective June 30.

Treasurers

Bowling Green City hired **Cathy M. Schuller** as treasurer effective Dec. 22. She will replace **Rhonda L. Melchi**, who is retiring. Schuller currently is the assistant treasurer at **Rossford EV**. ●●● **Forest Hills Local (Hamilton)** Treasurer **Richard R. Toepfer II** announced his resignation effective Oct. 30. The district hired **Richard Giuffre** as interim treasurer. ●●● **Kings Local (Warren)** hired **Cary Furniss** as interim treasurer effective Dec. 4 and treasurer effective Jan. 2. He will replace **Shaun Bevan**, who took the treasurer position at **Mason City**. Furniss previously was the treasurer at **Reading Community City**. ●●● **Newton Falls EV** hired **Jonathan Pusateri** as treasurer effective Nov. 6. He replaced **Dawn Meeks**, who took the treasurer position at **Sebring Local (Mahoning)**. ●●● **Parma City** hired **Sean Nuccio** as treasurer effective Dec. 11. He replaced **David C. Crowley**, who resigned. Nuccio previously was the treasurer at **Clearview Local (Lorain)**. ●●● **Ravenna City** Treasurer **David M. Hoskin** announced his resignation effective July 31. ●●● **Westerville City** Treasurer **Bart Griffith** announced his retirement effective Jan. 1. The district hired Assistant Treasurer **Laura Hendricks** as interim treasurer.

Sympathies

Former **Amanda-Clearcreek Local (Fairfield)** Board of Education member **Jack Edward Tilley** died Nov. 15. He was 83. ●●● Former **Fort Jennings Local (Putnam)** Superintendent **Norman Francis "Tim" von der Embse** died Nov. 16. He was 92. ●●● **Marvin A. Tabbert**, a member of the former **Graytown** School Board in Ottawa County, died Nov. 3. He was 88. ●●● Former **Highland Local (Medina)** Board of Education member **Josephine "Jo" Becks** died Nov. 7. She was 96. ●●● Former **Jefferson Township Local (Montgomery)** Treasurer **Eddie William Jacob** died Nov. 16. He was 77. ●●● Former **Joseph Badger Local (Trumbull)** Board of Education member **Robert P. Jeffers** died Oct. 31. He was 90. ●●● Former **New Lexington City** Board of Education member **Joseph Rex Huffman Sr.** died Nov. 1. He was 77. ●●● Former **Northridge Local (Licking)** Board of Education member **John Thomas Reese** died Nov. 9. He was 85. ●●● Former **Norton City** Board of Education member **Donald Jerome Nutter** died Nov. 19. He was 83. ●●● **Arthur "Bucky" Glenn Shumate**, superintendent of the former **Ross County** School District, died Nov. 10. He was 87. ●●● Former **Scioto Valley Local (Pike)** Board of Education member **Emerson Willson Leist** died Nov. 16. He was 90. ●●● Former **State Board of Education** member **Dr. Everett L. Jung** died Nov. 4. He was 89. ●●● Former **Three Rivers Local (Hamilton)** Board of Education member **Margaret Frances Knapp** died Nov. 6. She was 82. ●●● Former **Union Local (Belmont)** Board of Education member **Robert "Bob" Wesley Butts** died Oct. 28. He was 75. ●●● Former **Wellington EV** and **Lorain County JVS**D Board of Education member **Wilbur H. Haas** died Nov. 13. He was 84. ●●● Former **Whitehall City** and **Eastland Career Center** (now **Eastland-Fairfield Career & Technical Schools**) Board of Education member **Wayne E. Davis** died Oct. 31. He was 90. ●●● Former **Williamsburg Local (Clermont)** Board of Education member **Francis "Frank" Huddle** died Nov. 18. He was 90.

Hot Topics in School Law

Webinar, Tuesday, Dec. 12, 10 a.m. to noon • Cost is \$100

Join the attorneys from the OSBA Division of Legal Services for a review of the hottest legal topics from 2017 as well as a discussion about the legal changes headed your way in 2018. Learn how these changes may impact your district and leave with practical tips for compliance.

Register for this webinar by visiting www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops. You also can register by contacting **Laurie Miller**, senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org.



Save the date

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Dec. 12

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\$100, webinar

Jan. 20-21

Board Member 101: Survival kit for your first 90 days in office
Hilton Garden Inn, Miamisburg
\$255 (includes four books), two days

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Board Member 101: Survival kit for your first 90 days in office
Hilton Garden Inn, Perrysburg
\$255 (includes four books), two days



Jan. 27-28

Board Member 101: Survival kit for your first 90 days in office
Embassy Suites, Columbus
\$255 (includes four books), two days



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Feb. 3

Board Member 201: Mastering your board leadership skills
Hilton Garden Inn, Findlay
\$180 (includes one book), full day



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OSBA office, Columbus
\$180 (includes one book), full day

Feb. 7

OSBA Master of Transportation Administration Program: The transportation handbook
OSBA office, Columbus
\$95, half day

Feb. 10

Board Member 201: Mastering your board leadership skills
Hilton Garden Inn, Miamisburg
\$180 (includes one book), full day

Feb. 10

Board Member 201: Mastering your board leadership skills
Northeast Ohio Medical University (NOMU), Rootstown
\$180 (includes one book), full day

Feb. 14

OSBA Master of Transportation Administration Program: The transportation handbook
OSBA office, Columbus
\$95, half day

Feb. 22

School Finance 101: What School Board Members Should Know
OSBA office, Columbus
\$160, full day



Feb. 26

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

March 1

SchoolComp Workers' Compensation Workshop
Hilton Garden Inn, Perrysburg
Free, half day

March 2

SchoolComp Workers' Compensation Workshop
NOMU, Rootstown
Free, half day

March 2

Special Education Law Workshop
Embassy Suites, Columbus
\$180 (includes one book), full day

March 6

State Legislative Conference
Sheraton Columbus at Capitol Square, Columbus
\$135, half day

March 8

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

March 12

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

March 13

SchoolComp Workers' Compensation Workshop
OASBO office, Columbus
Free, half day

March 16

Cyberlaw Workshop
OSBA office, Columbus
\$160, full day

April 4

OSBA Master of Transportation Administration Program: Public relations and working with the media
OSBA office, Columbus
\$95, half day

April 11

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OSBA office, Columbus
\$95, half day



Board Member 101: Survival kit for your first 90 days in office

School boardmanship is more complex and demanding than ever. High-quality board member education, designed specifically for newly elected board members, can help you become a more effective educational leader in your community. By focusing on your first 90 days in office, experienced OSBA staff will provide direction as you start your boardmanship journey. Learn about the important aspects of board work, frequently asked legal questions, how board policies help you govern your district and how to be an effective advocate for your students.

Details: These academies are offered over two weekends in four locations:

Jan. 20-21 at the Hilton Garden Inn, Miamisburg, or Hilton Garden Inn, Perrysburg

Jan. 27-28 at the Embassy Suites, Columbus, or Embassy Suites, Independence

Cost: \$255, which includes breakfast and lunch each day, workshop materials and four books: "Boardmanship," "Board-Treasurer Partnership," "Board-Superintendent Partnership" and "Board-Legislature Partnership."

Registration: Online at www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops or contact **Laurie Miller** at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org

Agenda

Saturday

- 8 a.m. Registration and breakfast**
- 9 a.m. Welcome and overview**
- 9:15 a.m. Understanding OSBA's five regions**
Discover activities taking place near you and meet your regional manager, your guide for regional events.
- 9:45 a.m. Boardmanship: What it's really all about**
Delve into the most important aspects of board work, your role as a board member and best practices for success as a new member of your board of education.
- 10:45 a.m. Boardmanship: Conduct and culture**
Learn strategies for working with your fellow board members and contributing to a strong, cohesive leadership team.
- 11:45 a.m. Lunch**
- 12:30 p.m. Frequently asked legal questions and available legal resources**
An OSBA attorney will provide answers and insight into the most common legal questions asked by new board members.
- 2:30 p.m. Hot topics and legal issues**
Hear timely information on critical legal issues facing today's school boards.
- 4:30 p.m. Networking and refreshments**

Sunday

- 8 a.m. Breakfast**
- 9 a.m. Why legislation and advocacy are so important**
Whether you like it or not, your district is affected by political leaders in Columbus, so your voice needs to be heard. Explore ways even a small district can help "educate" the legislature.
- 11 a.m. The OSBA website and your OSBA staff liaison: Your best resources**
Review the abundance of information right at your fingertips.
- 11:45 a.m. Lunch**
- 12:30 p.m. Video scenarios and audience discussion**
Watch two videos and apply what you've learned to stay on the right path.
- 1:15 p.m. Governing through policy: A framework for success**
A district's policies are its armor, protecting it in situations where subjectivity isn't the right approach.
- 3:15 p.m. District goal setting: How else do you know where you're going?**
Boards of education need to keep their district's vision in sight at all times and stay focused on the big picture to govern appropriately.
- 3:45 p.m. Questions/adjour**



This workshop is Stop 1 in the 2018 New Board Member Passport. The passport includes six workshops that expose you to topics that are important to new board members in their first year. Visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/passport to learn more.



Veteran board members and board officers serve critical leadership roles in their districts. Unfortunately, too many veteran board members believe on-the-job training is all they need to responsibly lead the board. Whether you are in your fourth year or your 14th, staying current is crucial to you and a benefit to your district. These workshops, created with board officers and veteran board members in mind, will present the tools you need to improve your boardmanship skills and effectively lead your district.

Details: These workshops are offered during two weekends in four locations:

Feb. 3, at the OSBA office in Columbus or Hilton Garden Inn in Findlay

Feb. 10, at the Hilton Garden Inn in Miamisburg or Northeast Ohio Medical University in Rootstown

Cost: \$180, which includes breakfast and lunch, workshop materials and the “Board Presidents’ Guidebook.”

Registration: Online at www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops or contact **Laurie Miller** at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org

Agenda

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| 8 a.m. | Registration and breakfast |
| 9 a.m. | The collaborative leader: Facilitating consensus and teamwork
Managing difficult decisions and finding a way to meet the needs and expectations of everyone on your leadership team isn’t easy but is critical to success. |
| 10:15 a.m. | Policy hot topics
Learn how new legislation and budget priorities will affect your policies in the next year and be prepared for the changes that will be required. |
| 11:15 a.m. | The board and social media
When a crisis happens or when the news media writes a story you didn’t expect, you need to be ready. Responding appropriately and efficiently and ensuring that everyone is “singing from the same songbook” is important. Also learn how to use social media to create your own good news. |
| Noon | Lunch |
| 12:45 p.m. | Transportation hot topics
The latest budget bill included several key items greatly affecting school transportation. Learn about the changes and get some suggestions to help others in your district understand them and mitigate their potential impact on your district’s bottom line. |
| 1:45 p.m. | Ethics issues
There sometimes is a difference between what is right and what is legal. Learn the distinction between ethical standards and legal obligations and discuss the consequences when those responsibilities are interrupted. |
| 2:30 p.m. | Open meetings and parliamentary procedure
Review how to comply with Ohio’s Open Meeting Act and Robert’s Rules of Order to run lawful, efficient and effective school board meetings. |
| 3:45 p.m. | Wrap-up and adjourn |



WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

Hot topics in school law

☐ Dec. 12, webinar, \$100

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Board Member 201: Mastering your board leadership skills

☐ Feb. 3, Columbus, \$180

☐ Feb. 3, Findlay, \$180

☐ Feb. 10, Miamisburg, \$180

☐ Feb. 10, Rootstown, \$180

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.



FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

compiled by Angela Penquite, managing editor

NEA Foundation Learning & Leadership grants

The National Education Association provides grants for public school teachers, public education support professionals, and faculty and staff in public institutions of higher education. Grants are awarded for one of two purposes: to fund participation in high-quality professional development experiences, such as summer institutes or action research, or to fund collegial study, including study groups, action research, lesson study or mentoring experiences for faculty or staff new to an assignment. All professional development must improve practice, curriculum and student achievement.

Maximum awards: \$5,000

Eligibility: public school teachers and education support professionals

Deadline: Feb. 1

Contact: <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/62235>

Funding for classroom technology programs

The Astronauts Memorial Foundation's Alan Shepard Technology in Education Award recognizes excellence in the development and delivery of technology programs in the classroom or in the professional development of teachers.

Maximum awards: \$1,000

Eligibility: K-12 school or district-level educators

Deadline: Feb. 1

Contact: www.amfcse.org

Rewarding student inventors

The Toshiba/National Science Teachers Association ExploraVision Awards Program encourages kids to create a vision of future technology by combining their imaginations with the tools of science. A teacher will guide his or her group of two to four students as they pick a current technology, research it, envision what it might look like in 20 years and describe the development steps, pros and cons, and obstacles.

Maximum award: \$10,000 savings bond for each team member

Eligibility: K-12 students

Deadline: Feb. 8

Contact: www.exploravision.org



LEGISLATIVE REPORT

by Jay Smith, deputy director of legislative services

Legislation to watch as 2017 winds down, 2018 begins

The state legislature will soon be closing out the first half of the 132nd General Assembly and preparing for its final year. That year will be highlighted by the November elections and an often-controversial lame-duck session prior to adjournment at the end of

December 2018. With this in mind, public education leaders need to continue communicating with legislators on issues impacting their local school districts.

The House and Senate have released their session schedules for January through June. The first

House session for the new year is set for Jan. 17; the last is May 23. Sessions after May 23 through June will be scheduled on an "if needed" basis. During major election years, the legislature typically takes an extended break,

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with few meetings between June and November, to spend more time on the campaign trail.

The House and Senate recently approved a conference report on Senate Bill (SB) 8, which had originally established a program helping school districts purchase technology and make physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure and school safety and security. However, the bill became the vehicle for a number of budget correction items after the two legislative chambers sent it to a conference committee. Several amendments described as budget corrections were amended into the legislation.

One provision included in the new version of SB 8 will increase

payments for some districts for their fixed-rate operating tangible personal property tax (TPP) losses in fiscal years (FY) 2018 and 2019 as follows:

- For traditional districts in FY 2018 and JVSDs in FYs 2018 and 2019, if the amount the district will receive under the current law is less than the amount the district received in the previous fiscal year (including the FY 2017 TPP supplement payment authorized in SB 208 of the 131st General Assembly) less 3.5% of the district's total resources, then the district will receive a supplemental payment equal to the difference between those two amounts.

- For traditional districts in FY 2019, if the district received a supplemental payment in FY 2018, the current law's phase down (equal to 5/8 of one mill per dollar of the district's three-year average property valuation for tax years 2014, 2015 and 2016) will be subtracted from the total payment the district received in FY 2018, including the reimbursement supplement. In FY 2020 and thereafter, reimbursement payments will be based on the amount a district received in FY 2019, excluding any reimbursement supplement, less the 5/8 mill phase down.

- Holds harmless traditional districts that gained foundation aid in FY 2019 due to the governor's veto of similar provisions in House Bill (HB) 49, the biennial budget bill. The proposed hold-harmless mechanism adds to a district's FY 2019 cap base an amount equal to

the reimbursement supplement in FY 2018 which, in effect, counteracts a lower cap offset payment in the foundation formula that results from that 3.5% of total resources TPP loss cap.

As the first half of the General Assembly comes to a close, OSBA expects continued discussions on the following bills:

- HB 200 and SB 85, which seek to create an income-based voucher by combining the EdChoice and Cleveland Scholarship programs into one voucher called the Ohio Opportunity Scholarship Program.

- HBs 342, 343 and 371, which would eliminate the August special election, change the structure of ballot language notices, revise challenges to property valuations and provide tax exemptions for unimproved land that is in the predevelopment stage.

- SB 216, the Ohio Public School Deregulation Act, which seeks to deregulate certain areas that many school district superintendents see as burdensome, such as teacher licensure and aide permits; Ohio teacher evaluation systems; state testing and assessments; College Credit Plus; and preschool operating standards.

In addition, several proposals related to student discipline most likely will be discussed in 2018. One proposal that has yet to be introduced seeks to prohibit out-of-school suspensions and/or expulsions for students in kindergarten through third grade. Discussions also have centered on

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Bargaining clients receive:

- low-cost service fees;
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- statewide experience.

For more information on how bargaining consultation can work for your district, contact OSBA's management services staff at (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA.



PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Scott Gerfen, assistant editor

Toledo City announces aerospace academy

Roughly 300 students are expected to enroll in **Toledo City's** new Aerospace and Natural Science Academy of Toledo when it opens in the fall of 2018.

"I didn't know I could be working on an airplane," **Faith Brown**, a sophomore at Toledo City's Start High School, told a local newspaper. "When I came here in eighth grade, I was like, ... 'This is what I want to do.'"

Students currently taking classes at Toledo City's Aviation

Center and Natural Science Technology Center have a split schedule, with part of the day spent at their home high school. The new academy will allow students to take all classes on one campus.

The academy is aimed at students across the region interested in aviation, environmental science, sustainability and wildlife management. It will help them work toward employment or

advanced degrees in those fields.

Statistics from the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics indicate a need for jobs in the aviation industry.

The bureau predicts overall employment for aircraft and avionics equipment mechanics and technicians will grow 5% from 2016 to 2026. About 35% of licensed technicians are 61 or older and 45% are age 50 to 60.

Source: The Blade

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districts incorporating positive behavior intervention supports, restorative practices and other alternative approaches to school discipline.

It is important that education leaders continue having conversations with their legislators throughout the coming months. The following are a few tips on keeping up with our collective advocacy needs:

- Respond to calls to action and alerts. OSBA emails alerts on important legislation or actions being taken by the legislature that require follow-up contact with local legislators. All it takes is a phone call to your legislator's office explaining the impact of a

legislative proposal on your district. OSBA will supply you with the information necessary for you to take action.

- Meet with your local legislator and establish a line of communication. Don't wait for an OSBA call to action before setting up your first meeting. Simply ask to meet with them either in the district or in Columbus to discuss what's happening in your district. Establish a means of communication, such as an email address or cellphone number, to enable you to contact them with vital information when needed.
- Testify before a House or Senate committee. It sounds harder than it actually is but school board

members and administrators often are encouraged to come to Columbus and tell their story at a committee hearing. This is one of the most effective ways to convey your advocacy for or against a legislative proposal. OSBA legislative staff can explain the steps and show you how easy it is.

- Contact OSBA legislative staff. Whether you have questions on a specific bill or are looking for a solution to advance your district's needs, OSBA staff is here for you. It is also helpful to speak with staff members when you communicate with legislators so that information can be shared to provide you and OSBA a complete advocacy picture.

Editor's note: Information in this

December

- 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.*

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January

- 3 Central Region Executive Committee Meeting teleconference
- 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).*
- 20-21 Board Member 101: Survival kit for your first 90 days in officePerrysburg
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- 20 *Last day for boards of education to submit*

fiscal tax-year budget to county auditor — RC 5705.30.

- 23 *Last day to submit certification for May conversion levy to tax commissioner — RC 5705.219(B) (105 days prior to election).*
- 27-28 Board Member 101: Survival kit for your first 90 days in officeColumbus
- 27-28 Board Member 101: Survival kit for your first 90 days in officeIndependence
- 29 *Last day to submit certification for May income tax levy to Ohio Department of Taxation — RC 5748.02(A) (100 days prior to election)*
- 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, 2017 — RC 3517.10(A)(3).*

February

- 2 *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).*

- 3 Board Member 201: Mastering your board leadership skills.....Columbus
- 3 Board Member 201: Mastering your board leadership skills.....Findlay
- 6 Southwest Region Executive Committee MeetingFranklin
- 7 OSBA Master of Transportation Administration Program: The transportation handbook.....Columbus
- 7 Northeast Region Executive Committee meeting.....Wadsworth
- 7 *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.*