Obama speeding up plan to connect all schools to the Internet

President Barack Obama is accelerating his ConnectED goal of getting high-speed Internet and educational technology into classrooms, according to a White House news release. ConnectED is the president’s plan for bringing all schools fully into the digital age. Obama announced that the Federal Communications Commission and private sector will collaborate to deliver cutting-edge technologies to classrooms with devices, free software, teacher training and home wireless connectivity. The communications commission will provide $2 billion for the project, while technology firms will contribute more than $750 million in products and services.

It’s time to register for OSBA spring regional conferences

OSBA’s spring regional conferences begin next week. They feature dinner, student entertainment, awards and updates on key education issues and association events. The meetings also offer opportunities to meet with OSBA state and regional leaders as well as board members and administrators from your area. For details, see “Regional Roundup” on page 5 or visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/regions.

Make your school district’s voice heard at the Statehouse

The State Legislative Conference provides an outstanding opportunity for local school districts to share their concerns with state legislators and other policymakers. Set for March 13 in the Ohio Statehouse Atrium, the annual event is hosted by OSBA, the Buckeye Association of School Administrators and the Ohio Association of School Business Officials. It features presentations, as well as the chance to meet one-on-one with association lobbyists and those making key decisions about Ohio public education. For details and registration information, see the Briefcase blue pages.

Association seeking 2014 Capital Conference workshop proposals

The OSBA Capital Conference features more than 100 breakout sessions covering a wealth of topics of special interest to board members and administrators. OSBA is now accepting proposals for breakout sessions for the 2014 conference. Proposals will be selected based on strong interest; relevance; proven success; innovation; creativity; and practical, how-to information. The deadline for submissions is March 17 at 5 p.m. Nominations can be submitted online at http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/71765, and a nomination form is included in the Briefcase.

Fourth annual Business Honor Roll program under way

It’s time for school districts to select businesses to recognize for supporting their local schools. OSBA’s Business Honor Roll program offers districts a way to thank
these firms for their support and contributions, and helps them maintain and build upon the support they receive from their local business community. OSBA encourages districts to name firms that support them to the Business Honor Roll. For more information, visit http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/39803 or contact Amanda Finney at (614) 540-4000 or afinney@ohioschoolboards.org.

With 100 LEED schools, Ohio tops the nation
A Switzerland of Ohio Local (Monroe) school has become the 100th public school facility in Ohio to be certified for environmentally friendly design, according to the Ohio School Facilities Commission. Monroe Central High School recently earned the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification from the U.S. Green Building Council. Ohio leads the nation in LEED-certified schools.

National academy hosting student video competition
The Ohio Valley Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences is hosting a high school video competition for future broadcasters and producers. The competition offers students an opportunity to be acknowledged for their hard work by the same group that presents the Emmy Awards. Videos produced as part of curricular or extracurricular activities are eligible if created from May 1, 2013, to April 30, 2014. Entries are judged and critiqued by industry professionals. The nomination process runs from April 1 through April 30. To view the competition guidelines and 2013 winning videos, visit www.ohiovalleyemmy.org.

OSBA online
- www.ohioschoolboards.org

The OSBA 2014 Legislative Platform is now posted at http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/39323, and platform booklets have been mailed to district treasurers. The platform informs legislators, policymakers, the public and the news media about OSBA’s positions on education issues.
OSBA executive searches

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Board changes

Allen County ESC appointed Dave Mayer to the board effective Feb. 27. He replaced David Smith, who resigned. Fairview Park City appointed Debbie Tidwell to the board effective Jan. 27. She replaced Tim Mesaros, who resigned. London City appointed Darryl Brown to the board effective immediately.

Editor’s note

Job postings must be received six weeks before the application deadline to ensure timely publication. Thank you for your cooperation.
Administrative changes
Superintendents
Hubbard EV Superintendent Richard J. Buchenic announced his retirement effective July 31. Old Fort Local (Seneca) hired Larry Hodge as interim superintendent effective immediately. He replaced Jude E. Meyers, who took the superintendent position at Gallia County Local (Gallia). Hodge previously was the educational consultant at the North Central Ohio ESC.

Treasurers
Columbus City Treasurer Penelope R. Rucker announced her resignation effective June 30.

Sympathies
Ross Barry Kloetzly, a member of the former Belle Center Local (Logan) Board of Education, died Jan. 31. He was 88. Former Heath City Superintendent Dr. James Philip “Phil” Allen died Feb. 5. He was 65. Former Jackson-Milton Local (Mahoning) Treasurer Dolores Mae Yeager died Jan. 28. She was 81. Former Johnstown-Monroe Local (Licking) Board of Education member Jill Harms Griesse died Feb. 3. She was 74. Former LaBrae Local (Trumbull) Treasurer Raymond T. Matwich died Jan. 28. He was 93. Former Monroeville Local (Huron) Board of Education member Robert J. “Bob” Simon died Feb. 3. He was 84. Former Clifton Beamer, a former member of the Seneca East Local and former Attica boards of education, both in Seneca County, died Jan. 25. He was 88. Former Sheffield-Sheffield Lake City Board of Education member Kenneth M. Breeden Jr. died Feb. 1. He was 70. Former Edward Schultz, a former member of the Tri-County ESC and Wayne County Schools Career Center boards of education and former Lake Local (Stark) superintendent, died Jan. 31. He was 82. Former Howard Thompson, a former member of the Upper Scioto Valley Local and former Roundhead boards of education, both in Hardin County, died Feb. 4. He was 97.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES
compiled by Angela Penquite, assistant editor

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 awards: $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 2013-14 academic school year
Deadline: nominations due April 1; application due May 1
Contact: http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/21501

Supporting programs that increase student learning
The McCarthey Dressman Education Foundation offers grants designed to develop in-class and extracurricular programs that improve student learning. The foundation considers proposals that foster understanding, deepen students’ knowledge and provide opportunities to expand awareness of the world around them.
Maximum awards: $10,000
Eligibility: educators with the background and experience to complete the project, and who have direct and regular contact with students in grades pre-K to 12 from low-income households
Deadline: April 15
Contact: mccartheydressman.org/academic-enrichment-grants

Solve for Tomorrow contest
Samsung invites teachers to
Continued on page 5
OSBA Capital Conference speaker nomination form

Presentations will be selected based on criteria such as high interest and relevance; creativity and innovation; success supported by positive results; and solid, practical, how-to information. Creative formats and student involvement in programs are encouraged.

Nominate a speaker or propose a topic online at [www.ohioschoolboards.org/nominate-a-session](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/nominate-a-session) or use the form below. A list of suggested topics is available at [http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/learning-tracks](http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/learning-tracks).

Title of breakout presentation: ____________________________________________ (please limit to 40 characters)

Select a learning track from the topic list: ________________________________ (list available at [http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/learning-tracks](http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/learning-tracks))

Main contact’s name: 
District/firm: ______________________________________________________
Address: __________________________ Phone (day): __________________________ Email address: __________________________
City, ZIP: __________________________ Phone (cell): __________________________
Title: ________________________________________________________________________________________

Please list all co-presenters’ names and information:

Name: ________________________________________________________________________________________
District/firm: ______________________________________________________
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In 50 words or fewer, describe the presentation and specific skills or knowledge participants will gain by the end of your session. OSBA reserves the right to edit the description for use in the Conference Guide. (Please feel free to submit additional material that describes your program.)

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Submitted by: ______________________________________________________________
(District/firm: ______________________________________________________
Address: __________________________ Phone (day): __________________________
City, ZIP: __________________________ Phone (cell): __________________________

Rules for proposal submissions
1. Submit as many ideas as you wish. Just make sure each overview incorporates all the requested information (use a separate sheet of paper if necessary).
2. Your proposal must be complete (title, short description and up to two pages of supporting information) to qualify for consideration.
3. Proposals must be received in the OSBA office by 5 p.m., March 17, 2014. You are encouraged to submit your proposal as soon as possible. Use one form per topic. This page may be duplicated.
4. Speakers agree to supply OSBA with handout material for distribution to attendees by Oct. 10, 2014.
5. **High-speed Internet drops and computers will not be available for the presentation.**
6. Presentations must be product- and vendor-neutral and include a member school district.
7. **Selected presenters are required to register with their district or exhibiting company for the conference.**

Return this form to Judy Morgan, senior administrative assistant of school board services. Contact Rob Delane, deputy executive director, or Judy Morgan with questions. Send to OSBA, 8050 N. High St., Suite 100, Columbus, OH 43235-6481, or fax to (614) 540-4100.

**USE ONE FORM PER TOPIC/RECOMMENDATION. THIS PAGE MAY BE DUPLICATED.**
School Finance 101: What Board Members Should Know

Friday, Feb. 28 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 and continental breakfast
9 a.m.  Welcome and overview
  Damon Asbury, director of legislative services, OSBA
9:15 a.m.  State-funding formula — what school board members need to know
  Ohio Department of Education
10:45 a.m.  Break
11 a.m.  Five-year forecasts
  Jeff McCuen, treasurer, Worthington City
11:30 a.m.  Where do I find the information?
  Jay Smith, lobbyist, OSBA
12:30 p.m.  Break
1 p.m.  Levies, levies, levies and local funding
  Mike Sobul, treasurer, Granville EV
1:30 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 2014 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 five 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 4
Owens Community College, Findlay

Wednesday, March 5
Northeast Ohio Medical University, Rootstown

Monday, March 10
Ohio University Inn and Conference Center, Athens

Thursday, March 20
Wyndham Garden Dayton South, Miamisburg

Monday, March 31
OSBA office, Columbus
Increasing Private Funding for Your School District

Thursday, March 6 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
OSBA office, Columbus Cost is $150

Are you concerned about the future of school funding? Looking for new funding sources for your school district?

Get answers on how a K-12 education foundation can help. Hear success stories from around Ohio and network with other education foundations and experts. Designed for superintendents, school board members, foundation board members, development directors and volunteers, this interactive workshop is one you won’t want to miss!

Already have a school foundation? From fundraising to board governance, learn strategies, tips and trends to promote your mission and raise your level of success. Don’t have a school foundation set up to serve your district? Learn about key legal, financial and operational components to building a successful foundation.

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.

Agenda
9:30 a.m. Registration, continental breakfast and networking

10 a.m. Welcome, introductions, opening exercise
Christy Farnbauch, community engagement strategist, Strategic Links LLC

10:25 a.m. Welcome and workshop overview
Cheryl W. Ryan, deputy director of school board services, and Kathy LaSota, director of school board services, OSBA

10:30 a.m. The potential of private funds for public education
By listening to what nonprofits are saying and monitoring how donors are responding, we can better understand how to raise money, motivate decisions and organize scarce resources for impact. Learn how to gauge your district’s understanding of a “new era of giving.”
Aly Sterling, CFRE, president, Aly Sterling Philanthropy

11:15 a.m. The potential and value of a K-12 education foundation
Designed to engage listeners in key aspects of the successful college and university fundraising as a model for the K-12 environment. This session examines the seven benchmarks of highly performing K-12 foundations.
Jim Collogan, The Foundation Group

Noon Lunch
Remarks by Nina Menis, executive director, National School Foundation Association

12:45 p.m. Concurrent sessions
Overview: how to start a K-12 foundation
Most K-12 foundations begin with a community-based feasibility study. Review the study’s major components, including sample missions, visioning activities, board of education reporting procedures and developing a school/foundation operating agreement.
Jim Collogan

We have a K-12 foundation — now what?
Participate in an interactive discussion on creating an infrastructure to grow your foundation’s success. Takeaways will include the top 10 best practices for K-12 school district fundraising success. Leave with practical tips you can use to increase private funding for your school district.
Aly Sterling and Christy Farnbauch

2:15 p.m. Break

2:30 p.m. Promising practices in Ohio
Hear from districts in action — each in different stages, from just starting a foundation to breaking the mold with paid development staff.
Joanie Dugger, executive director, Upper Arlington Education Foundation; Thomas L. Hosler II, superintendent, and Jeffrey Abke, development director, Perrysburg EV; and Kim Dettmer, executive director, Berea City Education Foundation

3:30 p.m. Evaluation and next steps

4 p.m. Adjourn
The 2014 State Legislative Conference provides school board members, administrators and treasurers the opportunity to meet with their state legislators and discuss issues impacting public education. It is your opportunity to get the message out on the importance of a strong public school system.

**Agenda**

8:45 a.m.   Registration
9:15 a.m.   Lobbyists’ update/talking points/call to action
10:15 a.m.  Perspectives from the House
11 a.m.     Perspectives from the Senate
11:45 a.m.  Lunch with your legislators
1 p.m.      Meetings with your legislators — Contact your legislators to schedule an appointment prior to the conference. Contact the OSBA legislative division if you need assistance.

Register online at [www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops) or contact Laurie Miller, OSBA senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000; (800) 589-OSBA; or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org.

Visit [http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/28276](http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/28276) for driving directions and links to parking information.
Management Development Series #1: Negotiations 101

Friday, March 14
OSBA office, Columbus

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

Why do schools bargain with employee unions? How do negotiations work? What are the differences between traditional bargaining and interest-based bargaining? What happens at impasse? If any or all of these questions are on your mind, this workshop is intended for you. Negotiations 101 is designed for anyone unfamiliar with collective bargaining in Ohio’s public schools. We will cover negotiations from beginning to end. Our focus will be on the entire context of negotiations, from Ohio law and the State Employment Relations Board through team selection, proposal/counterproposal development, at-the-table negotiations, impasse procedures and different bargaining methods. There will be ample time for questions and answers.

Whether you are an administrator or board member, if collective bargaining is new to you or you don’t understand all parts of the process, this workshop will improve your knowledge and skills in this complex area. Presenters will be Van D. Keating, director of management services, and Renee L. Fambro, deputy director of labor relations, OSBA.

Agenda
9:30 a.m. Registration
10 a.m. Why bargain
11 a.m. Break
11:15 a.m. How to bargain
Noon Lunch (provided)
12:30 p.m. What to bargain
1:15 p.m. Break
1:30 p.m. To settle or not
2 p.m. Final questions and 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.

OSBA Student Achievement Fair

Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2014 • Greater Columbus Convention Center

The OSBA Capital Conference Student Achievement Fair highlights outstanding initiatives from school districts across the state. OSBA is seeking fresh, innovative programs or practices your district is willing to share with thousands of Ohio school district representatives. One hundred programs and practices will be selected based on creativity and impact on student achievement. The fair will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 11 during the OSBA Capital Conference.

Five performing groups from across Ohio will be selected to entertain attendees during the Student Achievement Fair. To be considered, you must submit an audio or video recording of the performing group. DVDs or CDs can be mailed to OSBA or a video or MP3 can be submitted with the online application.

OSBA is now accepting nominations for district programs and performing groups. While multiple programs may be submitted for consideration, no more than two per district will be selected, so districts should prioritize their submissions.

Nominate your district at www.ohioschoolboards.org/saf-nominations. The nomination deadline is June 27.
Special Education Law Workshop

Friday, March 21
9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.
Embassy Suites, Columbus
Cost is $150

8:30 a.m.  Registration and continental breakfast
8:50 a.m.  Welcome
9 a.m.    ODE update: 2014 outlook
         Hear about recent changes and initiatives at the
         Ohio Department of Education’s (ODE) Office of
         Exceptional Children, including what’s ahead for
         special education in 2014 and beyond.
         Jessica Dawso, assistant legal counsel; Monica Drvota,
         assistant director (Procedural Safeguards); Olivia
         Schmidt, assistant director (Monitoring Supports
         and Services); and Wendy Stoica, assistant director
         (Diverse Learners); ODE Office of Exceptional
         Children

10 a.m.   In it to win it: managing special education cases
          for the long haul
          Hear tips for managing long-term special education
          cases, including suggestions for documenting
          and ensuring that procedural safeguards are met;
          anticipating and preparing for due process hearings;
          assigning a case manager; and more.
          Christina Henagen Peer, Esq., Walter Haverfield LLP,
          Cleveland

10:45 a.m. Break

11 a.m.   Responding to bullying of students with
          disabilities
          Through case law examples and recent guidance
          from the Office of Civil Rights, this session will review
          the different requirements and standards applied
          and provide guidance for proactively preventing
          reoccurrences of similar behavior.
          Daniel A. Jaffe, Esq., Squire Sanders (US) LLP, Cleveland

Noon      Lunch (provided)

1 p.m.    Hot topics in special education
          The author of OSBA’s Special Education Law in
          Ohio provides an overview of up-and-coming legal
          and legislative changes, including EpiPens, diabetes
          management and more.
          Susan E. Geary, Esq., Bricker and Eckler, LLP,
          Columbus

1:45 p.m. From achoo to Zyrtec: guidelines for managing
          food allergies in schools
          Review the Centers for Disease Control and
          Prevention’s voluntary guidelines, which include
          practical information, planning steps and strategies
          for reducing allergic reactions and responding to
          life-threatening reactions. Improve your existing food
          allergy management plans and practices.
          Megan Bair Zidian, Esq., Britton, Smith, Peters &
          Kalail Co. LLP, Cleveland

2:15 p.m. Break

2:30 p.m. The nuts and bolts of IEEs
          Understand your district’s legal obligation to consider
          independent educational evaluations (IEE), determine
          when to permit payment for IEE costs and learn to
          avoid IEE-related actions that may lead to litigation.
          Jeremy J. Neff, Esq., Ennis, Roberts & Fischer Co. LPA,
          Cincinnati

3:15 p.m. Adjourn

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(614) 540-4000; (800) 589-OSBA; or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org. Unauthorized audio recording or videotaping of any session
is strictly prohibited.

The Embassy Suites Columbus is located in north Columbus at 2700 Corporate Exchange Drive, Columbus, 43231. Visit
Cyberlaw Seminar

Friday, March 28, 9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.
OSBA office, Columbus
Cost is $150

8:30 a.m.  Registration and continental breakfast
8:50 a.m.  Welcome
9 a.m.  To surf and protect: a district’s duties under CIPA
Review a district’s obligations under the Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA), including if the district must filter privately and district-owned devices used off campus.
Pamela A. Leist, Esq., Ennis, Roberts & Fischer Co. LPA, Cincinnati

9:45 a.m.  Better than “acceptable”: how to upgrade your district’s AUP
Ensure your district has a comprehensive and current acceptable use policy (AUP), and learn how to set policies and monitor network use to effectively enforce it.
Donna M. Andrew, Esq., Pepple & Waggoner Ltd., Cleveland

10:30 a.m.  Break
10:45 a.m.  Data privacy: how safe is your cloud data?
Sending your data “to the cloud” may have legal repercussions for your district. Identify legal and technical issues you should consider and resolve before making the jump to online storage applications.
Lindsay F. Gingo, Esq., Britton, Smith, Peters & Kalail Co. LPA, Cleveland

11:45 a.m.  Lunch (provided)
12:30 p.m.  Negotiating school software contracts
Review some of the key clauses found in many school software contracts and learn best practices to ensure the district’s interests are protected when it enters into these contracts.
Gregory Krabacher, Esq., Bricker & Eckler LLP, Columbus; and Wayne M. Serra, Esq., Bricker & Eckler LLP, Cleveland

1:15 p.m.  Making schools safer through technology
Schools should consider technology when developing and implementing their school safety and crisis management plans. Discover how technology can help in a crisis, particularly in the areas of prevention, preparedness, response and recovery.
Nicholas E. Subashi, Esq., Subashi & Wildermuth, Dayton; and Thom Jones, director of sales and marketing, Lauren Innovations

2:15 p.m.  Break
2:30 p.m.  What’s trending now?
Close your day of learning on the “bleeding edge” with the latest court decisions affecting schools and technology. Leave with practical tips and potential effects on your district.
Candice L. Christon, staff attorney, OSBA

3:15 p.m.  Adjourn

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Pupil Transportation Administrator Training Program

This new series of workshops will help those involved in student transportation better understand and perform day-to-day operations.

These half-day workshops will include a working lunch and time for questions. 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.

Pupil Transportation Administrator Training Program #4

Emergency planning
Wednesday, April 9 • 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. • $90 • OSBA office, Columbus

A transportation department must have a viable emergency plan in place. These plans should be documented and include not only the routine crisis incidents that occur in this industry (breakdowns, sick children, minor accidents), but also the major events we hope will never happen. Learn how to identify what should be included in an emergency plan, how to develop the action plans and how to make a plan that anyone can follow, even in your absence.

Pupil Transportation Administrator Training Program #5

Fleet compliance
Wednesday, May 7 • 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. • $90 • OSBA office, Columbus

This class will focus on bus maintenance and safety checks, compliance with Ohio State Highway Patrol inspections and how to make the best use of the driver pre-trip inspection. We also will delve into the value of a preventive maintenance plan, bus purchasing and using alternative fuels.

Did you miss the first session? It will be repeated on March 5:

Pupil Transportation Administrator Training Program #1

Rules and laws governing Ohio pupil transportation

Wednesday, March 5 • 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. • $90 • OSBA office, Columbus

Ohio schools transport more than 900,000 students daily, using approximately 13,000 school buses. These school buses, which have been repeatedly proven to be the safest form of pupil transportation — nearly 30 times safer than the typical passenger vehicle — travel nearly 1 million miles daily to accomplish this monumental task.

Because of this and other factors, pupil transportation is one of the most regulated services nationwide, as well as in Ohio. Recently, changes were enacted in a number of the administrative rules, as well as in the Ohio Revised Code through House Bill 59. This workshop will explore the various federal and state regulations that transportation administrators need to be familiar with to ensure that their student transportation is safe, dependable and compliant with both laws and best practices.

Join OSBA school transportation services staff for a fast-paced, in-depth discussion of current laws and best practices used throughout the state.
Stay up-to-date with the latest legal publications

Ohio’s most comprehensive school law publication has been revised for 2014. The 2014 Ohio School Law Guide, a four-volume set, offers basic, easy-to-understand interpretations of Ohio statutes and regulations that govern public school operations. Written by Kimball H. Carey.

Also revised is the 2014 Ohio School Law Manual. This convenient version contains interpretive text that appears in the Ohio School Law Guide. The handbook is a perfect reference for anyone involved with education.

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REGIONAL ROUNWDUP

compiled by Angela Penquite, senior communication design manager

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Central Region President Randy Reisling, South-Western City, will preside over the evening, which will include an OSBA legislative update.

The region will recognize veteran board members, as well as board members who have received the OSBA Master Board Member award, Award of Achievement or National School Boards Association School Board Member National Recognition Program award.

Registration is $40 per person, or $320 for a table seating eight. The registration deadline is Friday, March 14. For more information or questions, contact Jeff Chambers, interim regional manager, at (614) 540-4000 or jchambers@ohioschoolboards.org.

Northeast Region
Maplewood Career Center will host the Northeast Region conference on March 5. Registration and socializing begin at 6 p.m., followed by dinner and the program.

Northeast Region President Denise Baba, Streetsboro City, will preside. The program includes an OSBA legislative update, as well as an in-service session by Streetsboro City titled “From fire to new bond issue in a few short years.” The recognition portion of the program will honor veteran board members, Award

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of Achievement recipients and Ohio Teacher of the Year nominees.

Registration is $35 per person; the deadline is Tuesday, Feb. 25. For additional information, contact Regional Manager Terri Neff at (216) 470-6395 or tneff@ohioschoolboards.org.

Northwest Region

The Northwest Region will gather on March 13 at the Vanguard-Sentinel Career and Technology Centers in Fremont. The event will feature a silent auction of items donated by the region’s career centers. The bidding begins at 5:15 p.m.

Registration and socializing begin at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner. Fremont City’s Fremont Ross High School Jazz Ensemble, directed by John Calhoun, will perform following dinner. Northwest Region President Timothy McKinney, Bath Local (Allen), will preside over the evening, which will include an OSBA legislative update.

The region will recognize its past president, Award of Achievement recipients and 2013 OSBA Capital Conference Student Achievement Fair participants. It also will present the Northwest Region Excellence in Community Service Award; the Northwest Region Who’s Who Excellence in Outstanding Leadership Award; and the Northwest Region Humanitarian Award.

Registration is $30 per person, or $160 for a table of six. The cost for students and their parents is $15 each. The deadline to register is Friday, March 7. For questions or more information, contact Dr. Judy Jackson May, regional manager, at (419) 575-0663 or jjacksonmay@ohioschoolboards.org.

Southeast Region

The Southeast Region will host two conferences. This year’s events are on March 4 at Buckeye Hills Career Center in Thurman and March 6 at Northern Local’s (Perry) Sheridan High School in Thornville.

Registration and a social period will begin at 5:30 p.m. at both locations, followed by introductions and dinner. Southeast Region President David Carter, East Guernsey Local (Guernsey), will preside over both conferences.

Honorees will include Student Achievement Fair participants, Award of Achievement recipients, veteran board members and Ohio Teacher of the Year nominees. The event also will include an OSBA legislative update.

Registration is $35 per person; the deadline is Friday, Feb. 21. For more information, contact Paul D. Mock, regional manager, at (740) 385-5240 or pmock@ohioschoolboards.org.
Calamity days legislation update

House Bill (HB) 416 is legislation that would allow school districts four additional calamity days (added to the five already permitted without a requirement to make up the days). The bill also would allow school districts to add half-hour increments to the regular school day to help make up missed days.

The legislation, introduced by Reps. Tony Burkley (R-Payne) and Brian Hill (R-Zanesville), was scheduled for a floor vote in the House on Feb. 12. However, due to conflicting opinions within the House Republican caucus on support for the legislation, the bill was informally passed. Informal passage does not mean the bill has passed out of the House chamber, but means it retains its position or standing on the House calendar and can be brought up for a vote in future sessions.

House Education Chairman Gerald L. Stebelton (R-Lancaster) said the bill most likely will come back up for a vote with several possible amendments during the next scheduled House session.

The Senate has yet to take action on calamity days legislation. Until the legislation has been through the entire legislative process (formally passed by both chambers and signed by the governor), school leaders should continue to follow their district’s current policies on calamity days.

Change in dates for Ohio Achievement Assessments

Since many districts have used more calamity days than normal this school year, concerns have been raised about student preparedness for the Ohio Achievement Assessments (OAA). In response, Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. Richard A. Ross announced a change in OAA testing dates on Feb. 11 during the State Board of Education meeting.

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County career center receives $1M for manufacturing training

Knox County Career Center (KCCC) recently received a major donation to overhaul its Machine Manufacturing Lab and offer real-world training to students.

Mount Vernon-based Ariel Corp. donated $1 million to the career center to renovate and refurbish its computer numerical control manufacturing technology lab. Gov. John Kasich, Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. Richard A. Ross, local dignitaries, career center board members, staff and students were present on Jan. 31 to witness the generous donation.

KCCC Superintendent Bernadette M. Pachmayer and board member Steve Thompson, vice president of supply at Ariel Corp., initiated efforts to plan and implement the training partnership between KCCC and the business.

Students will learn the process Ariel Corp. uses to produce components, and those who successfully complete the program will graduate as members of a highly skilled workforce.

Ariel Corp. President and CEO Karen Buchwald Wright told a local newspaper the U.S. manufacturing industry is surging. “Manufacturing is actually experiencing a renaissance as a result of cheap, plentiful and domestic oil and gas and America’s skilled labor force, which still outperforms virtually everybody in productivity around the world,” Wright said.

Source: Mount Vernon News

The modified testing window will be April 21 through May 16. Students will take the tests during the first three weeks of that window, while the fourth week will be a makeup week for students who were absent for the initial round of testing. No changes will affect the window for the Ohio Graduation Test (OGT) due to timing issues with high school graduation dates. In addition, scoring and reporting the third-grade reading OAAs will be made a priority in order to fulfill the third-grade reading guarantee requirements.

**Senate Bill (SB) 273**

As House representatives were working out their differences on HB 416, the Ohio Senate introduced SB 273. The bill would excuse graduating 12th-grade students from attending school on makeup days scheduled after high school graduation ceremonies. Introduced by Sen. Randy Gardner (R-Bowling Green), the bill was proposed as an addendum to calamity days legislation. This allows school districts to keep their previously scheduled graduation ceremony dates despite missed time for school day cancellations.

For information about any of these bills and the latest legislative updates, please contact the OSBA legislative division at (800) 589-6722.

**Editor’s note:** All information in this article was current as of Feb. 13.

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25 Using BoardDocs People Manager to create and manage user accounts webinar
28 School Finance 101 Workshop.................................Columbus

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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.
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5 Repeat: Pupil Transportation Administrator Training Program #1.................Columbus
5 OSBA Book Club How Children Succeed webinar #2
5 Northeast Region Spring Conference.........................................Ravenna
6 Increasing Private Funding for Your School District..........................Columbus
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13 State Legislative Conference..Columbus
13 Northwest Region Spring Conference.............................................Athens
14 Management Development Series #1 Workshop.................................Columbus
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21 Special Education Law Workshop.................................................Columbus
28 Cyberlaw Workshop.................................................Columbus
31 SchoolComp Workers’ Compensation Workshop.................................Columbus

April 2014
1 Southwest Region Executive Committee meeting..........................Columbus
2 OSBA Book Club How Children Succeed webinar #3
5-7 NSBA Annual Conference.............................................New Orleans

May 2014
2 Last day to submit August emergency or current operating expenses levy to county auditor for August election — RC 5705.194, 5705.213 (95 days prior to the election).
2-3 Board Leadership Institute....Columbus