



Central News

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Street to Speak at Fall Conference

We are delighted to welcome Tei Street, education director at The Ohio State University and Partners Achieving Community Transformation (PACT) as our fall conference keynote speaker. Street serves as the educational liaison for PACT to the Health Science Academies, which is a partnership between the OSU Wexner Medical Center and Columbus City Schools. The Health Science Academies were developed to increase the academic performance of students, prepare them to be college and career ready, and increase the number of students seeking advanced study in health sciences academic and career fields. Ultimately, it is hoped these students will return to their communities and provide health services to residents of the PACT neighborhood. Street is responsible for the strategic development and implementation of the academies as well as providing the educational and public relations support necessary to ensure the success of the children PACT serves.

A recognized expert in community engagement and STEM education, Street also is a national speaker, author and trainer.

Fall Conference is just around the corner! Are you registered?

Fall Conference will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 27 at Villa Milano in Columbus. Tei Street will address administrators, board members and award winners, speaking on the topic of “3Rs + 4Ps, the equation for success.”

Attendees will hear updates from OSBA Executive Director Richard Lewis and OSBA President Denise Baba, Streetsboro City. Additionally, OSBA Lobbyist Jennifer Hogue will highlight recent legislative action. With these pertinent updates and an excellent featured speaker, the fall conference is a deal at \$40 per person, which includes a delicious meal and entertainment provided by South-Western City’s Franklin Heights High School combo.

Register early! **The deadline for conference registration is Sept. 18.**



Central Region's Teacher of the Year State Finalist



Jonathan Juravich is the 2018 Teacher of the Year for State Board of Education District 6 and one of five finalists for 2018 Ohio Teacher of the Year, according to an announcement made by State Superintendent of Public Instruction Paolo DeMaria.

An art teacher at Liberty Tree Elementary School in Olentangy Local (Delaware) Schools since 2005, Juravich also coaches cross country and track at Olentangy Local's Hyatt Middle School, serves as an adjunct instructor at Otterbein University and collaborates with the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium.

Olentangy Local Supervisor of Elementary Curriculum Anthony Elkins said, "It is often said that we choose to do things not because they are easy, but because they are hard. This statement best exemplifies the way I view Mr. Juravich. Rather than take the path of least resistance, he chooses, while sometimes difficult, to take the path that puts students first."

Central Region is proud of our District 6 Teacher of the Year!

Kids PAC

Political action committees (PACs) are accounts from which contributions to political campaigns can be made. Established by the OSBA Executive Committee, *Kids PAC* gives board members the opportunity to belong to a PAC whose membership is aware of the problems facing boards of education and whose goals are aimed at dealing with those issues. *Kids PAC* provides a way for members to focus attention on the legislative agenda and support lawmakers who believe in these same goals.

As we advocate for the future of public education, it is important to understand that political action committees are part of the process.

Kids PAC contributions can be made by check for any amount or by cash for up to \$100. By law, school district and corporate checks cannot be accepted. Credit card donations for any amount can be made at kidspac.org.

Please note that contributions are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes.

For more information or to obtain a membership form, contact OSBA Senior Administrative Assistant of Legislative Services Marcella Gonzalez at mgonzalez@ohioschoolboards.org or (614) 540-4000.

2017 Central Region Treasurers' Clinics

Plan to attend the 2017 OSBA Treasurers' Clinics. The Central Ohio clinic will be held on Oct. 10 at the OSBA office. These clinics provide the most current information on school district fiscal issues. Treasurers, business managers, board members, administrators and treasurer's office personnel are encouraged to attend.

Attendees can fulfill their local and state professional development needs, including in-service, LPDC and five continuing professional education credits.

Registration and continental breakfast begin at 8 a.m.; the clinic runs from 8:25 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The fee is \$120, which includes registration, continental breakfast and lunch. Register online at www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops or contact Laurie Miller, senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org.

OSBA is located at 8050 N High Street, Columbus, OH 43235.

Note: All handouts will be available online only.



Capital Conference Volunteers Needed

A volunteer opportunity that takes just one hour a year? Too good to be true? No, this opportunity occurs during the OSBA Capital Conference. We need individuals to staff the Central Region booth. One-hour shifts are available on Monday, Nov. 13 and Tuesday, Nov. 14. Requirements include greeting other Central Region board members and distributing materials provided. That's it! If you have an hour to spare during the Capital Conference or regional conference, please contact Kim Miller-Smith at kmillersmith@ohioschoolboards.org or (614) 635-1926. Thank you in advance.

Student Achievement Fair

We are still taking applications for the 2017 Student Achievement Fair. The OSBA Capital Conference Student Achievement Fair highlights outstanding student performance groups and innovative programs from school districts across the state. These programs showcase exemplary programs that improve student achievement. Generally, 20 instructional programs from each region are selected to showcase their programs. The fair will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2017, during the OSBA Capital Conference. For examples of programs featured in the past, please visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/60021> to view the list of 2016 Student Achievement Fair district programs.

Visit the Central Region booth at Capital Conference

There are numerous reasons why you should visit the Central Region exhibit at the OSBA Capital Conference. Perhaps the most important reason is the opportunity to meet members of the executive committee, other Central Region board members and make valuable professional connections.

If you attended either the spring or fall Central Region conference, you'll want to look at our digital display of photos from those events. We have photos of each of the award presentations as well as candid photos of the event.

The regional booths are on the Main Concourse near Registration. Also, stop by and pick up your free gift. We hope to see you at Capital Conference!

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Board Candidate Workshops

OSBA will conduct five Board Candidate Workshops in August and September. Veteran staff will lead candidates through a concise and valuable program to help them better understand the everyday responsibilities and legal aspects of being a school board member.

The Central Region workshop is Sept. 16 at the OSBA office in Columbus from 9 a.m.–noon. Registration and a breakfast buffet begin at 8:30 a.m. Registration is \$95.

For those unable to attend a workshop, OSBA will hold an online version of a condensed board candidate workshop to provide information school board candidates need to run a successful campaign. The webinar is Thursday, Sept. 21, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. The first half hour of the Board Candidate Webinar will focus on board roles and responsibilities and the second half hour will cover campaign finance and legal issues. The cost to attend the webinar is \$50.

After Sept. 21, the webinar will be available for purchase to watch at your convenience. Register online or contact OSBA Senior Events Manager Laurie Miller at (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA to purchase the webinar.

Administrative Professional Workshop

Join district and building administrative assistants for this special workshop. The event will be held on Friday, Oct. 13, 2017, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Topics include: board and superintendent relations, organizing board documents, dealing with reporters and the media, record/document retention and dealing with difficult students and parents.

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