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THE OHIO SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

Serving the public school leadership team



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

January is School Board Recognition Month, and OSBA has created a resource kit to help districts honor board members for their service. The kit provides ideas and tools for recognizing board members, and includes a proclamation from Gov. John Kasich and a poster. It is available at www.ohioschoolboards.org/school-board-recognition-month. OSBA also will send personalized certificates for districts to present to their board members. District celebrations will be featured in the *Journal* magazine and on OSBA's website. Send news and photos of your events to **Crystal Davis** at cdavis@ohioschoolboards.org or 8050 N. High St., Suite 100, Columbus, OH 43235. You also can submit materials online at www.ohioschoolboards.org/forms/sbrm.php.

Thousands take part in 59th annual Capital Conference

More than 9,700 public school leaders traveled to Columbus last month for the 2014 OSBA Capital Conference and Trade Show. The Nov. 9-12 event featured a host of world-class keynote speakers, nearly 150 learning sessions, the Student Achievement Fair and the nation's largest education trade exhibition. It's not too early to mark your calendars for the 2015 Capital Conference, set for Nov. 8-11.

Five school board members earn association's highest honor

OSBA recognized the 2014 All-Ohio School Board on Nov. 12 during its Capital Conference. The recognition — presented to one board member from each of OSBA's five regions — is the association's most prestigious honor. Sadly, one honoree was recognized posthumously: **Cindy Crowe**, who was a **Westerville City** board member. Crowe died in July of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, or ALS. The other honorees and their districts were: **Jackie Place**, **Bath Local (Allen)** and **Apollo Career Center**; **Dr. Greg Roadruck**, **Orrville City** and **Wayne County Schools Career Center**; **Jim Sommer**, **Greenville City**; and **Kevin Worthington**, **Fort Frye Local (Washington)**.

Northwest Ohio's Germann is 2015 OSBA president-elect

The OSBA Delegate Assembly has elected **Eric K. Germann** as the association's 2015 president-elect. Germann, who serves on the **Lincolnview Local (Van Wert)** and **Vantage Career Center** school boards, will become OSBA president in 2016, following his term as president-elect. Current President-elect **Ed Penrod**, **Logan-Hocking Local (Hocking)** and **Tri-County Career Center**, will become president on Jan. 1, 2015.

State legislator, ex-superintendent receive 2014 OSBA President's Award

State Rep. **Ron Amstutz** (R-Wooster), a veteran Ohio legislator, and **Ed Swartz**, a longtime northeastern Ohio educator and school district administrator, were the

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recipients of the 2014 OSBA President's Award. OSBA President **Susie Lawson, Tri-County ESC and Wayne County Schools Career Center**, presented the awards on Nov. 10 during the Capital Conference. Since 1980, the OSBA president has had the privilege of recognizing individuals who have had a tremendous influence on Ohio public education.

More than 47,000 Ohio kids experience homelessness

More than 47,000 Ohio children and 2.5 million kids nationwide are homeless at some time during the year, according to a report released Nov. 17 by the National Center on Family Homelessness. The report ranks the 50 states on how they are addressing child homelessness from best (1) to worst (50). Ohio ranks 11th. The report is available at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/85648>.

Lakota schools compete to feed families in need

A friendly rivalry between **Lakota Local's (Butler)** east and west schools is helping foster district pride and feed families in need.

Students and families donated more than 9 tons of food in an annual food drive competition sponsored by the Lakota Local Board of Education. The competition concluded on Oct. 31, when Lakota East and Lakota West high schools played each other in football. The side of the district that collects the most food receives a large trophy to display in its respective high school.

"We compete across the district, but I also tell our kids that we want to pay forward and we're helping others," Lakota West High School Principal **Elgin Card** told a local newspaper. "Either east or west, we have great people here."

Source: *The Cincinnati Enquirer*

'Meet and greet' conference photos posted on Flickr

The Capital Conference gives attendees the opportunity to meet and be photographed with the event's keynote speakers. Those photos can be viewed and downloaded at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/48817>.

Capital Conference session handouts available online

Handouts from most of the learning sessions at the 2014 OSBA Capital Conference are now posted online. This convenient resource enables attendees to take home information from sessions they participated in as well as learn about workshops they were unable to attend. Download the handouts at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/CC14handouts>.

OSBA online

● www.ohioschoolboards.org

Social media interaction among OSBA, its members and others in the education community played a key role during the OSBA Capital Conference, when there were 1,712 tweets with the conference hashtag, #OSBACC. That compares to 850 tweets with the hashtag last year and 398 in 2012. Seventy-six percent of all tweets were sent by those using mobile devices.



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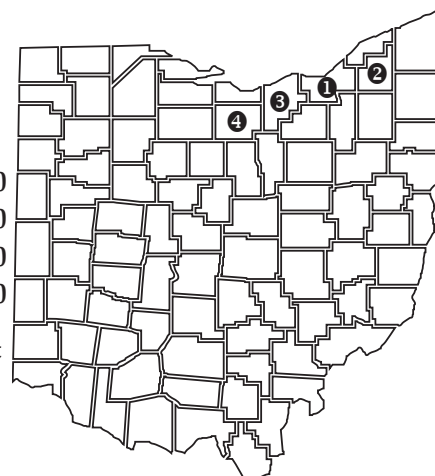
compiled by Melanie Price, administrative assistant of communication services

OSBA executive searches

Superintendent

| District | Deadline | Contact |
|-----------------------------|----------|--------------------------------------|
| ❶ Warrensville Heights City | Jan. 2 | OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000 |
| ❷ West Geauga Local (Gauga) | Jan. 2 | OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000 |
| ❸ Elyria City | Jan. 16 | OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000 |
| ❹ Norwalk City | TBD | OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000 |

❶ = Superintendent



Other searches

| Position | District | Deadline | Contact |
|----------------|-------------------|----------|---|
| Superintendent | Mercer County ESC | Dec. 31 | Andrew Smith, superintendent, Mercer County ESC, (419) 586-6628 |

Board changes

Huber Heights City appointed **Carl Fisher** to the board effective Nov. 6. He replaced **Joseph A. Ellis Jr.**, who resigned. ●●● Ontario Local (Richland) Board of Education member **Shelley Fisher** announced her resignation effective Dec. 10. ●●● Van Wert City appointed **Cindy Hurless** to the board effective Oct. 27. She replaced **Benjamin A. Cowan**, who resigned.

Administrative changes

Superintendents

Hamilton Local (Franklin) Superintendent **Christopher Lester** announced his retirement effective June 30. ●●● New Bremen Local (Auglaize) Superintendent **Howard Overman** announced his resignation effective June 30. ●●● Worthington City hired Assistant Superintendent **Trent Bowers** as superintendent effective July 1. He will replace Dr. **Thomas S. Tucker**, who took the superintendent position at Princeton City. ●●● Penta Career Center hired **Edward Ewers** as assistant superintendent effective Jan. 5. Ewers currently is the superintendent at Edon-Northwest Local (Williams).

Editor's note

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

Treasurers

River Valley Local (Marion) hired **Sandra M. Griscom** as treasurer effective Jan. 1. She will replace **Sharon Malcom**, who is retiring. Griscom currently is the fiscal projects manager at Tri-Rivers Educational Computer Association. ●●● **Southern Local (Meigs)** hired Assistant Treasurer **Christi Hendrix** as treasurer effective Dec. 18. She will replace **Roy W. Johnson**, who has taken the treasurer position at **Meigs Local (Meigs)**.

Sympathies

Former **Boardman Local (Mahoning)** Board of Education member **Norman B. Purucker** died Nov. 12. He was 97. ●●● Former **Brookfield Local (Trumbull)** Board of Education member **Reese Jones** died Oct. 30. He was 83. ●●● Former **Hamilton City** Assistant Superintendent **Albert Bruno** died Nov. 1. He was 83. ●●● Former **Maysville Local (Muskingum)** Board of Education member **Clifford J. Mohler** died Nov. 1. He was 90. ●●● Former **Minford Local (Scioto)** Superintendent Dr. **Dennis J. Meade** died Oct. 28. He was 63. ●●● Former **Northmor Local (Morrow)** Board of Education member **Raymond Temple** died Nov. 14. He was 74. ●●● **Strasburg-Franklin Local (Tuscarawas)** Board of Education member **Susan Marie Samsa** died Nov. 13. She was 64. ●●● Former **Wooster City** Board of Education member Dr. **Howard C. MacMillan** died Nov. 8. He was 96.



FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

compiled by Angela Penquite, assistant editor

Prizes for exploring literature

Letters About Literature and the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress are hosting a reading and writing contest for students in grades four to eight. Students are asked to read a book, poem or speech and write to that author (living or dead) about how the book affected them personally. Letters are judged on state and national levels.

Maximum awards: \$1,000

Eligibility: students in grades four to eight

Deadline: Jan. 15

Contact: www.read.gov/letters

Grants for youth service projects

Youth Service America will award Sodexo Youth Grants to youth-led service projects in the

U.S. that address the issue of ending childhood hunger.

Preference will be given to projects that engage peers, friends, families, neighbors, Sodexo employees and other community members in creative, youth-inspired ways to work toward ending childhood hunger in the community.

Maximum awards: \$400

Eligibility: projects must engage at least 20 youth ages 5 to 25 in highly visible community service or service-learning projects during Global Youth Service Days (April 17-19, 2015)

Deadline: Jan. 15

Contact: www.ysa.org/sodexo youth

Rewarding student inventors

The Toshiba/National Science Teachers Association

ExploraVision Awards Program encourages kids to create a vision of future technology by combining their imaginations with the tools of science. A teacher will sponsor and lead his or her students as they work in groups of two to four to simulate real research and development.

Maximum awards: \$10,000

Eligibility: students in grades K-12

Deadline: Jan. 30

Contact: www.exploravision.org

Captain Planet foundation grants

The Captain Planet Foundation (CPF) annually funds projects involving children and young adults. Recipients of these awards are often schools and nonprofits that propose projects promoting

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Save the date

Mark your calendar for these important workshops.

December 9

Using Videos to Market Your District
OSBA office, Columbus
\$90, half day

December 10

*Management Development Series #5:
Transportation rules and regulations*
OSBA office, Columbus
\$90, half day

January 10

New Board Member Workshop
OSBA office, Columbus
\$160, full day

January 31

Board Presidents Workshop
Northeast Ohio Medical University, Rootstown
\$165, full day

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Board Presidents Workshop
OSBA office, Columbus
\$165, full day

February 4

*OSBA Master of Transportation Administration
Program: Public relations and working with the
media*
OSBA office, Columbus
\$90, half day

February 7

Board Presidents Workshop
Hilton Garden Inn, Findlay
\$165, full day

February 7

Board Presidents Workshop
Hilton Garden Inn Dayton South, Miamisburg
\$165, full day

February 10

*OSBA Master of Transportation Administration
Program: Public relations and working with the
media*
OSBA office, Columbus
\$90, half day

March 3

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

March 4

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

March 4

*Empowering school governance teams to improve
student achievement*
Southern Ohio ESC, Wilmington
Free, evening workshop

March 5

*Empowering school governance teams to improve
student achievement*
Fairfield County ESC, Lancaster
Free, evening workshop

March 10

*Empowering school governance teams to improve
student achievement*
Wayne County Schools Career Center,
Smithville
Free, evening workshop

March 11

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

March 18

*Empowering school governance teams to improve
student achievement*
Vantage Career Center, Van Wert
Free, evening workshop

March 20

Special Education Law Workshop
Embassy Suites, Columbus
\$160, full day

March 25

State Legislative Conference
Ohio Statehouse Atrium, Columbus
\$130, half day

March 26

SchoolComp Workers' Compensation Workshop
Holiday Inn Express & Suites Cincinnati-N/
Sharonville, Sharonville
Free, half day

March 27

Cyberlaw Seminar
OSBA office, Columbus
\$150, full day

March 30

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

April 1

*OSBA Master of Transportation Administration
Program: Routing and technology*
OSBA office, Columbus
\$90, half day

April 7

*OSBA Master of Transportation Administration
Program: Routing and technology*
OSBA office, Columbus
\$90, half day

May 1-2

Board Leadership Institute
Hilton Polaris, Columbus
\$245, two days

May 6

*OSBA Master of Transportation Administration
Program: Buy that bus and put the plan together*
OSBA office, Columbus
\$90, half day

May 12

*OSBA Master of Transportation Administration
Program: Buy that bus and put the plan together*
OSBA office, Columbus
\$90, half day



Using Videos to Market Your District

Promote your district with high-impact videos created on a shoestring budget

Tuesday, Dec. 9
OSBA office, Columbus

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Cost is \$90

Whether you'd like to shoot a few videos with your smartphone or set up a video production studio for your school district, this half-day workshop is for you. Students and staff from an award-winning, grant-funded video production program will share how to set up a similar program in your district, then grow it into a full-blown community engagement tool. You'll also learn the basics of high-quality videography, how to use smartphones to capture and edit video, how to set up a low-cost studio and how to market your videos via social and electronic media.

Agenda

9:30 a.m. Registration

10 a.m. The birth and boom of 'The BEAT'
Hear how the award-winning BEAT video program began at Brunswick City Schools, and how this self-funded, student-run program for grades six-12 manages its own cable channel and creates media content published weekly by northeast Ohio television and media outlets (print, video and Web). Learn how the program boosts student achievement and community involvement, and gain insight on how to replicate the program in your district from the ground up.

John Wasylko, BEAT program adviser, and BEAT student staff, Brunswick City

11 a.m.

We've got 'The BEAT'

We've got the BEAT ... do you? Participate in a detailed, interactive process to determine if "The BEAT" program will work in your district and build a task list to make it happen.

John Wasylko

Noon

Lunch

1 p.m.

Broadcast boot camp

Don't miss this interactive boot camp designed to teach you how to shoot and edit high-quality videos on a camcorder or smartphone. You'll also learn how to set up a low-cost video production studio and how to market your videos via social and electronic media.

Crystal Davis, deputy director of communication services, OSBA

2 p.m.

Adjourn

Registration will begin at 9:30 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.

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 the Sunshine Law and executive sessions.

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

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| 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.



WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

Using Videos to Market Your District

☐ Dec. 9, Columbus, \$90

Management Development Series #5: Transportation rules and regulations

☐ Dec. 10, Columbus, \$90

New Board Member Workshop

☐ Jan. 10, Columbus, \$160

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.



Mail

OSBA
8050 N. High St.,
Suite 100, Columbus, OH
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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.

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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understanding of environmental issues. These projects must focus on hands-on involvement and environmental stewardship opportunities for youth; serve as a catalyst for implementing environment-based education in schools; and inspire youth and communities to participate in community service through environmental stewardship activities.

Maximum awards: \$2,500

Eligibility: U.S.-based schools and organizations

Deadline: Jan. 31

Contact: captainplanetfoundation.org/apply-for-grants

Investing in the future

eSchoolView is offering scholarships to high school seniors

through its Investing in Our Future program. Students are asked to create a new website for a school-related activity they take part in. The website should reflect a collaborative effort between a “client” — teacher, administrator or professional in the field — and the student as the developer. Students must design a home page and one interior page (minimum); provide a meeting log with the client and a mock-up budget; include a essay describing the process; and provide a letter of recommendation and release form.

Maximum awards: \$5,000

scholarship

Eligibility: high school seniors

Deadline: Feb. 1

Contact: www.eschoolview.com/Student-Scholarships.aspx

NEA student achievement grants

The National Education Association (NEA) Foundation offers grants for equipment, transportation, software or scholars-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: any practicing U.S. teacher, counselor or education support professional employed by a public school

Deadline: Feb. 1

Contact: www.neafoundation.org/pages/nea-student-achievement-grants

Management Development Series #5:

Transportation rules and regulations

Wednesday, Dec. 10
OSBA office, Columbus

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Cost is \$90

Join us for a trip through the rules and regulations that govern student transportation in Ohio. Review federal regulations, state law and administrative code and the role that local policy plays in a successful operation. This course is essential for new transportation administrators as well as any school administrators involved with transportation services. These are the standards to which you are held, and for which liability can be assigned when your department fails to meet them.

Registration will begin at 9:30 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.





LEGISLATIVE REPORT

by Jay Smith, deputy director of legislative services

Parties announce 131st General Assembly leaders

Republicans and Democrats have announced their leadership teams for the 131st Ohio General Assembly, which convenes in January.

The House of Representatives Republican Caucus conducted a secret vote to elect its 2015 leadership. The caucus elected Rep. **Cliff Rosenberger** (Clarksville) as the next speaker of the House. Rosenberger will replace term-limited Republican

House Speaker **William G. Batchelder** (Medina).

Since the election was secret, caucus members were not informed of the final vote tally. The race for House speaker ultimately came down to two members after Rep. **Ron Amstutz** (Wooster) threw his support behind Rosenberger earlier this year. The other speaker candidate was Rep. **Jim Butler** (Dayton), who has aligned himself with more conservative members of the caucus.

Rosenberger, who has served two terms in the Ohio House, represents the 91st House District, which includes Clinton, Highland and Pike counties, and part of Ross County. He is an Ohio Air National Guard veteran and a graduate of **Clinton-Massie Local's (Clinton)** Clinton-Massie High School.

Rosenberger also served as national political events coordinator for former Massachusetts Gov. **Mitt Romney's**

presidential campaign, and as a special assistant to former U.S. Secretary of the Interior **Dirk Kempthorne**.

Other House Republicans elected to leadership positions include Amstutz, speaker pro tempore; Rep. **Barbara Sears** (Sylvania), majority leader; Rep. **Jim Buchy** (Greenville), assistant majority leader; Rep. **Mike Dovilla** (Berea), majority whip; and Rep. **Dorothy Pelanda** (Marysville), assistant majority whip.

House Democrats elected Rep. **Fred Strahorn** (Dayton) as minority leader. Strahorn represents the 39th House District.

He previously served as House Democratic whip in the 127th General Assembly. In 2009, Strahorn was appointed to the Ohio Senate to fill the unexpired term of Sen. **Thomas M. Roberts** of Montgomery County, and served as a senator for two years. He has represented the communities of Trotwood and Harrison Township, and parts of Huber Heights, Riverside and Dayton.

The other members of the Democratic House leadership team are Rep. **Nicholas J. Celebrezze**

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Where can you find the *real* facts?



The **Education Tax Policy Institute**

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

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PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Bryan Bullock, assistant editor

Lorain County JVSD students learn business skills with pretzels

Lorain County JVSD students will get a chance to gain real-world experience in owning and operating their own business thanks to a donation by celebrity chef **Guy Fieri**.

The Food Network TV star recently donated an "Awesome Pretzel Cart" to the school. The Awesome Pretzel Cart program is designed to teach young people the entrepreneurial lessons that grow out of owning their own business. It's one of the initiatives

of Fieri's Cooking with Kids Foundation.

Culinary arts instructor **Timothy Michitsch** wrote the grant application for the pretzel cart, which made its debut at a JVSD Community Appreciation Day event in October. Culinary students plan to sell pretzels at upcoming school events and are researching other sales opportunities in the community.

"Some of the skills students will learn by operating the pretzel cart

include handling money, working with people, marketing a business and planning ahead," Michitsch said. "These are skills that *all* students, no matter what career-tech program they are in, can benefit from."

The Awesome Pretzel Cart is being made available to all programs in the school, not just culinary programs, so as many students as possible can experience it firsthand.

Source: Lorain County JVSD

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(Parma), assistant minority leader; Rep. **Kevin Boyce** (Columbus), minority whip; and Rep. **Nickie Antonio** (Lakewood), assistant minority whip.

In the Senate, Republicans re-elected President **Keith Faber** (Celina). Faber represents the 12th Senate District, which encompasses Allen, Champaign, Mercer and Shelby counties, along with portions of Auglaize, Darke and Logan counties. Prior to being elected to the Senate, Faber served three terms in the Ohio House. In 2009, he was elected Senate majority floor leader.

Outside of the legislature, Faber is the principal partner with Faber & Associates in Celina, a

law firm specializing in civil litigation and mediation. He is a graduate of Oakland University in Michigan and Ohio State University's Moritz College of Law.

Senate Republicans also re-elected Sen. **Chris Widener** (Springfield) as president pro tempore; Sen. **Tom Patton** (Strongsville) as majority floor leader; and Sen. **Larry Obhof** (Medina) as majority whip.

The Senate Democratic Caucus re-elected **Joe Schiavoni** (Boardman) as minority leader. Other members of the leadership team are **Charleta B. Tavares** (Columbus), assistant minority leader; **Edna Brown** (Toledo),

minority whip; and **Lou Gentile** (Steubenville), assistant minority whip.

Schiavoni represents the 33rd Senate District, which encompasses Columbiana and Mahoning counties. He was elected Senate minority leader in 2013. Schiavoni is a graduate of **Boardman Local's (Mahoning)** Boardman High School and Ohio University and Capital University law schools.

He was appointed to a vacant Senate seat in 2008, and elected to his first full term in 2010. Schiavoni practices workers' compensation law with Schiavoni, Schiavoni, Bush & Muldowney Co. LPA in Youngstown.

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| 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). | 26 |
| 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). | 30 |
| 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. | 31 |

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| 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 | 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 | |