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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

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Route workshop information to:

- ☐ Administrators
- ☐ Assistant treasurers
- ☐ New board members
- ☐ Principals
- ☐ Transportation supervisors

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

Bus driver heralded as hero for saving students from crash

A **Madison Local (Butler)** school bus driver is being honored as a hero by her district and community for actions that may have saved the lives of two young students.

Mary Wooldridge was driving her normal bus route on Jan. 30 when she noticed an approaching vehicle that looked like it was about to crash. Wooldridge yelled to two girls standing outside and told them to move, which reportedly caused the students to narrowly avoid the crash in front of the bus and escape serious injury. The girls' father witnessed the incident and praised Wooldridge.

"She didn't even have time to protect herself from the car, so she was more worried about the kids than she was herself," **Russell Thompson** told a local TV station.

Source: WCPO-TV

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.



Briefcase

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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.



BULLETIN BOARD

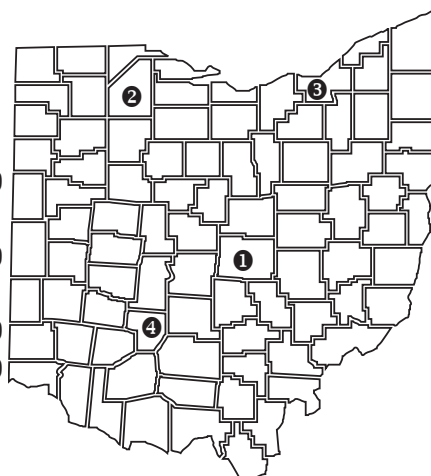
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OSBA executive searches

Superintendent

District	Deadline	Contact
❶ Johnstown-Monroe Local (Licking)	March 1	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
❷ North Baltimore Local (Wood)	March 13	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
❸ Fairview Park City	March 24	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
❹ Washington Court House City TBD		OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000

❶ = Superintendent



Other searches

Position	District	Deadline	Contact
Superintendent	Trimble Local (Athens)	March 3	Cindy J. Rhonemus, treasurer, Trimble Local, (740) 767-4444
Superintendent	Monroeville Local (Huron)	March 21	Mandy Martin, personnel and licensure, North Point ESC, (419) 627-3908
Treasurer	Chardon Local (Geauga)	Feb. 28	David Fairbanks, board president, Chardon Local, david.fairbanks@chardonschools.org
Treasurer	Norwayne Local (Wayne)	Feb. 28	Carmela Lioi, superintendent, Tri-County ESC, (330) 345-6771

National searches

Position	District	Deadline	Contact
Superintendent	Longview, Wash.	March 20	McPherson & Jacobson LLC, executive recruitment & development, (888) 375-4814

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. ●●● **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. ●●● **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. ●●● **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 McCarthy 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: mccarthydressman.org/academic-enrichment-grants

Solve for Tomorrow contest

Samsung invites teachers to

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Ohio School Boards Association 2014 Capital Conference

Nov. 9-12, 2014 Greater Columbus Convention Center

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 or use the form below. A list of suggested topics is available at <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>)

Main contact's name: _____ Phone (day): _____
District/firm: _____ Phone (cell): _____
Address: _____ Email address: _____
City, ZIP: _____
Title: _____

Please list all co-presenters' names and information:

Name: _____	Name: _____
District/firm: _____	District/firm: _____
Title: _____	Title: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City, ZIP: _____	City, ZIP: _____
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Phone (day): _____	Phone (day): _____
Email address: _____	Email address: _____

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.)

Submitted by: _____	Title: _____
(Please inform the speaker(s) as to your submission)	Phone (day): _____
District/firm: _____	Phone (cell): _____
Address: _____	Email address: _____
City, ZIP: _____	

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

Noon

Lunch

1 p.m.

Where do I find the information?

Jay Smith, lobbyist, OSBA

1:30 p.m.

Levies, levies, levies and local funding

Mike Sobul, treasurer, Granville EV

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 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
OSBA office, Columbus

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
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



Photo courtesy of the Ohio Statehouse Photo Archive

State Legislative Conference

Thursday, March 13

Ohio Statehouse Atrium, Columbus

9:15 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Cost is \$130

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

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.



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

Special Education Law Workshop

8:30 a.m.	Registration and continental breakfast	Noon	Lunch (provided)
8:50 a.m.	Welcome	1 p.m.	Hot topics in special education The author of OSBA's <i>Special Education Law in Ohio</i> provides an overview of up-and-coming legal and legislative changes, including EpiPens, diabetes management and more. <i>Susan E. Geary, Esq., Bricker and Eckler, LLP, Columbus</i>
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. <i>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</i>	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. <i>Megan Bair Zidian, Esq., Britton, Smith, Peters & Kalail Co. LLP, Cleveland</i>
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. <i>Christina Henagen Peer, Esq., Walter Haverfield LLP, Cleveland</i>	2:15 p.m.	Break
10:45 a.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. <i>Jeremy J. Neff, Esq., Ennis, Roberts & Fischer Co. LPA, Cincinnati</i>
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. <i>Daniel A. Jaffe, Esq., Squire Sanders (US) LLP, Cleveland</i>	3:15 p.m.	Adjourn

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The Embassy Suites Columbus is located in north Columbus at 2700 Corporate Exchange Drive, Columbus, 43231. Visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/embassy-columbus> for directions.



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

11:45 a.m. Lunch (provided)

8:50 a.m. Welcome

12:30 p.m. Negotiating school software contracts

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*

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*

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*

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*

10:30 a.m. Break

2:15 p.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*

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.

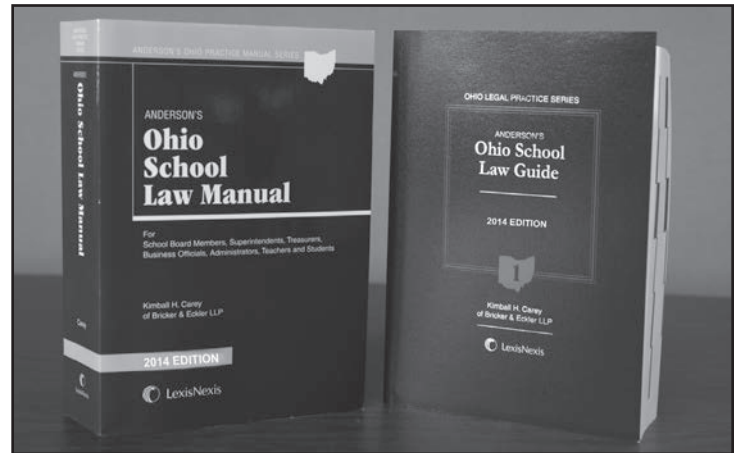
Because of this and other factors, pupil transportation is one of the most regulated services nationwide, as well as in Ohio. Recently, changes were enacted in a number of the administrative rules, as well as in the Ohio Revised Code through House Bill 59. This workshop will explore the various federal 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.

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REGIONAL ROUNDUP

compiled by Angela Penquite, senior communication design manager

A sign of spring: registration opens for region conferences

The spring and fall regional conferences are premier events in each of OSBA's regions. Hundreds of board members and their guests look forward to these evenings of fellowship, learning, dining and recognition.

Now it's time for another round of spring conferences. In addition to outstanding keynote speakers, OSBA President **Susie Lawson**,

Tri-County ESC and Wayne County Schools Career Center, and OSBA Executive Director **Richard Lewis** will travel to all of the conferences to greet attendees and present association updates.

School board members can earn five credits toward the OSBA Award of Achievement for attending a regional conference.

Registration forms for spring conferences can be found in the Jan. 27 issue of the *Briefcase*. Registration forms also can be found online by visiting each region's Web page on the OSBA website at www.ohioschoolboards.org/regions.

Following are brief previews of the spring regional conferences.

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BoardDocs users: Learn how to use People Manager to create and manage user accounts

BoardDocs is the exclusive eGovernance partner of OSBA. During this session, current BoardDocs users will learn how to use the BoardDocs People Manager to create new user accounts, edit existing user accounts, set user names and passwords, allow users to set their own passwords and assign roles to control which users see confidential content on the BoardDocs site. This free webinar will be on Feb. 25 from 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. To register, visit <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/487761505>.

Once registered, you will receive an email confirming your registration with the information you need to view the webinar. For questions, contact **Amanda Finney**, OSBA senior marketing coordinator, at (800) 589-OSBA; (614) 540-4000; or afinney@ohioschoolboards.org. For more information about BoardDocs, visit www.boarddocs.com.



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Central Region

The Central Region will host its conference at Villa Milano in Columbus on March 19. A social hour begins at 5 p.m., followed by a student performance at 5:50 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m.

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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Attention board members and administrators — protect you and your family anytime, anywhere for \$55 per year!

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For more information, contact **Janice Smith**, chief financial officer and licensed insurance agent, at (800) 589-OSBA, (614) 540-4000 or jsmith@ohioschoolboards.org.

The enrollment deadline is March 31. Don't miss out on your chance to protect your family with this affordable insurance.



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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.

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OSBA Contract Analysis Service



OSBA provides a cost-effective professional analysis of both certified and classified collective bargaining agreements. These written reviews serve as a critique of current contract provisions, suggest potential pitfalls regarding legal compliance and provide specific recommendations as you go into your next round of collective bargaining.

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Southwest Region

The Southwest Region will meet at the **Great Oaks ITCD** Scarlet Oaks Campus in Cincinnati on Tuesday, March 11.

Registration and socializing kick off at 5:15 p.m., with student entertainment, provided by **Manchester Local (Adams)** beginning at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. Southwest Region President **Rick Foster**, Manchester Local, will preside.

The program will include an OSBA legislative update. The

region will honor Dr. **Kevin Boys**, president of Southern State Community College, with the 2014 President's Award.

The region also will recognize its veteran board members, 2013 effective school boards, Award of Achievement and Master Board Member recipients, the National School Boards Association School Board Member National Recognition Program award recipients and outstanding staff members.

Registration is \$38 per person; the deadline is Thursday, March 6. For further information, contact

Regional Manager **Ronald J. Diver** at (937) 746-7641 or rdiver@ohioschoolboardds.org.

The region conferences are great places to meet new friends, get reacquainted with old colleagues and discover what's going on in other school districts in your area. They also are full of valuable information from around the state and region. Be sure to take advantage of these outstanding opportunities to pick up new ideas, get updated on OSBA activities and learn from your fellow board members.

We hope to see you there.



LEGISLATIVE REPORT

by Jay Smith, lobbyist

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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PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Bryan Bullock, assistant editor

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*

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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 OAs 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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February 2014

- 24 Last day to file (by 4 p.m.) as a write-in candidate for May election — RC 3513.041 (72 days prior to the election).
- 25 Using BoardDocs People Manager to create and manage user accounts webinar
- 28 School Finance 101 Workshop Columbus

March 2014

- 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.
- 4 SchoolComp Workers' Compensation Workshop Findlay
- 4 Southeast Region Spring Conference Thurman
- 5 SchoolComp Workers' Compensation Workshop Rootstown
- 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
- 6 Southeast Region Spring Conference Thornville
- 10 SchoolComp Workers' Compensation Workshop Athens
- 11 Southwest Region Spring Conference Cincinnati
- 13 State Legislative Conference.. Columbus
- 13 Northwest Region Spring Conference Fremont
- 14 Management Development Series #1 Workshop Columbus
- 19 Central Region Spring Conference Columbus
- 20 SchoolComp Workers' Compensation Workshop Miamisburg
- 21 Special Education Law Workshop Columbus
- 28 Cyberlaw Workshop Columbus
- 31 SchoolComp Workers' Compensation Workshop Columbus

April 2014

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

- 7 Last day for voter registration for May election — RC 3503.01, 3503.19(A) (30 days prior to the election).
- 9 Pupil Transportation Administrator Training Program #4 Columbus
- 15 Last day for certain board members and administrators to file financial disclosure forms with the Ohio Ethics Commission — RC 102.02.
- 24 Management Development Series #2 Workshop Columbus
- 27 Southeast Region Executive Committee meeting Zanesville
- 28 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).
- 30 Last day to take action on and give written notice of intent not to re-employ nonteaching employees. Note: This requirement does not apply to municipal school district employees as defined in RC 3311.71 — RC 4141.29(I)(1)(e).

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