

BRIEF CASE

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In bid to get federal grant, state revises number of failing charter schools

In an effort to get the U.S. Department of Education to release a \$71 million charter school grant, the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) now says Ohio has nearly 10 times the number of failing charter schools than it reported in its grant application. The new figures were sent to federal officials in a Jan. 29 ODE letter, which reported 57 poor-performing charter schools and 59 high-performing ones. The initial grant application claimed six poor-performing charters and 93 high-performing ones. The figures from the 2013-2014 school year are for 290 site-based charters and do not include online schools. Federal officials put the grant on hold after it was found that failing grades for some charters had been excluded from the application. The letter and revisions are posted at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/39046>.

ODE working to boost summer food program participation

The Ohio Department of Education (ODE), hoping to increase participation in the federal Summer Food Service Program, is seeking local nonprofit agencies to be sponsors or sites for the program, which provides children free meals while school is out. Agencies are reimbursed for the costs of providing nutritious meals and snacks to children in eligible areas. Expansion of the program is particularly needed in southern Ohio counties. Potential sponsors and sites must complete a survey by March 4 to be considered. The survey is posted at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/40943>.

OSBA Black Caucus offering scholarship program

Applications are being accepted for the 2016 OSBA Black Caucus Leo Lucas Scholarship, a program that provides graduating African-American high school seniors funds for college. The program is named for the late **Leo Lucas**, a **Dayton City** school board member and educator who founded the caucus. Applications are available at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/19061>; the deadline is March 16. For details, contact **Van D. Keating** at vkeating@ohioschoolboards.org or **Damon Asbury** at dasbury@ohioschoolboards.org. They also can be reached by phone at (614) 540-4000.

Showcase your outstanding programs at the Student Achievement Fair

It's not too early to nominate district programs or performing groups for the 2016 OSBA Student Achievement Fair. The fair features 100 displays of exemplary student programs and five performing groups. It is held at the November Capital Conference in Columbus. Submit nominations at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/61034>.

There's still time to register for State Legislative Conference

Registration is still open for the March 16 State Legislative Conference, hosted by

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- ☐ New board members
- ☐ Technology directors
- ☐ Transportation supervisors

OSBA, the Ohio Association of School Business Officials and the Buckeye Association of School Administrators. The event gives school district leaders a chance to hear from key policymakers and discuss crucial education issues with their state representatives. See the Briefcase blue pages for details and registration information or visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/47447>.

Regional Emmy group hosting student video contest

The Ohio Valley Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences is seeking entries for its annual high school video contest. The contest gives students planning careers in journalism, broadcasting and video production an opportunity to win awards and receive feedback from industry professionals. Videos produced as part of curricular or extracurricular activities are eligible if created

Students spin Wheel of Food and try new veggies

Getting kids to eat their vegetables can sometimes be a challenge. But a new, fun game had students at **Boardman Local's (Mahoning)** West Boulevard Elementary School munching on different veggies.

During lunch, students took turns spinning the Wheel of Food, which included the names of various vegetables such as lima beans, spinach, carrots and spicy black beans. When the wheel stopped on a name, students had to try that vegetable.

"The younger kids are more willing to try the new vegetables," Boardman Food Service Director **Natalie Winkle** told a local newspaper. "Older kids are more set in their ways."

Some of the items might appear on the school menu.

Source: **Vindy.com**

from May 1, 2015, to April 30, 2016. The deadline is April 30. For details, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/76752>.

Feds offer resource to support undocumented students

The U.S. Department of Education has issued a resource

guide to help schools and community groups support undocumented youth, including Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients. The guide aims to help schools support these students' academic success, clarify their legal rights, share information about financial aid and support youth applying for DACA consideration or renewal. Access the guide at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/12060>.

OSBA online

● www.ohioschoolboards.org

The OSBA School District Directory mobile app makes it easy to access current information about Ohio public schools. It features maps and driving directions, Web addresses, contact information and data on student enrollment, state report cards and student expenditures. The free app is available for iOS and Android devices. For details, visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/mobile.



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BULLETIN BOARD

compiled by Melanie Price, administrative assistant of communication services

OSBA executive searches

Treasurer

District	Deadline	Contact
① Crestview Local (Richland)	Feb. 23	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000



Other searches

Position	District	Deadline	Contact
Superintendent	Fairlawn Local (Shelby)	March 11	Heather O'Donnell , superintendent, Midwest Regional ESC, (937) 599-5195
Superintendent	Circleville City	March 11	John A. Edgar , superintendent, Circleville City, (740) 474-4340
Superintendent	Fairfield Union Local (Fairfield)	March 11	Janet Adcock , receptionist, Fairfield County ESC , (740) 653-3193
Treasurer	Edison Local (Jefferson)	April 1	Bill Beattie , superintendent, Edison Local, (330) 532-4590

National searches

Superintendent	Hot Springs, Ark.	Feb. 25	Arkansas School Boards Association / McPherson & Jacobson, LLC, (888) 375-4814
Superintendent	Pleasanton, Calif.	March 7	California School Boards Association / McPherson & Jacobson, LLC, (888) 375-4814

Editor's note

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

Board changes

Madison Local (Lake) appointed **Shawn Douglas** to the board effective Jan. 25. He replaced **J. Jay Fabians**, who resigned. ●●● **Trimble Local (Athens)** appointed **Robert Miller** to the board effective Jan. 27.

Administrative changes

Superintendents

New Albany-Plain Local (Franklin) Superintendent **April Domine** announced her resignation effective July 31. She has taken the superintendent position at a private school. ●●● Northmont City Superintendent Dr. **Sarah C. Zatik** announced her retirement effective July 31. ●●● Parma City hired Interim Superintendent **Carl Hilling** as superintendent effective Feb. 1.

Treasurers

Benjamin Logan Local (Logan) hired **Eric Adelsberger** as interim treasurer effective Feb. 1. He replaced **Robert W. Kuehnle**, who took the treasurer position at Mansfield City. Adelsberger will continue to serve as treasurer at Ohio Hi-Point Career Center. ●●● Margaretta Local (Erie) Treasurer **Jude T. Hammond** announced his resignation effective July 31. ●●● Ridgemont Local (Hardin) Assistant Treasurer **Lori Harp** announced her resignation effective immediately.

Sympathies

Former Ashtabula Area City Board of Education member **Milton Calvin Robinson** died Jan. 16. He was 88. ●●● Former Beaver Local (Columbiana) Board of Education member **David R. Myers** died Jan. 28. He was 70. ●●● **Henry J. "Hank" Ziegler**, a former board of education member at Bellevue City, EHOVE Career Center and the former Thompson School District in Huron County, died Jan. 22. He was 90. ●●● Former Covington EV Board of Education member Dr. **George Ellsworth Hall** died Jan. 29. He was 88. ●●● Former Lowellville Local (Mahoning) Treasurer **Sandra A. Lellio** died Jan. 29. She was 74. ●●● Former Reynoldsburg City Board of Education member **Herbert Denison Chamberlain Jr.** died Jan. 23. He was 92. ●●● **Marcus Arthur Page**, a member of the former Union Township Board of Education in Tuscarawas County, died Jan. 28. He was 96.



REGIONAL ROUNDUP

by Scott Gerfen, assistant editor

Region spring conference registration underway

While Ohio's official groundhog, Buckeye Chuck, has predicted six more weeks of winter, OSBA is preparing to welcome hundreds of board members, administrators, students and other guests to its spring conferences.

OSBA's five regions — Central, Northeast, Northwest, Southeast and Southwest — host conferences in the spring and fall to foster networking, fellowship, learning and recognition.

OSBA President **Eric K. Germann**, Lincolnview Local (Van Wert) and Vantage Career Center, and OSBA Executive Director **Richard Lewis** will greet conference attendees and provide association updates. Region officers also will deliver updates and presentations.

Recipients of the association's Award of Achievement and Master Board Member will be honored during the March events.

School board members can earn five credits toward the Award of Achievement for attending a regional conference. More information about the Award of Achievement program can be found at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/43085>.

The Jan. 25 Briefcase published conference registration forms, which also are available on the OSBA website www.ohioschoolboards.org

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boards.org/regions. Click on your respective region; the conference flier will be listed under “Downloads.”

Note that Ohio Revised Code Section 3315.15 allows board members to create a service fund that can be used for expenses related to meetings such as the conferences.

Following are brief previews of what each region has planned for spring conferences.

Central Region

Villa Milano in Columbus will host the Central Region conference Wednesday, March 9. Region President **Kevin Crosthwaite, North Union Local (Union)**, will oversee activities beginning at 5 p.m. with a social hour.

North Union Local’s NUAge a cappella group will perform during dinner at 6:15 p.m. OSBA Lobbyist **Jennifer Hogue** will deliver a legislative update before dinner.

The program, which begins at 7 p.m., features keynote speaker **Hamilton Local (Franklin) Superintendent William Morrison**, whose district was honored as a 2015 National Blue Ribbon School. The award recognizes public and private schools based on their overall academic excellence or progress in closing achievement gaps among student subgroups.

Outstanding board members, programs and schools and veteran board members will be acknowledged during the

conference.

Registration is \$40 per person or \$320 for a table of eight. Deadline to register is Tuesday, March 1. For more information, contact Regional Manager **Kim Miller-Smith** at (614) 635-1926 or kmillersmith@ohioschoolboards.org.

Northeast Region

The Northeast Region will hold its conference Wednesday, March 30, at **Wellsville Local’s (Columbiana) Wellsville Junior/Senior High School**. Region President **Thomas F. Brophrey, Wellsville Local**, will preside over the event, which begins at 5 p.m. with socializing.

Student groups providing entertainment include Wellsville

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Leadership for Learning

Learning session nominations due **March 11:**
conference.ohioschoolboards.org/nominate

Student Achievement Fair program and
performing group nominations due **June 24**

Registration opens **July 11**

OSBA Capital Conference and Trade
Show — **Nov. 13-16**



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Save the dates

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Local's Garfield Elementary Chorus and Wellsville High School's Ebony and Ivory show choir.

Dinner starts at 6:25 p.m., ahead of the 7:15 p.m. program, which will honor Ohio Teacher of the Year nominees; Award of Achievement and Master Board Member recipients; veteran board members; and Northeast Region National Blue Ribbon Schools.

The evening concludes with the presentation of the President's Award of Excellence.

Registration is \$35 per person; the deadline is Wednesday, March 23. For additional information, contact Regional Manager **Reno Contipelli** at (330) 485-3731 or rcontipelli@ohioschoolboards.org.

Northwest Region

The Northwest Region Spring Conference is scheduled for Thursday, March 10, at Bowling Green State University's (BGSU) Lenhart Grand Ballroom. Region President **Jaimie L. Beamer**,

Seneca East Local (Seneca) and **Vanguard-Sentinel Career and Technology Centers**, will preside.

The conference, titled Celebrating 60 Years of Leadership Excellence, begins at 5:15 p.m. with a social period followed by dinner.

Springfield Local's (Lucas) Springfield High School JROTC Color Guard (Grenadiers) under the leadership of commander Cadet Major **Mariah Coleman** and coach retired 1st Sgt. **Ricky D. Thomas** will open the program.

Toledo City's Woodward High School The 5th Element vocal jazz group, directed by **Joan Simonis**, will entertain attendees.

State Sen. **Randy Gardner** (R-Bowling Green) is the keynote speaker; BGSU President Dr. **Mary Ellen Mazey** also will deliver remarks.

OSBA Deputy Director Of Legislative Services **Jay Smith** will discuss legislation impacting public education.

Also recognized will be region

Immediate Past President **Kevin Landin**, **Ottoville Local (Putnam)**; Award of Achievement recipients; 2015 Capital Conference Student Achievement Fair participants; BGSU Department of Education Administration and Supervision alumni; and winners of Northwest Region Excellence in Community Service, Northwest Region Who's Who Excellence in Outstanding Leadership and Northwest Region Humanitarian awards.

New this year is the Neil Pohlmann Award of Excellence in Education. Dr. **Neil Pohlmann** served as regional manager for a record 22 years and dedicated 45 years to Ohio public education before his death on April 12.

Registration, which ends Thursday, March 3, is \$30 per person or \$160 for a table of six. The cost is \$15 each for students and their parents. For more information, contact Regional Manager Dr. **Judy Jackson May** at

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Leo Lucas scholarship deadline is March 16

OSBA is accepting applications for the 2016 OSBA Black Caucus Leo Lucas Scholarship, a program that provides graduating African-American high school seniors funds for college. The program is named for the late **Leo Lucas**, a **Dayton City** school board member and educator who founded the caucus.

Visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/73957> to download an application. The application deadline is March 16.

For more information, contact **Van D. Keating** or **Damon Asbury** at (614) 540-4000 or vkeating@ohioschoolboards.org or dasbury@ohioschoolboards.org.





Celebrate the stars in your district at the OSBA Student Achievement Fair

Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2016 • 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. • Greater Columbus Convention Center

The OSBA Capital Conference Student Achievement Fair highlights outstanding student performance groups and fresh, innovative initiatives from school districts across the state. The fair will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2016, during the OSBA Capital Conference.

Student Achievement Fair performing groups

OSBA will choose one school district performing group from each of the association's five regions to perform during the Student Achievement Fair. Past performing groups have included choirs, bands, orchestras, percussion ensembles and cheerleaders. Each group will perform for 20 minutes. Nominate a performing group at <http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org/saf-nominations> and email an electronic video audition or YouTube link to **Cheryl W. Ryan**, director of school board services, at cryan@ohioschoolboards.org. Only electronic recordings will be accepted.



Student Achievement Fair district programs

OSBA is accepting nominations for exemplary district programs that improve student achievement. Examples of Student Achievement Fair district programs include one-to-one technology, STEM engineering for middle grades, a workforce exchange program and career center culinary arts. For more ideas, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/60021> to view the list of 2015 Student Achievement Fair district programs.

One hundred programs highlighting student achievement will be selected. While multiple programs may be submitted for consideration, no more than two per district will be selected, so districts should prioritize their submissions. Nominate a district program at <http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org/saf-nominations>.

District programs will be showcased in a 10-foot by 10-foot booth, which can accommodate up to five people. **Please note: Internet access IS NOT provided with your booth. If you need Internet access, you can purchase it from the convention center. The 2015 daily rate for Wi-Fi was \$99 per device. You will need a credit card to make the purchase.**

Have questions?

If you have questions about nominating a student performing group or district program, contact **Gwen Samet** (gsamet@ohioschoolboards.org) or **Cheryl W. Ryan** (cryan@ohioschoolboards.org) at (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA.



The nomination deadline is Friday, June 24. Visit <http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org/saf-nominations> to nominate a student performing group or district program today!

New Board Member webinars: the path to success in your first year

These webinars cover timely topics to help you get up to speed during your first year on the board. Six webinars will be held in 2016:

- Feb. 26 — school finance
- March 2 — evaluations
- April 20 — transportation
- May 17 — legal issues
- Sept. 28 — policy
- Oct. 19 — security and safety

The cost for each webinar is \$35. Register by visiting www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops. You also can register by contacting **Laurie Miller**, senior events manager, at (800) 589-OSBA, (614) 540-4000 or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org. You can purchase the webinar to watch at a later date; contact Laurie Miller to learn more.

Please note: If you signed up for the New Board Member Series or New Board Member Series Plus, you are registered for these webinars. You will receive information about the webinars, including the link to view it, a week prior to each webinar.

Take advantage of additional savings on professional development with the New Board Member Series and New Board Member Series Plus. These two discounted training packages feature an array of professional development events designed to help you learn, network and grow. Learn more at www.ohioschoolboards.org/new-board-member-series or www.ohioschoolboards.org/new-board-member-master-series.



School Finance 101: What Board Members Should Know

Thursday, Feb. 25 at the OSBA office in Columbus

School finance is a complicated subject. As board members, it is important to know the basics. Learn from the experts about state and local funding, levies and five-year forecasts. Become your district's expert and find out how to access data and what questions to ask.

8:45 a.m. Registration

9 a.m. State funding formula — what school board members should know

Aaron Rausch, director, Office of Budget and School Funding, Ohio Department of Education

10:30 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. Property tax/school-funding formula implications in the next biennium

Dr. Howard Fleeter, consultant, Ohio Education Policy Institute

12:15 p.m. Lunch (provided)

1 p.m. Five-year forecasts

Matt Bunting, consultant, Public Finance Resources (PFR)

1:55 p.m. Break

2:05 p.m. Levies, levies, levies and local funding

Michael Sobul, consultant, Public Finance Resources (PFR)

3 p.m. Wrap-up and adjourn

Cost is \$150, which includes materials, lunch and refreshments. 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.

Questions about workers' comp rates?

Get answers at the 2016 Spring SchoolComp Workers' Compensation Workshops



Hear the latest on the SchoolComp program, Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) changes and experience review. These sessions meet BWC's two-hour safety training requirement.

The workshops will be held at sites around Ohio, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. While there is no fee, registration is requested to accommodate those attending.

You can register on the Ohio Association of School Business Officials website at www.oasbo-ohio.org or by calling (614) 431-9116.

Dates and locations:

Program members should mark their calendars now to attend one of the following workshops:

Tuesday, March 1

Hilton Garden Inn Dayton South, Miamisburg

Friday, March 4

Ohio University Inn and Conference Center, Athens

Tuesday, March 15

Owens Community College, Findlay

Wednesday, March 16

Northeast Ohio Medical University, Rootstown

Monday, April 4

OSBA office, Columbus

Management Development Series #1:

Pay for performance

Thursday, March 3

OSBA office, Columbus

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Cost is \$90


Performance pay, like any other compensation system, has strengths and weaknesses that need to be carefully considered with respect to achieving and raising district goals.

Come explore performance pay fundamentals and possible ways to meld them into new evaluation systems. **Jeff Rahmberg** of Rahmberg, Stover & Associates LLC will show districts what can be accomplished, how it would look and what they should expect. Hear what has and has not worked in other states, and look at the sustainability of alternative compensation programs.

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. Cost for the workshop is \$90 per attendee and includes lunch and materials.

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.





Friday, March 4
9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.
OSBA office, Columbus
Cost is \$150

Special Education Law Workshop

8:30 a.m. Registration and continental breakfast

8:50 a.m. Welcome

9 a.m. ODE update: 2016 outlook

Hear about recent changes and initiatives at the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) Office for Exceptional Children, including an overview of recent ODE guidance and what's ahead for special education in 2016 and beyond.
Jessica Dawso, associate director, Office of Exceptional Children, ODE

10 a.m. Break

10:15 a.m. Progress monitoring pitfalls

A discussion of potential issues districts may face in monitoring progress toward Individualized Education Program (IEP) goals, including the assessment of student academic performance and evaluation of instruction.
Jeremy J. Neff, Esq., Ennis Britton Co. LPA, Cincinnati; and Marni Durham, director of special education and human resources, New Miami Local (Butler)

11 a.m. Providing FAPE to students who aren't yours (and other unique scenarios)

This session will cover districts' obligations to provide a free, appropriate public education (FAPE) for students in different situations, including students parentally placed in nonpublic schools, open enrollment students and students in juvenile detention center settings.
Christina H. Peer, Esq., Walter Haverfield LLP, Cleveland

Noon Lunch (provided)

1 p.m. Custody arrangements and special education

Explore a variety of custody arrangements and the impact they have on districts' responsibilities to special education students subject to such arrangements.
Scott C. Peters, Esq., Smith Peters Kalail Co. LPA, Cleveland

2 p.m. Break

2:15 p.m. Policy and case law update: students with disabilities

Learn about current changes to policy and case law surrounding students with disabilities, including a discussion of recent Americans with Disabilities Act updates on service animals in schools.
Susan E. Geary, Esq., Bricker and Eckler LLP, Columbus

3:15 p.m. Adjourn

This program has been approved by the Supreme Court of Ohio Commission on Continuing Legal Education for 4.75 hours of CLE credit.

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. Unauthorized audio recording or videotaping of any session is strictly prohibited.



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State Legislative Conference

Wednesday, March 16
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Renaissance Columbus Downtown
Cost is \$130

The State Legislative Conference provides school board members, administrators and treasurers a great venue to meet with their state legislators and discuss issues impacting public education. It is a golden opportunity to get the message out on the importance of investing in a strong public school system and putting a local face on these issues.

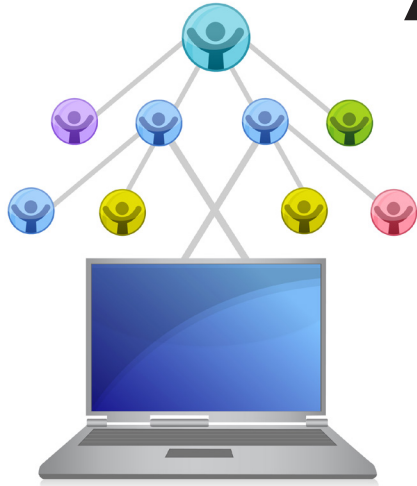
During the morning session, school district leaders will hear briefings on proposed legislation that can be used in discussions with their legislators during lunch and in office visits later that day. Attendees also will hear from legislative leaders about their views on public education and other priorities.

Attendees are urged to schedule office appointments between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. to meet individually with their legislators and their aides following the luncheon. We also encourage you to extend a personal invitation to them to attend the luncheon.

Don't miss this annual event and a chance to have your voice heard at the Statehouse. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Register online at www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops or contact **Laurie Miller**, OSBA senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org.

Overnight rooms are available for March 15 for \$149. Make reservations by visiting <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/69478>.

OSBA Cyberlaw 2016



Technology and the law seminar

Friday, March 18, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
OSBA office, Columbus
Cost is \$150

8:30 a.m. Registration and continental breakfast

8:50 a.m. Welcome

9 a.m. **Board members' use of technology**
A comprehensive review of legal issues associated with board members' electronic communications, including email, text messages, Facebook posts and GoogleDocs.
Shadya Y. Yazback, deputy director of legal services, OSBA

9:45 a.m. **Dangerous apps you need to know about**
If you think kids are still using Facebook, think again. Two education lawyers describe the 10 most dangerous apps that students are using today, many of which can make them easy targets for sexual predators and bullies. Learn how these apps work and how to protect students.
Rhonda Porter, Esq., Akron City; and Christina H. Peer, Esq., Walter Haverfield LLP

10:45 a.m. Break

11 a.m. **Legal issues relating to using and creating digital curriculum**
Teachers are transforming their instructional practices through digital curriculum. Learn about the legal issues relating to the use and ownership of teacher- and student-created content.
Gregory J. Krabacher, Esq., Bricker & Eckler LLP

Noon

Lunch (provided)

1 p.m.

Student data privacy
Review the guidance and best practices at the federal and state levels designed to address and protect the collection, use, storage and handling of student data by school districts and third parties.
Melissa Kern, Esq., and Jane Shea, Esq., Frost Brown Todd LLC

1:45 p.m.

Break

2 p.m.

Go-go-gadget: legal issues relating to today's hottest tech toys
Review some of the legal issues involved in district and student use of some of today's hottest tech toys, including drones, body cameras, smart watches, surveillance cameras and more.
Gary T. Stedronsky, Esq., Ennis Britton Co. LPA

3 p.m.

Adjourn

This program has been approved by the Supreme Court of Ohio Commission on Continuing Legal Education for 4.5 hours of CLE Credit.

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OSBA MASTER OF TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATION (MTA) PROGRAM

Don't miss the upcoming 2016 sessions of the OSBA MTA program. This series of workshops will help those involved in student transportation better understand and perform day-to-day operations.

These half-day workshops — offered from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. — include a working lunch and time for questions. All classes are scheduled twice; participants may sign up for either session. All workshops will be at the OSBA office, 8050 N. High St., Columbus, 43235. Visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/transportation-training-programs to learn about the MTA certification program. Tuition is \$90.



Upcoming 2016 session dates and descriptions

April 6 or 12 — Laws, rules and policy

What is the difference between revised code, administrative code and department policy? Where does local board policy fit in? Are they all mandates or just best practices? Review the process through which ideas become a rule or regulation and how to influence this process.

May 4 or 10 — Hot topics, safety, trends and statistics

Review hot topics in student transportation, including seat belts in school buses. Learn about National Transportation Safety Board accident studies, Ohio school bus accident statistics and any topics that attendees bring from their local districts.

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**, OSBA senior administrative assistant of policy services, at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or mta@ohioschoolboards.org.



What can PFR do for you?

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

PFR can:

- analyze internal and external data to develop your district's school budget report card;
- develop customized reports to make your financial information understandable and believable;
- provide effective and efficient financial modeling to identify options and results;
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WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

School Finance 101

☐ Feb. 25, Columbus, \$150

New Board Member Webinar: School finance

☐ Feb. 26, \$35

New Board Member Webinar: Evaluations

☐ March 2, \$35

Management Development Series #1

☐ March 3, Columbus, \$90

Special Education Law Workshop

☐ March 4, Columbus, \$150

How serving breakfast can boost student achievement

☐ March 10, free webinar

State Legislative Conference

☐ March 16, Columbus, \$130

OSBA Cyberlaw 2016: Technology and the law seminar

☐ March 18, Columbus, \$150

New Board Member Workshop: How's it going so far?

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OSBA Workshop Registration Form

Workshop name _____ Workshop date _____

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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.



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You may register on our website at www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops. You will need a username and password.



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toll free (800) 589-OSBA,
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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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(419) 581-9782 or jjacksonmay@ohioschoolboards.org.

Southeast Region

The Southeast Region hosts two spring conferences. This year's events are Tuesday, March 15, at **Meigs Local's (Meigs)** Meigs High School in Pomeroy, and Thursday, March 17, at **Mid-East Career and Technology Centers'** Buffalo Campus in Senecaville. Region President **Bruce D. Nottke, Athens City and Tri-County Career Center**, will preside over both conferences.

Both sessions begin at 5:30 p.m. with a social period followed by dinner. Honorees include Student Achievement Fair participants, Award of Achievement recipients and veteran board members.

Region Immediate Past President **Gail Requardt, East Muskingum Local (Muskingum)** and Mid-East Career and Technology Centers, will be recognized at the March 17 event.

The conferences also will include an OSBA legislative update.

Registration is \$38 per person; the deadline is Friday, March 4. For more information contact Regional Manager **Paul D. Mock** at (740) 469-2724 or pmock@ohioschoolboards.org.

Southwest Region

The Southwest Region will meet at **Great Oaks Career Campuses'** Scarlet Oaks Campus in Cincinnati Tuesday, March 8. The conference begins at 5:15 p.m. with a social period, followed by a buffet dinner.

Region President **Sue Steele, Goshen Local (Clermont)** and Great Oaks Career Campuses, will preside over the program that opens with entertainment by Goshen Local's Goshen High School Chorus, directed by **Jennifer Hansford**, and the presentation of colors by Great Oaks Career Campuses Scarlet Oaks Naval Jr. ROTC cadets.

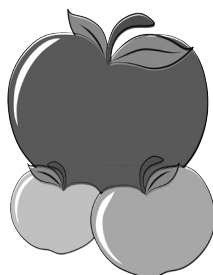
The region will recognize its 2015 effective school boards, Award of Achievement and Master Board member recipients, and veteran board members.

Special Recognition Program awards also will be presented to outstanding staff members.

Matt Van Sant, president of the Clermont County Chamber of Commerce, will receive the 2016 President's Award.

OSBA Director Of Legislative Services **Damon Asbury** will provide an update.

Registration is \$38 per person; the deadline is Wednesday, March 2. For more information, contact Regional Manager **Ronald J. Diver** at (937) 634-9025 or rdiver@ohioschoolboards.org.



How serving breakfast can boost student achievement

Thursday, March 10
Free webinar

1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Hear the latest research demonstrating the positive impact of breakfast on learning, the relationship to report card indicators and action steps school board members and administrators can take to ensure school success by serving students a healthy breakfast.

School leaders will be challenged to:

- offer or expand school breakfast, including alternative breakfast opportunities;
- reach out to families and community partners to support their efforts;
- take a leadership role in setting the tone and vision for healthy schools;
- communicate the link between a high-quality breakfast and academic achievement;
- establish wellness councils to implement a strong wellness policy.

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.



FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

compiled by Angela Penquite, managing editor

Connecting generations

The Listen to a Life Essay Contest, sponsored by the Legacy Project of Generations United, asks students to interview a grandparent or grand-friend 50 years or older about the older person's hopes and goals throughout their life, how they achieved their goals and overcame obstacles, or how their dreams may have changed along the way. The student then writes a 300-word essay based on the interview. **Maximum awards:** a Lenovo Yoga tablet

Eligibility: students ages 8-18

Deadline: March 25

Contact: www.legacyproject.org/

contests/ltal.html

Presidential awards for math and science teaching

The Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching are the nation's highest honors for math and science teachers. The awards recognize outstanding teachers for their contributions in the classroom and to their profession.

Maximum award: \$10,000

Eligibility: kindergarten to sixth-grade math or science teachers who teach at least 50% of the time and have been teaching full time for at least five years prior to the 2015-16 academic school year

Deadline: nominations due April 1; application due May 1

Contact: <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/21501>

Grant for chemistry teachers

The ACS-Hach High School Chemistry Grant is awarded to high school chemistry teachers seeking funds to support ideas that transform classroom learning, foster student development and reveal the wonders of chemistry.

Maximum award: \$1,500

Eligibility: high school chemistry teachers

Deadline: April 1

Contact: <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/74723>



LEGISLATIVE REPORT

by Jay Smith, deputy director of legislative services

Bill would eliminate Common Core, alter other recent reforms

The Ohio House Education Committee recently held its second hearing on legislation that would abolish several education reform initiatives adopted over the past few years.

House Bill (HB) 212, introduced last year by Rep. **Andy Thompson** (R-Marietta), would eliminate Ohio's Common Core State

Standards, change the state's testing requirements, eliminate mandated teacher and principal evaluations and reduce the State Board of Education's authority on operating standards. Ohio law already has been changed for some provisions in the bill since its introduction, so portions of HB 212 are subject to change if it continues

through the legislative process. The reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) through the Every Student Succeeds Act also may affect the bill should it continue to move forward.

Following is an analysis of the proposed changes. The analysis
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was developed by OSBA, the Buckeye Association of School Administrators and the Ohio Association of School Business Officials. Comments from the associations accompany each section of the analysis. Please feel free to share this with your local state legislators.

Standards

HB 212 would eliminate the Common Core State Standards and require the State Board of Education to replace Ohio's Learning Standards with standards consistent with the Massachusetts standards that were in place prior to the Common Core's implementation. Local districts would not be required to use any of the standards the State Board adopts. The bill also would establish a 13-member Academic Content Standards Steering Committee to oversee development of the new standards prior to approval by the State Board and Ohio legislature. In addition, the State Board would be prohibited from adopting any model curriculum.

Comments: School districts are well into the fifth year of implementing the Common Core State Standards and the state standards for science and social studies. We have supported the continuation of that implementation in the interest of higher rigor and in opposition to the disruption that would be caused by yet another change in standards. We oppose eliminating

the Common Core State Standards and replacing them with criteria modeled after Massachusetts' outdated standards in the four subject areas.

The Academic Content Standards Steering Committee established in the bill would be a new bureaucratic body meant to supplant the State Board of Education's authority. While we do not always agree with the actions of the State Board, instituting a new committee only adds more layers to the process with no promise of an improved system. Further, the prohibition against the State Board's adoption of model curriculum simply takes tools away from school districts and would require them to use their own resources to develop their curriculum without a model to reference.

Assessments

The legislation would require school districts to select either assessments administered prior to 2010 in Iowa or Massachusetts or a combination of the two for elementary students in English language arts, mathematics, science and social studies. Assessments could not be administered to elementary students earlier than the last week of April.

The bill replaces the current seven high school end-of-course exams with a requirement for districts to select either standards-based or norm-referenced exams in English language arts,

mathematics and science. It also prohibits using as state achievement assessments the PARCC tests (previously eliminated in the budget bill, HB 64); Smarter Balanced assessments; or any other testing related to the Common Core State Standards. In addition, the bill eliminates the kindergarten diagnostic assessments in reading, writing and mathematics.

Comments: While we recognize that many school district leaders are concerned about the number of tests required, we believe more work is needed to determine the best way to achieve the intended purpose of these exams. State leaders want a mechanism that can gauge students' preparedness for graduation and career readiness and determine if school districts are adequately preparing students for the future. This goal is juxtaposed with the need for classroom diagnostic assessments that inform instruction for individual students. We believe the solution outlined in HB 212 is not the answer.

We can support the bill's prohibition against testing elementary students prior to the last week in April. However, tests tied to the third-grade reading guarantee may need to be administered earlier to mesh with the guarantee's requirements.

We are concerned about eliminating the kindergarten diagnostic assessments,

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particularly in reading. This assessment identifies students' instructional needs and helps educators prepare intervention plans as part of the third-grade reading guarantee. ODE currently covers the cost of these exams. If eliminated, school districts would need to use local resources to pay for diagnostic assessments.

Evaluations

HB 212 seeks to eliminate the Ohio Teacher Evaluation System (OTES) and the Ohio Principal Evaluation System and those systems' guidelines and requirements. The bill also would eliminate the Resident Educator Summative Assessment by

prohibiting the Ohio Teacher Residency Program from requiring an entry-level classroom teacher to pass or take the assessment during the residency program.

Comments: School leaders have indicated that teacher and principal evaluations are necessary and useful. However, the student progress component of the current evaluation system is a problem. This portion of the evaluation process is inconsistent among various teaching disciplines, and the value-added method is not an appropriate measure of a teacher's success.


Therefore, we support a change that would give school districts the

authority to design their own evaluation instruments. Otherwise, the state-mandated student progress component of the evaluation system should be eliminated and replaced by a local determination of how student progress should be considered in an individual educator's evaluation.


We support HB 212's elimination of the Resident Educator Summative Assessment. This has been redundant since the implementation of OTES.

Personally identifiable information

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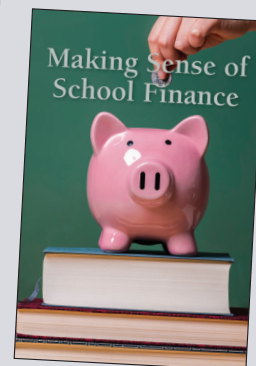
Revised edition available

Newly revised for 2016, "Making Sense of School Finance" is the guidebook for school board members and administrators wanting to understand Ohio's school-funding system.

School funding in Ohio is big business. Ohio's school-funding system is based on a theory of "shared responsibility." This book explains the theory behind the system and how it currently works. It covers how tax and school-funding policies have changed through the decades, district expenditures and other funding programs and policies issues.

Price is \$15 per copy.

Contact **Debbie Burda** at dburda@ohioschoolboards.org or (614) 540-4000 or order "Making Sense of School Finance" through the OSBA online store at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/publications>.





PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Scott Gerfen, assistant editor

Girls build future in Cincinnati City construction class

The construction industry remains a field dominated by men, but two students at **Cincinnati City's** Woodward Career Technical High School are breaking gender barriers every time they show up for class.

"It was something I always knew I wanted to do. I was small, playing with LEGOs and ended up playing with tools," **Channell Rogers** told "PBS NewsHour."

According to the U.S. Department of Labor Statistics,

only 9% of construction workers are women.

Factors that contribute to the low number of women workers include sexual harassment, a lack of information about opportunities in the field and inadequate instruction.

Woodward offers a hands-on learning experience in the areas of construction and community design.

"My family is OK with all this," student **Sierra Buster** said.

"... (W)hatever I choose, I choose.

They go along with me. They're pushing me to motivate me to keep going."

Students learn how to set up a small construction business and earn industry credentials and college credit.

"Some of the female students tend to be some of my better students, some of the sharper students, good leaders, good managers, and they do a great job," teacher **West Davis** said.

Source: PBS NewsHour

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of protection for student privacy. The bill requires Education Management Information System standards to restrict access to personally identifiable information by those performing school district data processing services to just the information necessary to fulfill contractual obligations. A contract between a district and a data processing entity must include a stipulation that personally identifiable information will not be shared with additional parties.

The bill specifies that only aggregate data, not personally identifiable information, can be sent to the U.S. Department of Education for purposes of federal

grant requirements. It also prohibits a federal grant recipient from releasing personally identifiable information without the informed written consent of the student's parent, guardian or teacher.

Comments: We support these provisions. However, we believe this is putting into law what is already current practice.

Minimum operating standards

The bill removes the words "and such other factors as the board finds necessary" from the provision in law that enumerates categories for which the State Board must adopt minimum

operating standards for schools.

Comments: We believe this provision would tie the State Board of Education's hands in addressing issues that arise in an ever-changing education environment. The effect would be to require specific state law changes when the need arises. The State Board of Education is the body best suited to address such issues.

If you have any questions or comments on HB 212, contact OSBA's Division of Legislative Services.

Editor's note: Information in this article was current as of Feb. 11, 2016.

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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 — RC 3313.22; deadline for secondary schools to provide information about College Credit Plus to all students enrolled in grades six through 11 — RC 3365.04(A).
2 New Board Member webinar: Evaluations
3 Management Development Series #1 workshop Columbus
4 Special Education Law Workshop Columbus
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10 Northwest Region Spring Conference.....Bowling Green
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15 Southeast Region Spring Conference..... Pomeroy
15 Presidential Primary Day; Special Election Day — RC 3501.01.
16 State Legislative Conference.. Columbus
16 SchoolComp Workers' Compensation Workshop Rootstown
17 Southeast Region Spring Conference.....Senecaville
18 Cyberlaw — Technology and the law seminar Columbus
30 Northeast Region Spring Conference..... Wellsville
31 New Board Member Series Workshop: How's it going so far?..... Columbus
31 End of second ADM reporting period — RC 3317.03(A).

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- 4 SchoolComp Workers' Compensation Workshop Columbus
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12 OSBA MTA Program: Laws, rules and policy Columbus

- 15 Last day for certain board members and administrators to file financial disclosure forms with the Ohio Ethics Commission — RC 102.02.
19 Management Development Series #2 workshop Columbus
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25 Last day to submit certification for August income tax levy to Ohio Department of Taxation — RC 5748.02(A) (100 days prior to the election).
26 BoardDocs webinar
29-30 Board Leadership Institute Columbus
29 Last day to submit August emergency or current operating expenses levy to county auditor for August election — RC 5705.194, 5705.195, 5705.213 (95 days prior to the election).

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- 4 OSBA MTA Program: Hot topics, safety, trends and statistics..... 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 August election — RC 133.18(D).