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OSBA files brief in support of constitutional challenge to House Bill 70

OSBA's Legal Assistance Fund has filed an amicus brief to support the **Youngstown City** school board in its challenge to the constitutionality of Ohio House Bill 70. The bill was introduced in 2015 to create a community learning center model for districts. However, last-minute amendments significantly expanded it to set new standards for academic distress commissions, including the appointment of a CEO with significant operational, managerial and instructional control of a district. The Ohio Federation of Teachers and Buckeye Association of School Administrators joined the brief, which backs the district's argument that rushing the amendment through violated the spirit and letter of the constitution and usurps the power and authority of school boards and the will of voters who elected them. The case is on appeal before the 10th District Court of Appeals. The brief is posted at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/36923>.

NSBA black school board members group launches award program

The National School Boards Association's (NSBA) Black Council of School Board Members has created a new award program. The National Black Council RISE Award recognizes one school board for excellence in establishing and executing policies, practices and strategies that promote and enhance equitable conditions, increase access to quality instruction and improve academic outcomes and career readiness for African-American students. The winning board will be recognized at the NSBA Annual Conference in April and receive free conference registration and travel expenses (up to \$750 per person) for one board member and the district superintendent to attend the award ceremony. For details and to apply, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/14695>.

OSBA again offering free electronic Briefcase subscription

Districts can get the OSBA Briefcase newsletter free if *all* subscribers sign up to receive it electronically. If anyone in the district does not choose the electronic option, the district rate of \$135 for up to 15 subscribers applies. Please note your district's preference on the 2018 OSBA membership invoice.

Award of Achievement application deadline drawing near

The deadline for submitting applications for OSBA's Award of Achievement and Master Board Member honors is Jan. 19. The awards recognize school board members for participating in workshops, volunteering for service to OSBA and working on behalf of their own boards. The application is available at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/43085>. Members can confirm the OSBA committees they have served on and workshops they've attended by visiting the OSBA website and logging into their account.

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Route workshop information to:

- ☐ Administrators
- ☐ Business managers
- ☐ Newly elected board members

Get tips on helping new members join your board

Hundreds of newly elected school board members soon will begin their terms of office. OSBA has compiled a wealth of resources to help districts smoothly bring new members onto their boards. They include: transitioning new board members to the leadership team; an organizational meeting fact sheet and tips; administering the oath of office; filling January board vacancies; and new board member training opportunities. For details, visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/new-board-members.

Surveys show opinions on public ed, charters, vouchers

Surveys by Education Next, The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research, Phi Delta Kappa and the American Teachers Federation polled a variety of groups on their opinion of public education, charter schools and

vouchers. The results were similar on public school quality, but the questions about vouchers and charter schools showed differences of opinion and a lack of information about these issues. A strong theme that emerged is that Americans like the idea of choice but still prefer their local schools.

To learn more, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/21218>.

School Management News deal continues for 2018

OSBA is again offering the School Management News newsletter at a substantial 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; the paper subscription is \$195. Please indicate which option your district prefers on the 2018 OSBA membership invoice.

OSBA online

● www.ohioschoolboards.org

OSBA has dozens of professional development events scheduled in the coming months, including a special series for new board members. To see what workshops are being offered and to register, visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops.

Students decorate city hall for Christmas

Students from **Bucyrus City Schools** delivered holiday cheer to the Bucyrus City Hall.

The six-year program involves students in the elementary and secondary school after-school programs and a kindergarten class. They spent several days making ornaments that are on display throughout city hall. Members of the Bucyrus High School Student Council put the ornaments on the tree.

"The students really enjoy making the different Christmas ornaments for the city hall tree and interior," Bucyrus Elementary School Principal **Timothy Souder** told local online news media. "It is great that the students get to see the work they've completed on display for everyone in Bucyrus to see."

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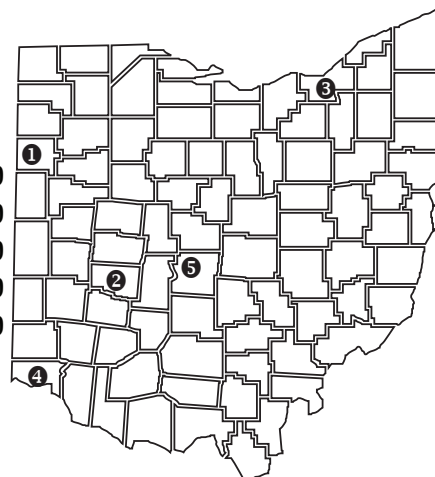
BULLETIN BOARD

compiled by Melanie Price, senior administrative assistant of communication services

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 Lakewood City	Jan. 29	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
❹ Loveland City	Jan. 29	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
❺ Ohio State School for the Blind	TBD	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000



Board changes

Maple Heights City Board of Education member **Lani Stafford** announced her resignation effective Nov. 6.

Administrative changes

Superintendents

Tecumseh Local (Clark) Superintendent **Norm Glismann** announced his retirement effective July 31.

Treasurers

Northwestern Local (Clark) Treasurer **David Bollheimer** announced his retirement effective Dec. 31. ●●● **Reading Community City** hired **Colette Lewis** as treasurer effective Jan. 1. She will replace **Cary Furniss**, who has taken the treasurer position at **Kings Local (Warren)**. Lewis currently is assistant treasurer at **Deer Park Community City**.

Sympathies

Former **Hopewell-Loudon Local (Seneca)** Board of Education member **Mary Ruth Crandall** died Dec. 6. She was 77. ●●● Former **Lake Local (Wood)** Board of Education member **Ethan Brown Remley** died Dec. 5. He was 83. ●●● Former **Massillon City** Board of Education member **Mary F. Strukel** died Dec. 8. She was 81. ●●● Former **Mentor EV** Board of Education member **Francis M. "Bud" Paulson** died Dec. 4. He was 99. ●●● Former **Newbury Local (Geauga)** Board of Education member **Kenneth Carlyle Blair Jr.** died Nov. 24. He was 79. ●●● Former **North Baltimore Local (Wood)** Board of Education member **Delmont D. Brown** died Nov. 27. He was 94. ●●● **Selma Irene Mansfield**, a member of the former **Rome-Canaan School Board** in Athens County, died Dec. 7. She was 92. ●●● **Tri-Valley Local (Muskingum)** Board of Education member **Russell L. Wagner** died Nov. 30. He was 63. ●●● Former **Youngstown City** Assistant Superintendent **James Jarvis** died Dec. 7. He was 87.

Editor's note

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



LEGISLATIVE REPORT

by Jay Smith, deputy director of legislative services

Computer science legislation sent to the governor for signing

Prior to its holiday break, the Ohio General Assembly passed House Bill (HB) 170, sponsored by Reps. **Rick Carfagna** (R-Genoa Township) and **Mike Duffey** (R-Worthington). HB 170 will give school districts the option of using

computer science as a prescribed subject within their minimum high school curriculum requirements for receiving a diploma. Current law prescribes 20 units of study in specified subject areas.

The bill requires the Ohio

Department of Education to adopt academic content standards and a model curriculum for computer science in grades K-12 by Dec. 31, 2018. In addition, the standards must include introductory and advanced computer science courses in grades nine through 12.

If a district chooses to use computer science as an option in its high school curriculum, students may take an advanced computer science course as an alternative to algebra II. Should a student elect to substitute

advanced computer science for algebra II, the school is required to inform the student that some institutions of higher education may require algebra II for college admission. The student's parent or legal guardian also must sign a document acknowledging that not taking algebra II may impact college admission decisions.

A computer science course also may be used to fulfill one unit of advanced study within the required science curriculum. However, the bill prohibits computer science from being substituted for any life sciences. A computer science course also may be used to fulfill one of the five elective units required by the curriculum.

The bill allows some flexibility in qualifications to teach computer science. Under the bill, a teacher must hold either an educator license in computer science or a license endorsement in computer technology and pass a computer science content examination. The bill also allows a district to employ an individual who holds any valid educator license as long as the individual qualifies for a supplemental teaching license in computer science. The requirements for a supplemental

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Where can you find the *real* facts?



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(OEPI) continues to be the *only* organization in Ohio dedicated to research and analysis of education public policy issues.

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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 |

OSBA MASTER OF TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATION (MTA) PROGRAM

The 2017-18 MTA workshops will help those involved in student transportation better understand and perform day-to-day operations.

These half-day workshops — offered from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. — include a working lunch and time for questions. Each class is scheduled twice; participants may sign up for either session. Each class is \$95, or you can purchase an MTA subscription for the workshop series; contact **Diana Paulins**, OSBA senior administrative assistant of policy services, for subscription information. All workshops will be at the OSBA office, 8050 N. High St., Columbus, OH, 43235. Visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/transportation-training-programs to learn about the MTA certification program.



Workshop dates and descriptions

Feb. 7 or 14 — The transportation handbook

Guidelines and procedures are essential and can be the manager's best friend. Discuss the handbook development process, what to include in the handbook and how to keep it current.

April 4 or 11 — Public relations and working with the media

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.

May 2 or 9 — Designing your operational plan and building keys for success

Review how to put the operational plan together, including timelines and how to schedule or delegate projects. Discover how building support networks and stakeholder groups are key to your success.

Register online at www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops. You also can purchase a subscription plan for all the workshops in this series. For questions about the program or to register, contact **Diana Paulins** at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or mta@ohioschoolboards.org.

Going nowhere fast?

When you are ready to help your district move forward, OSBA School Board Services can help. Choose the planning option that meets your district's specific needs:

- District strategic planning
- District goal setting
- Superintendent performance goals

For more information about planning options offered by OSBA School Board Services, go to www.ohioschoolboard.org/school-board-services. To schedule a planning session, contact **Cheryl W. Ryan** (cryan@ohioschoolboards.org), **Teri Morgan** (tmorgan@ohioschoolboards.org) or **Steve Horton** (shorton@ohioschoolboards.org) at (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA.



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WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

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

- ☐ Jan. 20-21, Miamisburg, \$255
- ☐ Jan. 20-21, Perrysburg, \$255
- ☐ Jan. 27-28, Columbus, \$255
- ☐ Jan. 27-28, Independence, \$255

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 MTA Program

- ☐ Feb. 7, Columbus, \$95
- ☐ Feb. 14, Columbus, \$95
- ☐ April 4, Columbus, \$95
- ☐ April 11, Columbus, \$95
- ☐ May 2, Columbus, \$95
- ☐ May 9, Columbus, \$95

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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(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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teaching license will be established by the State Board of Education.

Finally, the bill allows districts to establish a computer science and technology fund. The fund may be used for:

- professional development related to computer science programs;

- delivery of online assessments;
- wireless connectivity in school buildings;
- network services and/or the purchase of computers, tablets and other equipment.

The bill states that the fund may consist of undesignated district

moneys, private funds donated to the district and any future state moneys allocated to the district for that purpose.

Editor's note: Information in this article was current as of Dec. 15, 2017.



NEWS

by Crystal Davis, deputy director of communication services

Trustees take visionary action to guide OSBA's future

Discussion surrounding OSBA's Visionary Initiatives for Strategic Action (VISA) plan, which will guide the association for the next five years, dominated a large portion of the Board of Trustees meeting on Nov. 12.

Trustees from across the state, along with OSBA staff, reviewed each line of the new VISA plan during a morning meeting at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. The trustees meeting began a little over two hours before the first learning session kicked off the 2017 Capital Conference and Trade Show at the convention center.

The plan calls for the integration of progressive, strategic and effective association management practices that enable Ohio's school boards to value and take advantage of OSBA as a vital source of assistance, guidance, unity and support. It demands that OSBA leaders focus resources to

ensure that Ohioans value, respect and support public education through strategic initiatives.

The plan also "demands that OSBA equip its members to provide students of all backgrounds a high-quality education that prepares them for lifelong success," OSBA Executive Director **Richard Lewis** told trustees.

A 30-member team, appointed by OSBA President **Denise Baba, Streetsboro City**, met to revisit the prior VISA plan earlier this year. Trustees were asked to complete a survey prior to that meeting, the results of which served as the basis for the team's work.

Following the work of that committee, executive directors from six state school boards associations, along with a National School Boards Association (NSBA) representative, spent a week conducting a functional review of

the association's operations. The final report from the NSBA review was presented to the trustees at the meeting.

"These are recommendations from people in the same position as Rick (Lewis), and they may be doing things a little bit differently," said **Valarie Carty**, NSBA's director of state association services.

"OSBA is highly regarded across the country and the recommendations are not criticism but are aimed at helping (the association) do more, do better and to provide something to strive for."

"Walking through your conference setup, it has to be one of the most spectacular conventions in the country," said **John H. Ashley**, executive director of the Wisconsin Association of School Boards. "We hope to keep pushing the association to be all it can be. Obviously, we saw some

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things that we thought you might want to engage in. But we do want to compliment Rick and, in particular, OSBA's staff. (Our review) was really an invasion but the degree of engagement and forthrightness was appreciated."

The NSBA report was used by OSBA staff to help refine the recommended goals for the new VISA plan.

After unanimously voting to adopt the new VISA plan, trustees took the first step in implementing it by chartering the Diversity and Equity Committee. This committee will work to focus on some of the most troubling social issues of our time that may create barriers to student learning such as poverty, diversity, inclusion, equity and homelessness.

"It's important to look at the policies for appointing members to the Diversity and Equity Committee," said **Emmett C. Orr**, **Jefferson Township Local** (Montgomery) board member who

is president of the OSBA Black Caucus. "We will continue that discussion with the black caucus."

The meeting also introduced a new leader at OSBA. Dr. **Kathy McFarland**, recently named OSBA's deputy executive director, was warmly welcomed by trustees. Currently the principal of **Olentangy Local's (Delaware)** Orange High School, McFarland will officially begin her duties at OSBA on Dec. 29.

OSBA Director of Legislative Services **Jennifer Hogue** presented a legislative update to trustees, summarizing the many education-related bills that have been introduced since the board's last meeting. A few of the most notable bills include:

- House Bill (HB) 342, which would prohibit levies from being placed on the ballot in August, specifies that local tax-related proposals can only appear on general and primary election ballots. It also would require

county auditors to estimate millage for bond and levy issues in dollars and cents per \$100,000 of taxable value rather than \$100 as under current law. These new estimates are what would be submitted to the board of elections to appear on the ballot. This bill is pending in the House Government Accountability and Oversight Committee.

- HB 343, which seeks to require local governments that contest property values to formally pass an authorizing resolution for each parcel being contested and notify property owners. This bill is pending in the House Ways and Means Committee.

- HB 37, which would exempt from property taxation the increased value of land subdivided for residential development until construction commences or the land is sold. This bill is pending in the House Ways and Means Committee.

- Senate Bill 216 seeks to enact the

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Negotiations headed in the wrong direction? Let OSBA help!



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- working with mediators;
- helping you present and package remaining issues;
- providing a second opinion to help you see the big picture;
- meeting with you in person or consulting with your district behind the scenes.

Contact **Van D. Keating**, senior staff attorney, at (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA to take advantage of these quality services.



PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Scott Gerfen, assistant editor

ODE recognizes schools for academic achievement, progress

The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) recently recognized 12 schools for maintaining high academic achievement among their students, including many from economically disadvantaged circumstances that can make learning challenging.

ODE named two Schools of Promise, four High Performing Schools of Honor and nine High Progress Schools of Honor. Some schools earned more than one honor.

“All children can learn and thrive, and these schools are supporting their students with the innovative practices that are closing achievement gaps,” Superintendent of Public Instruction **Paolo DeMaria** said in a news release. “Congratulations to these teachers and administrators for making a real difference in the lives of their students.”

A list of Schools of Promise, Schools of Honor and High Progress Schools of Honor,

including criteria for the awards, is posted at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/74143>.

ODE also recognized one district and four schools with the All A Award for earning straight A's on their 2016-2017 Ohio School Report Cards. The Momentum Award for exceeding expectations in student growth for the year was awarded to 64 districts and 214 schools.

See the winners for these two awards at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/48807>.

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Ohio Public School Deregulation Act dealing with the administration of preschool and primary and secondary education. This bill is pending in the Senate Education Committee.

- HB 200 calls for eliminating the EdChoice and Cleveland scholarship programs and creates the Opportunity Scholarship Program. This bill proposes a serious expansion of the voucher program to any Ohio resident with a family income at or below 300% of the federal poverty level (\$73,800 for a family of four). The legislation, which would enable students to attend the private school of their choice, is pending in the House Education and Career

Readiness Committee.

For more information on these bills and many others, watch for OSBA calls to action and visit the association's BillTracker page at www.ohioschoolboards.org/billtracker.

In other business:

- OSBA Immediate Past President **Eric K. Germann, Lincolnview Local (Van Wert)** and **Vantage Career Center**, provided an update on NSBA finances as well as OSBA's Awards Review Task Force. This task force is reevaluating the association's awards and recognition programs to make them more meaningful and relevant to all board members.
- OSBA President-elect **Randy**

Smith, Forest Hills Local

(Hamilton), discussed the progress of the OSBA Charter School Task Force, which was created to study the future of charter schools in Ohio and their specific impact on the association and its members regarding threats and opportunities. He also gave a report on the activities of OSBA's Legislative Platform Committee.

- OSBA Chief Financial Officer **Allison Morris** presented unaudited financial reports from Jan. 1 through Sept. 30, 2017.
- Trustees approved a preliminary 2018 budget.

The next OSBA Board of Trustees meeting is set for Feb. 24 at the association's office in Columbus.

December

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

2018 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).
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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 office Columbus
- 27-28 Board Member 101: Survival kit for your first 90 days in office Independence

- 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).

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- 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
- 7 OSBA Master of Transportation Administration Program: The transportation handbook..... Columbus
- 7 Northeast Region Executive Committee meeting..... Wadsworth

- 7 Southwest Region Executive Committee MeetingFranklin
- 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; last day to submit phased-in levy or current operating expenses levy for May election to board of elections — RC 5705.251(A) (90 days prior to election).
- 10 Board Member 201: Mastering your board leadership skills.....Miamisburg
- 10 Board Member 201: Mastering your board leadership skills..... Rootstown
- 11 Northwest Region Executive Committee MeetingTBD
- 11 Southeast Region Executive Committee Meeting Logan