

BRIEFCASE

THE OHIO SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

Serving the public school leadership team



Legislators settle on a single primary date; restore August election

After previously passing legislation creating two primary elections in 2012 and canceling the August special election, the Ohio General Assembly has set one primary date and reinstated the August ballot. The dates for next year's voting are March 6, primary election; Aug. 7, special election; and Nov. 6, general election. The governor signed the new legislation into law on Dec. 15. For further information, please see "Legislative Report" on page 6.

National charter school enrollment surpasses two million

With state legislatures lifting caps on charter schools and urging their expansion, the number of charter students in the U.S. has topped two million, according to a new study released by the National Alliance for Public Charter Schools. *Education Week* reported that the growth is the largest one-year increase since the taxpayer-funded schools were established about 20 years ago. In Ohio, more than 110,000 students now attend charter schools, with the number increasing every year. That trend, along with ongoing efforts to expand taxpayer-funded voucher programs, continues to erode state funding for traditional Ohio public schools.

Ohio one of 5 states profiled in 'Starving America's Public Schools'

A new report from the Campaign for America's Future looks at U.S. public schools from the perspective of local news media coverage. Focusing on Ohio and four other states, the report found that state education funding cuts have gutted early childhood education programs; increased class sizes; ended art, music and physical education courses; and reduced specialized programs. Amid these severe cuts, schools also face enormous pressure to transfer tax dollars to charter, private and religious schools. Read the report at: <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/91001>.

State joins national student assessment partnership

Ohio has joined the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC), giving the state a leading role in developing new state tests for English/language arts and mathematics. These tests, to be implemented in the 2014-15 school year, will serve as a better barometer of how well students are prepared to enter college and the workforce. Ohio joins 16 states and the District of Columbia on PARCC's governing board. For more information, visit www.fldoe.org/parcc.

Ohio No. 1 in U.S. for LEED-designed school buildings

Ohio leads the nation in the number of "green" schools, according to the U.S. Green Building Council. Ohio was named to the council's Best of Green Schools 2011

Dec. 26, 2011

Volume 42 Issue 23

Contents

More news.....	2
<i>OSBA provides customized training for administrator evaluations; Reminder: Get the Briefcase electronically and get it free; OSBA online</i>	
Bulletin Board.....	3
Funding	4
News	5
Legislative Report	6
Public Schools Work!.....	7

Route workshop information to:

- Administrators
- Principals

in the state category earlier this month. The state — through the Ohio School Facilities Commission — has 315 Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) projects under way, more than any other state, the council reported.

OSBA provides customized training for administrator evaluations

OSBA offers customized training and oversight to help school boards develop a superintendent and treasurer evaluation process that is aligned with district goals and creates opportunities for positive interaction between boards and administrators. Consultants will provide boards with the tools to create and implement a customized evaluation process that measures leadership skills and progress toward goals. OSBA consultants were instrumental in creating and implementing the

Retired educator joins daughter to teach kindergartners

Nearly 80 years separate **Eugene Kramer** and the youngsters in his daughter **Kim Dodd's** kindergarten class. But, that's a gap that's easily bridged with plenty of hugs and help.

Dodd, a veteran educator herself, teaches at **Oak Hills Local's (Hamilton)** Delshire Elementary School. Dad, who is 84, spent his entire career as an Oak Hills teacher, principal and administrator. Now he volunteers three days a week in the kindergarten class.

"He's such a great role model for me, as well as my students," Dodd told a local newspaper. "He provides a male influence in a grandfatherly way, and is a really great helping hand for me."

"The students keep me young," Kramer said. "I enjoy being around kids. They give me a reason to get up in the morning."

Source: *The Community Press*

state's Ohio Superintendent Evaluation System, and can expertly guide boards in using this state-of-the-art evaluation tool. For details, contact **Cheryl W. Ryan** at cryan@ohioschoolboards.org or **Kathy LaSota** at kLasota@ohioschoolboards.org, or call (614) 540-4000.

Reminder: Get the Briefcase electronically and get it free

As a value-added membership service, OSBA is once 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 district subscription rate of \$125 will still apply. Please indicate your district's preference on the OSBA membership invoice, which was mailed earlier this month.

OSBA online

● www.ohioschoolboards.org

January is School Board Recognition Month, and OSBA is providing resources to help districts honor their board members. Visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/school-board-recognition-month to download an OSBA resource kit to help you recognize the dedication and commitment of these devoted public servants.



Briefcase

Ohio School Boards Association
8050 North High Street, Suite 100
Columbus, OH 43235-6481
(614) 540-4000 — (800) 589-OSBA
fax: (614) 540-4100 ● www.ohioschoolboards.org

OSBA President: **Cathy Johnson, South-Western City**

OSBA Executive Director: **Richard Lewis, CAE**

Editor: **Crystal Davis Hutchins**, deputy director of communication services

Managing editor: **Gary Motz**, editorial manager

Assistant editor, layout and design: **Angela Penquite**, communication design manager

A one-year subscription to Briefcase is \$125 for up to 15 subscribers. Briefcase also is available electronically by email or by fax. For more information, contact Ann Herritt at the address or fax number above or email aherritt@ohioschoolboards.org.

Briefcase is published semimonthly by the Ohio School Boards Association. Postage paid at Westerville, Ohio. Postmaster: Send address changes to: Briefcase,

Attn.: Mailroom, Ohio School Boards Association, 8050 N. High St., Suite 100, Columbus, OH 43235-6481

© 2011 Ohio School Boards Association

OSBA leads the way to educational excellence by serving Ohio's public school board members and the diverse districts they represent through superior service and creative solutions.



BULLETIN BOARD

compiled by Melanie Price, administrative assistant of communication services

OSBA executive searches

Treasurer

District

① Youngstown City

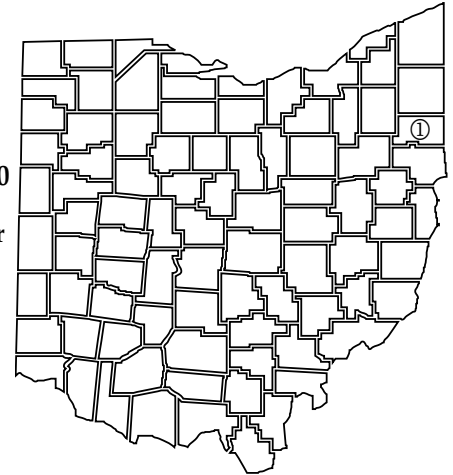
Deadline

Feb. 3

Contact

OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000

① = Treasurer



Other searches

Position

Director of buildings and grounds

District

Hamilton City

Deadline

Jan. 6

Contact

Kathleen A. Leist, assistant superintendent for human resources, Hamilton City, (513) 868-4447

National searches

Position

Superintendent

District

Ludlow, Mass.

Deadline

Dec. 30

Contact

Pat Correira, field director, training and development, Massachusetts Association of School Committees, (617) 523-8454

Administrative changes

Superintendents

Barberton City hired **Patti Cleary** as interim superintendent effective Jan. 1. She will replace **John C. Hall**, who is retiring. Cleary is currently the district's assistant superintendent. ●●● **East Palestine City** Superintendent **Thomas Inchak** announced his resignation effective at the end of the school year. ●●● **Groveport Madison Local (Franklin)** hired **Bruce Hoover** as superintendent effective Aug. 1, 2012. He will replace **H. Scott McKenzie**, who is retiring. Hoover is currently the district's deputy superintendent. ●●● **Nordonia Hills City** hired **Joseph Clark** as superintendent effective Dec. 1. He replaced **J. Wayne Blankenship**, who resigned. Clark was the district's interim superintendent.

Editor's note

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

Sympathies

Former Ada EV Board of Education member **Ann Haight** died Dec. 4. She was 83. ●●● Former **Akron City** Board of Education member **Patricia Ann Vinson** died Dec. 1. She was 85. ●●● Former **Barnesville** EV Board of Education member **Margaret C. Nesbitt** died Dec. 8. She was 99. ●●● Former **Beaver Local (Columbiana)** Board of Education member **Harold R. "Ducky" Fryman** died Dec. 8. He was 89. ●●● Former **Dayton City** Board of Education member **Gail Littlejohn** died Dec. 1. She was 63. ●●● Former **Kent City** Board of Education member **Bill F. Nash** died Dec. 6. He was 81. ●●● Former **Lexington Local (Richland)** Superintendent **Donald E. "Coach" Sutter** died Dec. 4. He was 86. ●●● Former **North Fork Local (Licking)** Board of Education member **George Charles Manning** died Dec. 1. He was 84.



FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

compiled by Angela Penquite, communication design manager

Wildlife conservation youth engagement grants

Planet Connect is offering high

school students grants to implement their problem-solving projects and participate in a local

internship focused on wildlife conservation. Students should

Continued on page 5

OSBA webinars

Learning delivered to your computer

Learn about issues relevant to public education through OSBA's webinars. These sessions offer an informal, convenient way to learn in your office or home. All you need is a telephone and computer to participate.

To register for these webinars, contact Laurie Miller at (800) 589-OSBA, (614) 540-4000 or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org. You also can register by visiting www.ohioschoolboards.org/event_listing.

Power standards leading to Blue Ribbon success

Thursday, Jan. 19, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Cost is \$35

Learn how an underperforming school with a high percentage of economically disadvantaged students received national recognition as a No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon School in 2009 and a National Title I Distinguished School in 2010. The webinar will be led by **Roger Knight**, principal, and **Jerry Julian**, TAG/EDGE teacher, at **Clear Fork Valley Local's (Richland)** Butler Elementary School.

Involving the public in facilities planning

Friday, March 2, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Cost is \$35

Working with Lorenz Williams Clinton and Fanning/Howey Associates Inc., **Huber Heights City** involved the community in the construction process for all new schools through the development of a district master plan in 2008. The transparency of decision making remains constant throughout the life of the project. Learn how important it is to listen and act on what the community wants. The webinar will be led by **William E. Kirby**, superintendent, Huber Heights City.





Save the date

Mark your calendar for these important workshops.

January 7-8

New Board Member Academy
Columbus Airport Marriott, Columbus
\$190 includes books, two days

January 7-8

New Board Member Academy
Cincinnati Marriott Northeast, Mason
\$190 includes books, two days

January 14-15

New Board Member Academy
Findlay Inn & Conference Center,
Findlay
\$190 includes books, two days

January 14-15

New Board Member Academy
Embassy Suites, Independence
\$190 includes books, two days

January 19

*Power standards leading to Blue
Ribbon Success*
\$35, webinar

January 28

Board Presidents Workshop
Findlay Inn & Conference Center
\$155 includes book, full day

January 28

Board Presidents Workshop
OSBA office, Columbus
\$155 includes book, full day

February 4

Board Presidents Workshop
Dayton Marriott, Dayton
\$155 includes book, full day

February 4

Board Presidents Workshop
Northeast Ohio Medical University,
Rootstown
\$155 includes book, full day

March 2

*Involving the public in facilities
planning*
\$35, webinar

March 9

*SchoolComp Workers' Compensation
Workshop*
Ohio University Inn & Conference
Center, Athens
free, half day

March 14

*SchoolComp Workers' Compensation
Workshop*
Owens Community College, Findlay
free, half day

March 15

*SchoolComp Workers' Compensation
Workshop*
Northeast Ohio Medical University,
Rootstown
free, half day

March 22

*SchoolComp Workers' Compensation
Workshop*
Holiday Inn I-275 North, Cincinnati
free, half day

March 23

Special Education Workshop
DoubleTree, Worthington
\$145, full day

March 27

*SchoolComp Workers' Compensation
Workshop*
OSBA office, Columbus
free, half day

March 28

State Legislative Conference
Renaissance Columbus Downtown
\$125, full day

April 13-14

Board Leadership Institute
Hilton Polaris, Columbus
\$240, two days

April 18

Management Development Series #1
OSBA office, Columbus
\$85, half day

May 11

Cyberlaw Workshop
OSBA office, Columbus
\$145, full day

May 16

Management Development Series #2
OSBA office, Columbus
\$85, half day

May 23

Transportation Roundtable
OSBA office, Columbus
\$40, half day

New board members:

Trying to maneuver the maze of boardmanship?

Find your way at the New Board Member Academy



- **Designed for new board members**
- **Plenty of networking opportunities**
- **Intensive, day-and-a-half academy held in four locations:**
 - *Jan. 7-8 — Marriott Northeast, Mason*
 - *Jan. 7-8 — Airport Marriott, Columbus*
 - *Jan. 14-15 — Findlay Inn & Conference Center, Findlay*
 - *Jan. 14-15 — Embassy Suites, Independence*

School boardmanship is more complex and demanding than ever. To carry out their leadership duties effectively, new school board members must begin moving 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.

These intensive day-and-a-half academies will focus on:

- the world of boardmanship
- communicating effectively
- board policy 101
- how Ohio schools are funded
- collective bargaining and employee relations issues
- the Sunshine Law and executive sessions

Cost for the academy is \$190 per board member. Four books are included with workshop tuition: *Boardmanship*, *Board-Treasurer Partnership*, *Board-Superintendent Partnership* and *Board-Legislature Partnership*.

To register, call (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA. More information can be found at www.ohioschoolboards.org/event_listing.

Become a better board member

Attend the Board Presidents Workshop

Two dates and four locations to choose from:

- **Saturday, Jan. 28 at the OSBA office in Columbus or the Findlay Inn & Conference Center, Findlay**
- **Saturday, Feb. 4 at the Dayton Marriott, Dayton, or the Northeast Ohio Medical University, Rootstown**

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

These workshops, led by experienced OSBA staff, will present all 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 and feel that on-the-job training is all that is needed to responsibly lead the board. It is to your advantage and a benefit to your school district to be well-informed and skillful enough to perform your leadership duties effectively. Bring your questions about your leadership roles.

Topics to be covered include legal issues affecting board members; effective board meetings; using parliamentary procedure effectively; dealing with controversy and public participation; open meetings and executive sessions; successful communications; working as a team; consensus building; indicators of an effective board; and networking with your colleagues.

Cost for the workshop is \$155 per board member, and includes a copy of the *Board Presidents' Handbook*. To register, contact Laurie Miller, events manager, at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org. You can register online at www.ohioschoolboards.org/event_listing.





WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

New Board Member Academy

- Jan. 7-8, Columbus, \$190
- Jan. 7-8, Mason, \$190
- Jan. 14-15, Findlay, \$190
- Jan. 14-15, Independence, \$190

Power standards leading to Blue Ribbon success webinar

- Jan. 19, \$35

Board Presidents Workshop

- Jan. 28, Columbus, \$155
- Jan. 28, Findlay, \$155
- Feb. 4, Dayton, \$155
- Feb. 4, Rootstown, \$155

Involving the public in facilities planning webinar

- March 2, \$35

SchoolComp Workers' Compensation Workshop

- March 9, Athens, free
- March 14, Findlay, free
- March 15, Rootstown, free
- March 22, Cincinnati, free
- March 27, Columbus, free

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 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.



Mail

OSBA
8050 N. High St.,
Suite 100, Columbus, OH
43235-6481



Phone
or fax

OSBA Registration Hotline,
(614) 540-4000, ext. 300;
toll free (800) 589-OSBA,
ext. 300; or fax us at
(614) 540-4100.



Email registrations can be sent to Laurie Miller at Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org. Please include a purchase order number.

You may register on our Web page at www.ohioschoolboards.org. Events are listed at the bottom of the page. You will need a username and password.

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.



NEWS

by Angela Penquite, communication design manager

OSBA offers discount on 2012 ESC Leadership Academies

The OSBA ESC Leadership Academy will celebrate its third birthday in 2012. Cosponsored by OSBA and the ESCs that sign on for the academies, this professional and leadership development program is targeted to board members and central office staff, providing customized training to districts through their local ESC.

"Academy evaluations have been very positive," said **Kathy LaSota**, director of school board services. "Participants have made it clear that the academies are both economical and highly informative. District leadership teams are enjoying the partnership that OSBA and ESCs have created to provide meaningful professional development."

ESCs across Ohio are invited to

cosponsor an academy, which consists of four three-hour, professionally facilitated sessions.

ESCs that commit to the program before the end of January will receive a discount on the \$3,500 cosponsorship fee.

"We work hard to accommodate our ESC partners and their members," said **Cheryl W. Ryan**, deputy director of school board services. "Some ESCs schedule one session per quarter; others will do all four within one season. Most offer the sessions in the evening, but Saturday sessions have been scheduled, as well."

Participating ESCs choose the four session topics, ensuring each session will meet the needs of their

members. Potential topics include: strategic planning; school law; grassroots advocacy; boardmanship; community engagement; levy and bond campaigns; social issues; staffing; facilities; and negotiations.

"Legislative and staffing topics will likely be popular in 2012, but we will work with cosponsoring ESCs to deliver whatever content they need," Ryan said.

"We want to hit the ground running in 2012," LaSota said. "Any ESC that signs up for the program before the end of January will receive a \$500 discount."

ESCs wishing to sponsor an academy or board members wanting more information should contact Ryan or LaSota at (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA.

Funding opportunities, continued from page 4

create a plan to solve a conservation issue in their community.

Maximum awards: \$1,000

Eligibility: student age 14-19

Deadline: Feb. 1

Contact: <http://planetconnect.org/2012wcgrants>

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.

Maximum awards: \$10,000

Eligibility: K-12 students

Deadline: Feb. 1

Contact: www.exploravision.org

NEA grants for critical thinking

The National Education Association (NEA) Foundation offers grants for equipment,

transportation, software or scholar-in-residence. The proposed work should engage students in critical thinking and problem-solving, and improve students' habits of inquiry, self-directed learning and critical reflection.

Maximum awards: \$5,000

Eligibility: K-12 public school officials

Deadline: Feb. 1

Contact: <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/69492>



LEGISLATIVE REPORT

by Michelle Francis, deputy director of legislative services

Parties make deal on redistricting map and primary election

Republicans and Democrats at the Statehouse finally reached a deal on a congressional redistricting map and the 2012 primary election. The General Assembly passed, and Gov. **John Kasich** signed, House Bill (HB) 369, making changes to the 2012 elections. Mainly, the bill includes the following:

- Merges the March and June primaries into a single primary on March 6, 2012.
- Restores the August 2012 special election.
- Creates new congressional district boundaries based on the 2010 U.S. Census. The map can be found at <http://ealerts.ohioschoolboards.org/files/file/121411Map.pdf>.
- Establishes a Redistricting Reform Task Force to create a redistricting reform proposal for consideration by the General Assembly during 2012.

HB 369 includes an emergency clause, which means its provisions became effective immediately upon the governor's signature. This is the result of an agreement between the two political parties on the redistricting and the primary election date, a deal that ensured a two-thirds majority vote that was necessary for an emergency provision.

The bill reinstates the

opportunity for schools and local governments to place issues on a special election ballot in August 2012, a provision OSBA and other school management organizations lobbied for on behalf of school districts. This would provide three opportunities for levy attempts in 2012: March 6, Aug. 7 and Nov. 6.

We realize some districts had been making plans for a June election. Unfortunately, that option will not be available. However, August may be an appropriate alternative. An updated copy of Ohio Revised Code filing dates and deadlines can be found at www.ohioschoolboards.org/ORC-dates.

Changes proposed to statewide voucher legislation

Rep. **Matt Huffman** (R-Lima) recently announced changes to HB 136, the statewide Parental Choice and Taxpayer Savings Scholarship Program (PACT) voucher bill. Although changes were announced, no actual bill language was presented for review. It is unclear at this time if the changes will be introduced as a new and separate piece of legislation or included in the governor's new school-funding formula. The following is a list of the proposed changes:

- The amount of the voucher will

vary by district.

- A voucher must be equal to the cost of the private school tuition — up to \$4,500 a year — but no more than the amount of per-pupil state aid received by a district.
- The amount deducted from a district is limited to the actual voucher amount.
- The number of scholarships is limited to 1% of district enrollment.
- Income eligibility is tied to Medicaid S-CHIP eligibility.
- The Education Savings Account provision was eliminated.

OSBA, the Buckeye Association of School Administrators and the Ohio Association of School Business Officials issued a press release in response to the changes, reaffirming our opposition to this proposal. A copy of the press release can be found on the OSBA BillTracker page at www.ohioschoolboards.org/129th-general-assembly and by searching "HB 136."

We want to be very clear: we continue to be adamantly opposed to HB 136 or its successor, even with the proposed changes. The proposal would create a new entitlement program that subsidizes private school tuition with no accountability for taxpayer dollars.

Continued on page 7



PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Gary Motz, editorial manager

Coventry students trolling for old fishing line

Fifth-graders at **Coventry Local's (Summit)** Erwine Intermediate School are collecting old fishing line in an effort to help wildlife and avert other problems. The project is their entry in the Disney Planet Challenge program.

Many anglers discard their used line where they fish. The line, which takes years to decompose, can entangle wildlife or get wrapped around boat motors. It also adds to the unsightly litter often seen along the shores of lakes

and rivers.

The students conducted research on the issue and came up with a recycling plan. They built boxes to collect the line and placed them at six locations in Summit and Stark counties. They also have passed out brochures at Coventry High School sporting events to educate the public about the project.

The program is designed to bolster students' studies in math, science, conservation and language arts, while encouraging them to

undertake projects that enhance their community. The students will write a report on the project and submit it to the Disney program in February. The program offers a wide range of prizes.

The students hope to collect a mile of line. In the spring they will ship it to the Berkley Conservation Institute, part of the Berkley Fishing firm in Iowa. Since 1990, the institute has recycled over nine million miles of fishing line.

Source: **Ohio.com**

Legislative Report, continued from page 6

Now is not the time to expand voucher programs in Ohio. We currently have more voucher programs than any other state in the nation, and we do not need to add a fifth program. At a time when state funding for school districts has been drastically cut by millions of dollars, Ohio should not be adding more programs that siphon dollars from public education.

In fiscal year (FY) 2012, the state will pay private schools \$124.19 million for auxiliary services and \$56.16 million for nonpublic administrative cost reimbursement. In FY 2011, the state paid private schools \$128 million for existing voucher programs. In fact, there are some

school districts in the state that receive less state funding than the private schools within their district.

Again, we are adamantly opposed to any expansion of vouchers, and changes to the proposal will not lead to our support. This shift in public policy is detrimental to public education and must be stopped.

More than 300 school districts have taken formal action to oppose this legislation — our voices must be heard. The latest list of districts passing resolutions is available on the HB 136 BillTracker Web page.

For the latest legislative updates, please contact the OSBA legislative division at (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA.

Editor's note: All information in this article was current as of Dec. 16, 2011.

OSBA can help facilitate your labor agreements

OSBA has:

- highly trained negotiators,
- a wealth of auxiliary services,
- consultants who work with the board's interest in mind.

Please call Van D. Keating, OSBA director of management services, at (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA for more information.

December 2011

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

January 2012

7-8 New Board Member Academy.....Columbus
 7-8 New Board Member Academy.....Mason
 14-15 New Board Member Academy.....Findlay
 14-15 New Board Member Academy.....Independence
 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).*
 19 Power standards leading to Blue Ribbon success webinar
 20 OSBA Capital Conference Planning Task Force meeting.....Columbus
 20 OSBA Executive Committee meeting.....Columbus

20 *Last day for boards of education to submit fiscal tax-year budget to county auditor — RC 5705.30.*
 21 OSBA Board of Trustees meeting.....Columbus
 28 Board Presidents WorkshopColumbus
 28 Board Presidents WorkshopFindlay
 31 *Annual campaign finance reports due (by 4 p.m.) detailing contributions and expenditures through Dec. 31, 2011 — RC 3517.10(A)(3) (last business day of January); deadline for educational service center (ESC) governing boards to meet and organize — RC 3313.14.*

February 2012

4 OSBA Board Presidents WorkshopDayton
 4 OSBA Board Presidents WorkshopRootstown
 4-5 NSBA Leadership Conference.....Washington, D.C.
 5-7 NSBA Federal Relations Network Conference.....Washington, D.C.
 6 *Last day for voter registration for March election — RC 3503.01, 3503.19(A) (30 days prior to the election).*

8 OSBA Central Region Executive Committee MeetingColumbus
 12 OSBA Southeast Region Executive Committee MeetingLogan
 12 OSBA Northwest Region Executive Committee MeetingBowling Green

March 2012

1 *Last day to take action and deliver written notice of nonrenewal of superintendent’s contract — RC 3319.01; last day to take action on and deliver written notice of nonrenewal of treasurer’s contract (contracts entered into after March 30, 2007) — RC 3313.22.*
 2 Involving the public in facilities planning webinar
 6 *Primary/special election day — RC 3501.01*
 6 Southeast Region Spring Conference.....Ironton
 7 Northeast Region Spring Conference.....Rittman
 8 Southeast Region Spring Conference.....Crooksville
 9 SchoolComp Workers’ Compensation WorkshopAthens
 13 Southwest Region Spring Conference.....Cincinnati