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Study: Most of Ohio's lowest performing charters run by for-profit firms

Of the 16 lowest performing charter networks in Ohio, 14 are managed by for-profit companies, according to an analysis of 2013 records by the *Akron Beacon Journal*. The paper found that the online charters Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow and Ohio Virtual Academy, which enroll a quarter of all charter students, averaged the lowest student academic growth in the state. It also found that \$503 million of the \$920 million in public funding for charter schools went to schools managed by for-profit firms; about two-thirds of the \$503 million went to five large, low-performing companies: White Hat, Leona Group, Altair Learning Management, K12 and Imagine Schools; and a little more than half of the \$920 million went to out-of-state companies.

State offering \$10 million in grants for new school mentorship initiative

The Ohio Department of Education is asking community organizations, faith-based groups and businesses to partner with eligible Ohio school districts to give more students access to positive role models through the new Community Connectors mentoring program. There are \$10 million in grants available for the program. Eligible districts are those with a high percentage of students in poverty and a large number of students not graduating on time. The application deadline is Feb. 20. For more information, visit www.communityconnectors.ohio.gov.

High percentage of third-graders meet reading guarantee benchmark

Nearly 96% of last year's eligible third-graders met Ohio's new third-grade reading guarantee criteria for promotion to the fourth grade, according to data school districts submitted to the Ohio Department of Education. The guarantee requires schools to provide intervention for struggling readers. It also mandates that students still reading below grade level by the end of the summer following their third-grade year must remain in that grade to build essential reading skills.

OSBA again offering free electronic *Briefcase* subscriptions

To add value to OSBA membership, the association is again offering the *Briefcase* newsletter free if *all* subscribers in a district sign up to receive it electronically. If anyone in the district does not choose the electronic option, the subscription rate of \$130 for up to 15 subscribers still will apply. Please indicate your district's preference on the OSBA membership invoice, which was mailed earlier this month.

Former OSBA deputy director Carroll L. McCammon dies at 79

Carroll L. McCammon, who served as OSBA deputy director of management services from 1984 though 1999, died Dec. 1. He was 79. McCammon worked very

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closely with the OSBA labor relations team and school business officials across the state. Prior to joining OSBA, he was deputy auditor for the state auditor's school division.

Students' Capital Conference documentary available online

Students from **North Canton City's** Channel 11 have completed their documentary video of the 2014 OSBA Capital Conference; it is posted at <http://links.ohio.schoolboards.org/86311>. The Hoover High School students shot video, conducted interviews and edited the footage into an outstanding, 10-minute conference documentary. The OSBA video documentary project — in its sixth year — gives students the opportunity to document a major statewide education conference. Each year's video team is chosen based on work it has submitted.

Montel Williams cheers on Chardon students, football team

Talk show host **Montel Williams** recently spent time with **Chardon Local (Geauga)** students during a home football game.

"It was fantastic," Chardon athletic director **Doug Snyder** told a local newspaper. "For the kids to know someone like Montel, with no personal connection to them ... supports them and takes time to be with them, you can't really put into words what that means."

The visit was planned after Williams used Twitter earlier this year to connect with the school community, which is still healing from a tragic school shooting in 2012.

Williams also is a spokesman for the National School Boards Association's Stand Up for Public Schools public awareness campaign, which OSBA supports with its own state campaign.

Source: *Gallipolis Daily Tribune*

Special price on electronic SMN subscription returns

Once again, OSBA is offering its *School Management News* newsletter at a 21% discount to member districts in which *all* subscribers choose to receive the publication electronically. The electronic subscription rate is \$150 annually

for up to 15 subscribers, a \$40 savings over the paper newsletter. Please indicate which option your district prefers on the 2015 OSBA membership invoice.

EPA issues guidance on air quality during renovations

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has issued new guidance to help districts control harmful air quality conditions during school renovations. It can be found at <http://links.ohio.schoolboards.org/13510>.

OSBA online

● www.ohioschoolboards.org

The OSBA communication services division has posted nearly 1,000 photos from the 59th annual Capital Conference on the association's Flickr page. Visit www.flickr.com/ohschoolboards to see if you or anyone from your district is featured. Photos can be viewed and downloaded from that page.



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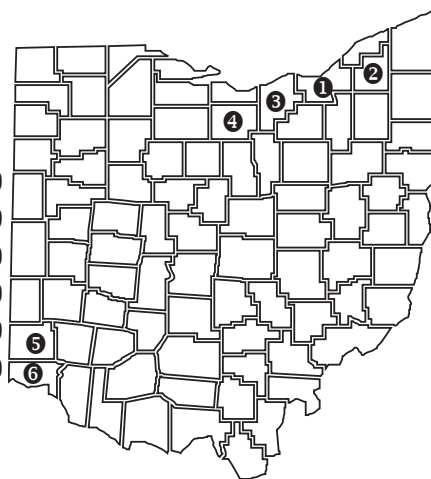
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compiled by Melanie Price, administrative assistant of communication services

OSBA executive searches

Superintendent

District	Deadline	Contact
① Warrensville Heights City	Jan. 2	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
② West Geauga Local (Gauga)	Jan. 2	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
③ Elyria City	Jan. 16	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
④ Norwalk City	Jan. 23	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
⑤ Hamilton City	Feb. 13	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
⑥ Mount Healthy City	Feb. 13	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000



Other searches

Position	District	Deadline	Contact
Superintendent	Springfield City	Feb. 6	Chris Mohr and Dennis Leone, K-12 Business Consultants Inc., (740) 649-2173

Board changes

Galion City Board of Education member **Heath Watkins** announced his resignation effective Nov. 24. ●●● **Howland Local (Trumbull)** Board of Education member **Warner Bacak** announced his resignation effective immediately. ●●● **Northeastern Local (Clark)** Board of Education member **John F. Davey** announced his resignation effective Nov. 19. ●●● **Parma City** Board of Education member **Sean P. Nicklos** announced his resignation effective Dec. 8. He is moving outside of the district. ●●● **Wooster City** appointed **Michael Knapic** to the board effective immediately. He replaced **Mike Steiner**, who resigned.

Administrative changes

Superintendents

Brooklyn City Superintendent **Cynthia J. Walker** announced her retirement effective June 30. ●●● **Hamilton City** Superintendent **Janet Baker** announced her retirement effective July 1. ●●● **Hamilton Local (Franklin)** hired Assistant Superintendent **William Morrison** as superintendent effective July 1. He will replace **Christopher Lester**, who is retiring. ●●● **Howland Local (Trumbull)** hired district Middle School Principal **Kevin Spicher** as superintendent effective Jan. 1. He will replace **John R. Sheets**, who is retiring. ●●● **Lakewood Local (Licking)** hired **Mary Kay Andrews** as superintendent effective Jan. 1. She will replace **Jay Gault**, who is retiring. Andrews currently is director of district services

Editor's note

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

at C-TEC of Licking County. ●●● London City Superintendent **Thomas Ben** announced his retirement effective in July. ●●● Lorain City Superintendent **Thomas E. Tucker** announced his retirement effective June 30. ●●● Newbury Local (Geauga) hired **Michelle Mrakovich** effective Jan. 1. She will replace **Richard A. Wagner**, who is retiring. Mrakovich currently is the district's junior/senior high school principal. ●●● Pioneer Career and Technology Center Superintendent **Glenna Cannon** announced her retirement effective Dec. 31. ●●● Revere Local (Summit) hired Dr. **P. Joseph Madak** as interim superintendent effective Jan. 1. He will replace **Randy Boroff**, who is retiring.

Treasurers

Wayne Trace Local (Paulding) hired **Lori A. Davis** as treasurer effective Jan. 1. She will replace **Gary Ginter**, who resigned. Davis currently is treasurer at **Vantage Career Center**. ●●● Canal Winchester Local (Franklin) hired **Kevin Watson** as assistant treasurer effective Jan. 1. Watson currently is a computer technician in the district.

Sympathies

Former **Bexley City** Board of Education member Dr. **Thomas Buttimer Williard** died Dec. 2. He was 87. ●●● Former **Clark-Shawnee Local (Clark)** Board of Education member **Mary E. Hearlihy** died Nov. 23. She was 79. ●●● **Harold J. Ault**, a member of the former **Delaware County** school board and former **Delaware County Vocational School** board, died Nov. 18. He was 85. ●●● Former **Edgewood City** Board of Education member **Mark Phillip Stroup** died Dec. 2. He was 73. ●●● Former **Garfield Heights City** Board of Education member **Patrick C. Bluso** died Nov. 27. He was 91. ●●● Former **Huron City** Board of Education member **Edward J. Romay** died Nov. 28. He was 93. ●●● Former **Lancaster City** Board of Education member **Charles E. "Chuck" Reed** died Nov. 26. He was 87. ●●● **Liberty Local (Trumbull)** Board of Education member **Gloria H. Lang** died Nov. 27. She was 82. ●●● Former **Manchester Local (Summit)** and **Portage Lakes JVSD** Board of Education member **Harry J. Carmany** died Nov. 25. He was 92. ●●● Former **McDonald Local (Trumbull)** Board of Education member **Edward Louis Thomas Domitrovich** died Nov. 30. He was 81. ●●● Former **Mentor EV** Board of Education member **Charleen R. Gawronski** died Nov. 30. She was 76. ●●● Former **Port Clinton City**

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What can PFR do for you?

OSBA is working with Public Finance Resources Inc. (PFR) to offer district financial forecasting services. This is an OSBA service, provided exclusively for OSBA by PFR.

PFR can:

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- develop customized reports to make your financial information understandable and believable;
- provide effective and efficient financial modeling to identify options and results;
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Get up to speed quickly!

Don't miss the New Board Member Workshop



Saturday, Jan. 10 • 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
OSBA office, Columbus • Cost is \$160

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

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

Cost for the workshop is \$160 per board member. Four books are included with workshop tuition: *Boardmanship*, *Board-Treasurer Partnership*, *Board-Superintendent Partnership* and *Board-Legislature Partnership*.

Agenda

8:30 a.m.	Registration and continental breakfast (provided)	11:30 a.m.	School finance update <i>OSBA legislative services division</i>
9 a.m.	Welcome	12:30 p.m.	Lunch (provided)
9:15 a.m.	Boardmanship — roles and responsibilities <i>OSBA school board services division</i>	1 p.m.	Policy and management services <i>OSBA management services division</i>
10:15 a.m.	Legislative and lobbying <i>OSBA legislative services division</i>	2:15 p.m.	Legal update <i>OSBA legal services division</i>
11:15 a.m.	Break	4 p.m.	Closing remarks, questions and adjourn

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

Become a better board leader

Attend the Board Presidents Workshop

Two dates and four locations to choose from:

- Saturday, Jan. 31, at the OSBA office in Columbus or Northeast Ohio Medical University in Rootstown
- Saturday, Feb. 7, at the Hilton Garden Inn in Findlay or Hilton Garden Inn Dayton South in Miamisburg

The workshops run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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

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

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

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

Agenda

8:30 a.m.	Registration and continental breakfast	12:30 p.m.	Lunch (provided)
9 a.m.	Leading the governance team <i>OSBA school board services division</i>	1:15 p.m.	Public Finance Resources
10:15 a.m.	You ask us! Open Q&A with OSBA staff	1:30 p.m.	Management matters for 2015 <i>OSBA management services division</i>
10:45 a.m.	Break	3 p.m.	Wrap-up and adjourn
11 a.m.	Keeping it legal: What board presidents need to know <i>OSBA legal services division</i>		



Cost for the workshop is \$165 per board member, and includes a copy of the *Board Presidents' Handbook*. Register online at www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops or contact Laurie Miller, senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org.

OSBA MASTER OF TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATION (MTA) PROGRAM

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

These half-day workshops — each offered from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. — will include a working lunch and time for questions. Each class is scheduled twice; participants may sign up for either session. All workshops will be at the OSBA office, 8050 N. High St., Columbus, 43235. Visit

www.ohioschoolboards.org/transportation-training-programs to read workshop descriptions and learn about the MTA certification program.

The cost is \$90 per workshop. Register online at www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops. You also can purchase a subscription plan for all the workshops in this series. For any questions about the program, contact **Diana Paulins**, OSBA senior administrative assistant of policy services, at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or mta@ohioschoolboards.org.



Public relations and working with the media — Feb. 4 or Feb. 10

Experience a “live interview” process to learn how to develop talking points and stay on target in an interview. Also learn how to build proactive media relationships to let your community know about the resources your transportation department offers.

Routing and technology — April 1 or April 7

Maximizing route efficiency is essential in today’s school environment. No one can afford to run extra buses or those that only serve a few students. Look at proven strategies for determining how many buses you need and routing styles. This session also discusses technologies to help with routing and the costs and benefits of that technology.

Buy that bus and put the plan together — May 6 or May 12

Review the bus purchase process and how to determine when it is time to buy or lease, including a review of the data you need to make the right decision. Learn about operational plans, work calendars and how to schedule or delegate projects. Much of what you do has a critical work path, so it’s important to plan ahead. Learn how building your stakeholder groups and support network is key to your success.



OSBA Executive Searches

If retaining a successful, long-term leader is a priority for your district, rely on OSBA!

Finding the right leader for your district will be among the most significant decisions you make as a board. For more than 30 years, the OSBA search process has proven successful in nearly 1,000 executive searches for Ohio’s diverse school districts and other related organizations. No one does it better!

For information on Ohio’s best administrative search team, call OSBA’s **Kathy LaSota, Cheryl W. Ryan, Dr. Richard J. Caster** or **Steve Horton** at (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA.



WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

New Board Member Workshop

☐ Jan. 10, Columbus, \$160

Board Presidents Workshop

☐ Jan. 31, Columbus, \$165

☐ Jan. 31, Rootstown, \$165

☐ Feb. 7, Findlay, \$165

☐ Feb. 7, Miamisburg, \$165

OSBA MTA program

☐ Feb. 4, Columbus, \$90

☐ Feb. 10, Columbus, \$90

☐ April 1, Columbus, \$90

☐ April 7, Columbus, \$90

☐ May 6, Columbus, \$90

☐ May 12, 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. You will need a username and password.



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or fax

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(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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Board of Education member **Ronald William Blackburn** died Dec. 5. He was 80. ●●● Former **Springfield-Clark County Career Technology Center** Superintendent **Don E. Watson** died Nov. 21. He was 84. ●●● Former **Stow-Munroe Falls City** Treasurer **David Henry Leiner** died Nov. 10. He was 65. ●●● Former **Upper Scioto Valley Local (Hardin)** Board of Education member **Jack D. Marshall** died Nov. 27. He was 84. ●●● Former **Windham** EV Board of Education member **Howard Furl Jr.** died Nov. 17. He was 83. ●●● Former **Worthington City** Board of Education member **Rufus B. Jones Jr.** died Nov. 22. He was 88.



INFORMATION

by Angela Penquite, assistant editor

Award of Achievement applications due in January

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

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

The Award of Achievement is a

special distinction available only to Ohio school board members from OSBA member districts. Board members earning 100 points within a two-year period are eligible for the Award of Achievement. The credits must have been accumulated between January 2013 and December 2014. In-service and special activity credit values are listed on the application.

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

The application deadline for the awards is Jan. 19. Applications can be downloaded at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/43085>. If you need a printed application, contact OSBA at (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA. Award winners

will be notified after the application information is verified. The 2014 awards will be presented at the 2015 spring region conferences.

Board members can confirm the OSBA committees they have served on and workshops they've attended by visiting the OSBA website, www.ohioschoolboards.org. You must log in, then click on "My Account" at the top right of the page to see a list of workshops attended, upcoming training and 2014 committees and roles. If you do not have a username or password, contact OSBA at the numbers previously listed.

If you have questions about the Award of Achievement, Master Board Member award or the application process, contact **Judy Morgan**, OSBA senior administrative assistant of school board services, at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or jmorgan@ohioschoolboards.org.



LEGISLATIVE REPORT

by Jay Smith, deputy director of legislative services

Lame-duck session coming to a close

On Dec. 12, the Ohio Senate wrapped up a very busy lame-duck legislative session around 4 a.m. The Senate had planned to finish the previous day, but negotiations over a redistricting reform plan kept the senators at the Statehouse until the early hours of the morning. Prior to the end of this lame-duck session, both chambers moved forward with some education priorities.

The Ohio House moved House Bill (HB) 228, a bill that would limit state-mandated assessments to no more than four hours for each subject area, while exempting certain assessments such as nationally standardized tests and assessments related to the third-grade reading guarantee. The legislation also included a requirement for the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) to conduct a comprehensive survey of all school districts on their readiness and capacity to conduct online assessments, as well as to study and report the impact on student performance with online state assessments.

After passing the House, the Senate elected not to host hearings on HB 228, instead waiting for a report — due by Jan. 15 — from State Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. **Richard A. Ross**.

The report was requested by the legislature earlier this year through other legislation, and requests input from ODE on minimizing the amount of time spent on testing.

Legislation that made it through both chambers is HB 367. This bill not only requires school districts to include prescription opioid abuse prevention in their health curriculum, but also includes several provisions that were taken out of HB 343 and placed into HB 367 while being heard in the Senate Education Committee.

Some of the provisions added to the legislation would:

- Add a requirement of one-half unit of instruction in the study of world history and civilizations in the high school social studies curriculum (originally contained in Senate Bill 96).
- Allow for a current ninth-grader to take either the physical science or biology end-of-course examination and require ninth-grade students, after July 2015, to only take biology end-of-course exams. The physical science exam would not be required after this school year.
- Require school districts to choose multiple national standardized assessments that measure college and career readiness to administer to students.

● Exempt from an end-of-course exam students who have received high school credit for an applicable course prior to July 1, 2015, if the exam was not available for administration prior to that date.

● Allow districts to use an integrated approach to mathematics.

● Require final course grades instead of substitute exams in 2015-16 for students enrolled in specified subjects under College Credit Plus.

● Require the state superintendent of public instruction, in consultation with the Ohio Board of Regents chancellor, to adopt guidelines for calculating academic achievement as well as for calculating the minimum final course grades for College Credit Plus.

● Address deadlines for the phase out of the Ohio Graduation Test.

● Require districts to administer the Ohio Achievement Assessment for English language arts to all third-grade students in the spring.

● Change the attendance reporting to include a specification that a student is considered full time if enrolled in at least five units of instruction per school year in grades nine to 12.

● Make changes to Teach for America licenses that require participants to remain active in the

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PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Bryan Bullock, assistant editor

Stark County teacher named one of nation's top educators

A **Plain Local (Stark)** teacher recently received an unexpected honor: one of the nation's most prestigious awards for educational excellence.

Frazer Elementary School teacher **Jessica Tsoufiou** was surprised with the Milken Educator Award in front of a cheering crowd at the school. The honor is presented to one educator per state and carries a \$25,000 cash prize that teachers can use in any way.

Tsoufiou said she shares the award with the all teachers and staff and her school.

"It takes a village to raise our students here at Frazer," she told the crowd, according to a local newspaper. "It's a team effort from everybody."

Milken Family Foundation officials said Tsoufiou stood out due to her hard work, her cross-disciplinary approach to teaching and the admiration and gratitude she elicits from colleagues and

parents. Tsoufiou is an Ohio Department of Education Master Teacher and a sought-out mentor and collaborator.

"We've been presenting these awards for almost 30 years because we believe — and the research proves it — that educators represent the most important school-based factor in raising student achievement," said **Lowell Milken**, chairman and co-founder of the foundation.

Source: *The (Canton) Repository*

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program in order to maintain a resident educator license and require the State Board of Education to revoke a license if a participant leaves the program.

- Add a provision allowing districts to contract with educational service centers to provide a nurse to deliver diabetes care to students.

As of the writing of this article, HB 367 had been amended and passed in the Senate. This legislation still needs to be agreed upon by the House, which is slated to have its last session on Dec. 17. Should the House not agree to the Senate's changes, the bill could go to a conference committee or fail to pass the legislature.

For more information on the final

outcome of the lame-duck session, watch for additional details sent out by OSBA's legislative staff.

For the latest legislative updates, contact the OSBA legislative division at (800) 589-6722 or visit

the OSBA BillTracker page at www.ohioschoolboards.org/billtracker.

Editor's note: All information in this article was current as of Dec. 12.

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December 2014

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

January 2015

- 5 Last day for voter registration for February election — RC 3503.01, 3503.19(A) (30 days prior to the election).
- 10 New Board Member Workshop Columbus
- 13 Southwest Region Executive Committee Meeting Franklin
- 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 Last day for boards of education to submit fiscal tax-year budget to county auditor — RC 5705.30; last day to submit certification for May conversion levy to tax commissioner — RC 5705.219(B) (105 days prior to election).
- 21 Central Region Executive Committee meeting..... Columbus

- 26 Last day to submit certification for May income tax levy to Ohio Department of Taxation — RC 5748.02(A) (100 days prior to the election).
- 30 Last day to submit May emergency levy, current operating expenses levy or conversion levy to county auditor for May election — RC 5705.194, 5705.195, 5705.213, 5705.219 (95 days prior to the election); 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, 2014 — RC 3517.10(A)(3).
- 31 Board Presidents Workshop.. Columbus
- 31 Board Presidents Workshop Rootstown
- 31 Deadline for educational service center (ESC) governing boards to meet and organize — RC 3313.14.

February 2015

- 3 Special Election Day — RC 3501.01(first Tuesday after the first Monday).
- 4 OSBA MTA Program: Public relations and working with the media Columbus

- 4 Northeast Region Executive Committee Meeting Wadsworth
- 4 Last day for school district to file resolution of necessity, resolution to proceed and auditor's certification for bond levy with board of elections for May election — RC 133.18(D); last day for county auditor to certify school district bond levy terms for May election — RC 133.18(C); last day to submit continuing replacement, permanent improvement or operating levy for May election to board of elections — RC 5705.192, 5705.21, 5705.25; last day to certify resolution for school district income tax levy, conversion levy or renewal of conversion levy for May election to board of elections — RC 5748.02(C), 5705.219 (C) and (G); last day to submit emergency levy for May election to board of elections — RC 5705.195; last day to submit phased-in levy or current operating expenses levy for May election to board of elections — RC 5705.251(A) (90 days prior to the election).
- 7 Board Presidents Workshop..... Findlay
- 7 Board Presidents Workshop Miamisburg
- 8 Northwest Region Executive Committee meeting..... TBD
- 8 Southeast Region Executive Committee meeting..... Logan