

# BRIEF CASE

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## Registration open for 17th annual Board Leadership Institute

The 2018 OSBA Board Leadership Institute (BLI) is scheduled for April 27 and 28 at the Hilton/Columbus Polaris. This popular Friday-Saturday event offers a rich range of professional development opportunities designed exclusively for school board members. BLI features renowned keynote speakers at an Opening General Session and Closing Luncheon; 18 breakout sessions covering the latest in public education governance and management; and plenty of time to meet with colleagues to share ideas, challenges and successes. For more information and to register, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/33166> or contact Senior Events Manager Laurie Miller at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or [Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org).

## Pilot program offers school districts federal funding flexibility

The federal government is offering new flexibility for school districts to create equitable, student-centered funding systems under a pilot program authorized by the Every Student Succeeds Act. The flexibility will allow up to 50 districts to combine eligible federal funds with state and local funds to allocate resources to schools based on the number of students and the level of need. Districts must design and implement a student-centered funding system meeting all the program's requirements, including the use of weights that allocate substantially more funds to students from low-income families, English learners and other educationally disadvantaged groups identified by the district. For details, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/47743>. The deadline to apply for the 2018-20 school year is March 12; the 2019-20 deadline is July 15.

## OSBA Black Caucus offering scholarship funds for college

Applications are being accepted for the 2018 OSBA Black Caucus Leo Lucas Scholarship, a program that provides ethnically and culturally diverse 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. The application is posted at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/37428>. The deadline to apply is March 14.

## Ideas available to help schools mark National Women's History Month

In 1987, Congress designated March as National Women's History Month, a time for schools and communities to honor the often-overlooked achievements of American women. There are a number of resources to help incorporate the tribute into classroom activities. They include: <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/64577>; <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/50205>; <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/89952>; and <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/27928>. Another resource is the Ohio Women's Hall of Fame at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/38164>.

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### Route workshop information to:

- ☐ Administrators
- ☐ Business managers
- ☐ New board members
- ☐ School resource officers

## OSBA spring conferences kick off next week

There's still time to make reservations for OSBA's spring regional conferences. The meetings feature dinner, student entertainment, awards and updates on important education issues and association events. They also offer opportunities to meet with OSBA state and regional leaders; school board members and administrators from your area; and association staff members. For details, visit [www.ohioschoolboards.org/regions](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/regions) and click on your region at the left side of the page.

## Reminder: State Legislative Conference drawing near

The annual State Legislative Conference, hosted by OSBA, the Buckeye Association of School Administrators and the Ohio Association of School Business Officials, is set for March 6 in

## Student-created quilt celebrates Black History Month

Students at **Springfield City's** Lincoln Elementary School celebrated Black History Month in a unique way, creating a Freedom Quilt that honors the Underground Railroad.

Each student in the Lincoln Promise Community Learning Center, an after-school program, made their own square to celebrate the quest for freedom.

Program Director **Marilyn Gadd** told a local newspaper that the quilt bridges the gap between the past and future for Black History Month.

"It's our hope that this quilt will bring a little more joy, a little more connection and a whole lot more unity to our community," she said.

Source: Springfield News-Sun

Columbus. The event offers local school district leaders the chance to meet with and hear from state legislators and other policymakers who make key decisions about public education. For details and to register, see the Briefcase blue pages or visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/22429>.

## Capital Conference workshop proposal deadline is March 9

OSBA is accepting proposals for learning sessions at the 2018 OSBA Capital Conference until March 9 at 5 p.m. Presentations will be selected based on high interest, relevance, innovation and creativity; success supported by positive results; and practical, how-to information. To view a list of learning categories and potential topics, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/31264>. To nominate sessions, visit <http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org/nominate>.

## OSBA online

● [www.ohioschoolboards.org](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org)

Not sure whom to call at OSBA with your questions or concerns? The Staff Resources Page lists specific areas of interest with the names of staff members specializing in those areas and their contact information. Access the page at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/84064>.



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# BULLETIN BOARD

compiled by Melanie Price, senior administrative assistant of communication services

## OSBA executive searches

### Superintendent

#### District

① Ironton City

#### Deadline

March 19

#### Contact

OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000

### Treasurer

#### District

① Forest Hills Local (Hamilton)

#### Deadline

March 30

#### Contact

OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000



## Other positions

#### Position

Executive director

#### Group

Ohio High School Athletic Association

#### Deadline

March 9

#### Contact

**Paul Powers**, CAA, president, OHSAA Board of Directors, 2827 Alling Drive, Twinsburg, OH 44087

## National searches

#### Position

Superintendent

#### Location

Sturgis, S.D.

#### Deadline

March 5

#### Contact

McPherson & Jacobson LLC, (888) 375-4814

Superintendent

Fairview, Ore.

March 12

McPherson & Jacobson LLC, (888) 375-4814

## Board changes

**Canton City** appointed **R. Scott Russ** to the board effective Feb. 6. He replaced **Willard Grimsley**, who resigned. ●●●

**Eastern Local (Meigs)** Board of Education member **Amanda Reed** announced her resignation effective Feb. 6. ●●●

**Franklin City** Board of Education member **Robyn Donisi** announced her resignation effective Jan. 22. ●●● **Kettering City** appointed **Toby Henderson** to the board effective immediately. ●●●

**Kings Local (Warren)** appointed **Stacie Belfrom** to the board effective Feb. 13. He replaced **Kerry McKiernan**, who resigned. ●●●

**Van Wert City** Board of Education member **Tonia Verville** announced her resignation effective immediately. ●●●

**Western Buckeye ESC** Governing Board Member **Nick Miller** resigned effective Jan. 24. The board appointed **Mike Schlagbaum** to the board effective Jan. 31.

### 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

**Dayton City** Superintendent **Rhonda Corr** announced her resignation effective July 31. The district hired Associate Superintendent Dr. **Elizabeth Lolli** as acting superintendent. ●●● **Groveport Madison Local (Franklin)** Superintendent **Bruce Hoover** announced his resignation effective Feb. 9. ●●● **North Ridgeville City** hired **Roxann Ramsey-Caserio** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. She will replace Dr. **James E. Powell**, who is retiring. Ramsey-Caserio currently is the assistant superintendent at **Lakewood City**. ●●● **Parma City** Superintendent **Carl Hilling** announced his retirement effective July 31. ●●● **Southern Local (Perry)** Superintendent **Greg Holbert** announced his retirement effective July 31.

### Treasurers

**Fairview Park City** Treasurer **Amy L. Hendricks** announced her resignation effective Jan. 31. She has taken the position of city finance director in **Vermillion**. ●●● **Midview Local (Lorain)** hired **Rob Showalter** as treasurer effective Feb. 5. He replaced **Nicole L. Spriggs**, who took the treasurer position at **Bay Village City**. Showalter previously was the assistant treasurer at **Strongsville City**. ●●● **Northeastern Local (Clark)** hired **Dale R. Miller** as treasurer effective March 1. He will replace **Denise L. Robinson**, who took the treasurer position at **Tecumseh Local (Clark)**. Miller currently is the treasurer at **Springfield City**.

●●● **Warren City** Treasurer **Angela Lewis** announced her retirement effective Dec. 31, 2018. ●●● **Western Buckeye ESC** hired **Tricia Taylor** as treasurer effective immediately. She replaced **Kimberly D. Jones**, who took the treasurer position at **Paulding EV**. The district hired **Heather Sharp** as assistant treasurer effective Feb. 5.

### Sympathies

Former **Alliance City** Assistant Superintendent **Charles L. Rieger** died Feb. 1. He was 97. ●●● Former **Barberton City** Treasurer **Glada Lorine Phelps** died Jan. 30. She was 85. ●●● Former **Coventry Local (Summit)** Board of Education member **Janice Norine Thomas** died Jan. 31. She was 87. ●●● Former **Evergreen Local (Fulton)** Board of Education member **Paul C. Cothrel** died Feb. 6. He was 85. ●●● Former **Liberty Union-Thurston Local (Fairfield)** Board of Education member **James Earl Gates** died Jan. 25. He was 85. ●●● Former **Norwood City** Treasurer **Virginia Snyder** died Feb. 3. She was 89. ●●● Former **Olmsted Falls City** Superintendent **Donald K. Cobb Sr.** died Jan. 31. He was 90. ●●●

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## Call for Presentations

### Nominate a learning session for the 2018 OSBA Capital Conference and Trade Show!

Do you have a timely topic that will engage attendees in discussions involving the latest education trends, issues and solutions? Has your district created a project or program that can be replicated in another district?

Help us boost student achievement in Ohio by sharing your expertise and knowledge with over 9,000 school board members, administrators and education leaders at the Ohio School Boards Association Capital Conference and Trade Show, Nov. 11-13, in Columbus.

Submit your educational presentation proposal online at  
<http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org/nominate>.

**Deadline: March 9**





Do you want to see your district's students involved in the November OSBA Capital Conference? The Student Achievement Fair, held in conjunction with the OSBA Capital Conference, highlights outstanding student performing groups and fresh, innovative initiatives from public school districts across the state.

#### **Student Achievement Fair performing groups**

One performing group from each of OSBA's five regions will be chosen to perform during the Student Achievement Fair. Past performances have included cheerleaders, choirs, bands, orchestras and percussion ensembles. Each group will perform for 20 minutes. Submit a nomination at <http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org/saf-nominations> and email an electronic video audition or YouTube link to **Gwen Samet**, administrative assistant of board and management services, at [gsamet@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:gsamet@ohioschoolboards.org). Only electronic recordings will be accepted. The nomination deadline is Friday, May 25.

#### **Student Achievement Fair district programs**

OSBA is accepting nominations for programs that showcase exemplary student achievement. Examples of previous presentations include graphic design demonstrations, world languages, industrial technology projects, career center culinary arts programs, STEM projects and outdoor education. View the list of 2017 Student Achievement Fair district programs at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/60021>. One hundred programs will be chosen, and nominations will be accepted until all booths have been filled. Complete a nomination at <http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org/saf-nominations>.

#### **Have questions?**

Contact **Gwen Samet** ([gsamet@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:gsamet@ohioschoolboards.org)) or **Teri Morgan** ([tmorgan@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:tmorgan@ohioschoolboards.org)) at (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA with any questions.

Visit <http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org/saf-nominations> to nominate a student performing group or district program today!

# Save the date

## Mark your calendar for these important workshops.

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

### **Feb. 27**

*OSBA Book Club webinar #2: "Our Kids: The American Dream in Crisis"*

Free, webinar

### **March 1**

*SchoolComp Workshop*

Hilton Garden Inn, Perrysburg  
Free, half day

### **March 2**

*SchoolComp Workshop*

NOMU, Rootstown  
Free, half day

### **March 2**

*Special Education Law Workshop*

Embassy Suites, Columbus  
\$180 (includes one book), full day

### **March 6**

*State Legislative Conference*

Sheraton Columbus at Capitol Square,  
Columbus  
\$135, half day

### **March 8**

*Management Development Series #1: School Safety: Early Intervention and De-escalation Techniques*

OSBA office, Columbus  
\$95, half day

### **March 12**

*SchoolComp Workshop*

Ohio University Inn and Conference Center,  
Athens  
Free, half day

### **March 13**

*SchoolComp Workshop*

OASBO office, Columbus  
Free, half day

### **March 14**

*OSBA Book Club webinar #3: "Our Kids: The American Dream in Crisis"*

Free, webinar

### **March 16**

*Cyberlaw Workshop*

OSBA office, Columbus  
\$160, full day

### **April 4**

*OSBA Master of Transportation*

*Administration Program: Public relations and working with the media*  
OSBA office, Columbus  
\$95, half day

### **April 11**

*OSBA Master of Transportation*

*Administration Program: Public relations and working with the media*  
OSBA office, Columbus  
\$95, half day

### **April 13**

*Diversity and Inclusion in the Law Workshop*

OSBA office, Columbus  
\$160, full day

### **April 18**

*Management Development Series #2: Student Welfare*

OSBA office, Columbus  
\$160, full day

### **April 27-28**

*Board Leadership Institute*

Hilton/Columbus Polaris,  
Columbus  
\$265, two days

### **May 2**

*OSBA Master of Transportation*

*Administration Program: Designing your operational plan and building keys for success*  
OSBA office, Columbus  
\$95, half day

### **May 9**

*OSBA Master of Transportation*

*Administration Program: Designing your operational plan and building keys for success*  
OSBA office, Columbus  
\$95, half day

### **May 11**

*Management Development Series #3:*

*Community Engagement*  
OSBA office, Columbus  
\$95, half day

### **May 11**

*OCSBA School Attorney Workshop*

Nationwide Hotel and Conference Center,  
Lewis Center  
\$210, full day

### **June 9**

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

OSBA office, Columbus  
\$95, half day



### **June 15**

*Sports Law Workshop*

Embassy Suites, Columbus  
\$180 (includes one book), full day

### **July 21**

*New Board Member Workshop*

OSBA office, Columbus  
\$180 (includes four books), full day



### **Aug. 3**

*Attendance, Tuition and Custody Law Workshop*

Nationwide Hotel and Conference Center,  
Lewis Center  
\$180 (includes a book), full day

### **Sept. 7**

*Bargaining Teams Workshop*

OSBA office, Columbus  
\$160, full day

### **Sept. 14**

*Diversity and Inclusion in the Law Workshop*

OSBA office, Columbus  
\$160, full day



# OSBA MASTER OF TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATION (MTA) PROGRAM

The 2017-18 MTA 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. Each class is scheduled twice; participants may sign up for either session. Each class is \$95, or you can purchase an MTA subscription for the workshop series. Contact **Diana Paulins**, OSBA senior administrative assistant of policy services, for subscription information. All workshops will be at the OSBA office, 8050 N. High St., Columbus, OH, 43235. Visit [www.ohioschoolboards.org/transportation-training-programs](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/transportation-training-programs) to learn about the MTA certification program.

## Workshop dates and descriptions

### April 4 or 11 — Public relations and working with the media

Experience a “live interview” process to learn how to develop talking points and stay on target in an interview. Also learn how to build proactive media relationships.

### May 2 or 9 — Designing your operational plan and building keys for success

Review how to put the operational plan together, including timelines and how to schedule or delegate projects. Discover how building support networks and stakeholder groups are key to your success.

For questions about the program or to register, contact **Diana Paulins** at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or [mta@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:mta@ohioschoolboards.org).



## Questions about workers' comp rates? Get answers at the SchoolComp 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, beginning at 8:30 a.m. and ending at 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 (OASBO) website at [www.oasbo-ohio.org](http://www.oasbo-ohio.org) or by calling (614) 431-9116.

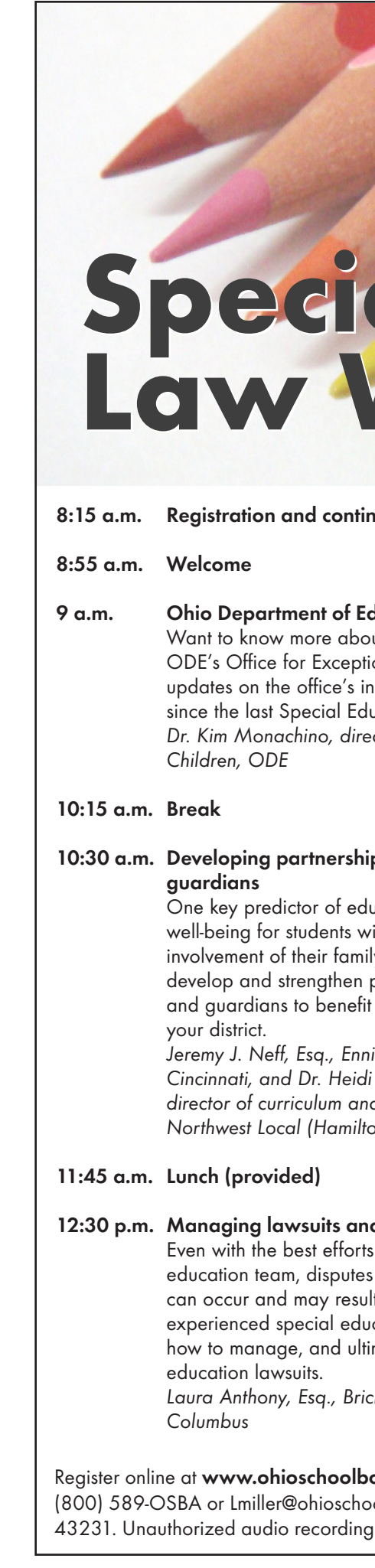
### Dates and locations:

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

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| ● Monday, Feb. 26<br>Hilton Garden Inn, Miamisburg                | ● Monday, March 12<br>Ohio University Inn and Conference Center, Athens |
| ● Thursday, March 1<br>Hilton Garden Inn, Perrysburg              | ● Tuesday, March 13<br>OASBO office, Columbus                           |
| ● Friday, March 2<br>Northeast Ohio Medical University, Rootstown |   |







Friday, March 2  
9 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.  
Embassy Suites, Columbus  
Cost is \$180 (includes a book)

# Special Education Law Workshop

**8:15 a.m. Registration and continental breakfast**

**8:55 a.m. Welcome**

**9 a.m. Ohio Department of Education (ODE) update**  
Want to know more about what's going on at ODE's Office for Exceptional Children? Get updates on the office's initiatives and activities since the last Special Education Law Workshop.  
*Dr. Kim Monachino, director, Office for Exceptional Children, ODE*

**10:15 a.m. Break**

**10:30 a.m. Developing partnerships with parents and guardians**  
One key predictor of educational success and well-being for students with disabilities is the involvement of their family members. Learn how to develop and strengthen partnerships with parents and guardians to benefit students, families and your district.  
*Jeremy J. Neff, Esq., Ennis Britton Co. LPA, Cincinnati, and Dr. Heidi Stickney, assistant director of curriculum and special education, Northwest Local (Hamilton)*

**11:45 a.m. Lunch (provided)**

**12:30 p.m. Managing lawsuits and dispute resolution**  
Even with the best efforts of your district's special education team, disputes and disagreements can occur and may result in lawsuits. Join an experienced special education attorney to discuss how to manage, and ultimately resolve, special education lawsuits.  
*Laura Anthony, Esq., Bricker & Eckler LLP, Columbus*

**1:30 p.m. IDEA and Section 504: What's the difference and why does it matter?**

All students with disabilities are protected under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. While most receive special education and related services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), some are instead entitled to a 504 plan. This session will compare differing requirements under these two federal laws and explain how a school district can meet its obligations to provide a free appropriate public education to all eligible students.  
*Helen S. Carroll, Esq., Roetzel & Andress LPA, Akron*

**2:30 p.m. Break**

**2:45 p.m. Educating students in the least restrictive environment**  
IDEA requires that students be educated in typical classroom settings to the maximum extent appropriate. Explore factors to consider in balancing IDEA's strong preference for mainstreaming while recognizing that some students are best educated in more restrictive settings.  
*Jessica Dawso, Esq., Scott Scriven LLP, Columbus*

**3:45 p.m. Adjourn**

*This program has been approved by the Supreme Court of Ohio Commission on Continuing Legal Education (CLE) for 5.5 hours of CLE credit.*

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# State Legislative Conference

**Tuesday, March 6**

**Sheraton Columbus at Capitol Square, Columbus**

**9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

**Cost is \$135**

The State Legislative Conference provides school board members, administrators and treasurers a great venue in which to meet with their state legislators and discuss issues impacting public education. It provides 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 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 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](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops) or contact **Laurie Miller**, OSBA senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or [Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org). The Sheraton Columbus at Capitol Square is located at 75 E. State St., Columbus, 43215.

## **Agenda**

**8:30 a.m.**

**Registration**

**9 a.m.**

**Lobbyists' briefing on key issues**

*Jennifer Hogue, director of legislative services; Jay Smith, deputy director of legislative services; and Will Schwartz, lobbyist, OSBA; Tom Ash, director of governmental relations, Buckeye Association of School Administrators; and Barbara Shaner, legislative advocacy specialist, Ohio Association of School Business Officials*

**9:30 a.m.**

**Legislative leadership perspectives**

*Sen. Peggy Lehner (R-Kettering), chair, Senate Education Committee; and Rep. Andrew Brenner (R-Powell), chair, House Education and Career Readiness Committee*

**10:30 a.m.**

**Lobbyists' briefing on key issues continued**

**11 a.m.**

**Ohio House perspective**

*Rep. John Patterson (D-Jefferson)*

**11:30 a.m.**

**Ohio Senate perspective**

*Sen. Matt Huffman (R-Lima)*

**Noon**

**Lunch with your legislators**

## Management Development Series #1: School Safety: Early Intervention and De-escalation techniques

Thursday, March 8, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
OSBA office, Columbus • Cost is \$95



School safety is about more than the major incidents you hear about in the news. You need a well-thought-out emergency management plan and a commitment to training staff in all aspects of school safety. Join the administrator for the Center for P-20 Safety and Security and two experienced Columbus police officers to explore emergency management plans, the importance of early intervention and de-escalation techniques that can be implemented when needed.

Building principals, safety and security staff, business managers, superintendents and other administrators are invited and welcome to attend.

### Agenda

9:30 a.m.

#### Registration

10 a.m.

#### Building your school safety toolbox — emergency management plans

The Center for P-20 Safety and Security will provide an overview of Ohio Revised Code Section 3313.536, covering school emergency management plans, annual certification and emergency management tests. Review recent updates to Ohio Administrative Code 3301-5-01 and how they will change the emergency plan and test requirements. Representatives also will discuss additional services and resources that P-20 can provide districts. Finally, get a look into what's to come for school safety.

*Kimberly Nagel, administrator, Center for P-20 Safety and Security*

11 a.m.

#### Early intervention

Explore why early intervention and effective communication are critical to keeping the school environment safe and learn about the use of threat assessment teams.

*Sgt. Frederick Brophy, Columbus Division of Police*

Noon

#### Lunch (provided)

1 p.m.

#### De-escalation techniques and next steps

What techniques can be implemented when a situation begins to escalate? What happens next if these techniques fail? Explore what a crisis intervention team (CIT) is and how mental health issues impact schools and law enforcement.

*Officer Jennifer Mancini, CIT officer, Columbus Division of Police*

2 p.m.

#### Adjourn

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. Cost for the workshop is \$95 and includes lunch and materials. Register online at [www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops) or contact **Laurie Miller**, senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or [Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org).

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Visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/37428> to download an application. The application deadline is March 14.

For more information, contact **Van D. Keating** at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or [vkeating@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:vkeating@ohioschoolboards.org).



# Leo Lucas scholarship deadline is March 14



# OSBA Cyberlaw Workshop

Friday, March 16, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

OSBA office, Columbus

Cost is \$160

8:30 a.m. Registration and continental breakfast

11:30 a.m. Lunch (provided)

8:50 a.m. Welcome

12:30 p.m. Top 10 cyberlaw concerns facing schools

**9 a.m. Dangerous apps reboot**  
An education lawyer discusses the potentially dangerous apps students are using today. Learn what makes these popular apps so dangerous and discuss whether it is the apps or student behavior actually creating the danger.  
*Miriam Pearlmutter, Esq., Walter Haverfield LLP*

Hear two experienced school attorneys discuss the top 10 legal issues related to school and information technology programs. Topics include strengthening your acceptable-use policy, dealing with ransomware and data breaches, cloud privacy, cyberbullying, copyright infringement and more.  
*Hollie F. Reedy, Esq. and Ryan LaFlamme, Esq., Ennis Britton Co. LPA*

10:15 a.m. Break

1:45 p.m. Break

**10:30 a.m. From banning devices to bringing your own: Has your district changed with the technology?**  
Not long ago, districts were drafting policies banning devices like cellphones. Now, districts are developing and expanding bring-your-own device and one-to-one programs. A school attorney explains current software and program options, as well as legal implications and obstacles you might face in implementing these programs.  
*Lindsay Gingo, Esq., Lindsay Gingo Law LLC*

**2 p.m. Website accessibility: Where we are today**  
Learn the current status of federal Office for Civil Rights investigations into school district website compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.  
*Julia Bauer, Esq., Scott Scriven LLP*

**3 p.m. Adjourn**

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

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# WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

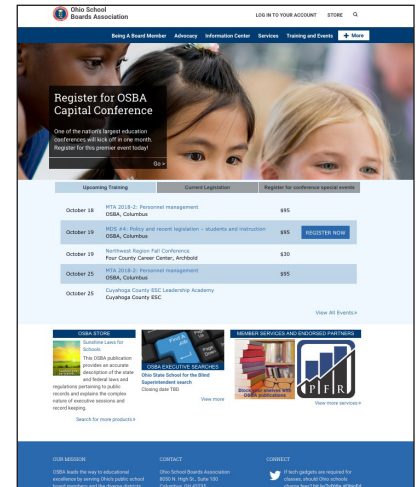
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— Pamela Freshour,  
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Former **Riverside Local (Logan)** Board of Education member **Donald Eugene Roach** died Jan. 27. He was 81. ●●● Former State Board of Education member and former state legislator **John Bender** died Feb. 2. He was 79. ●●● Former **Strasburg-Franklin Local (Tuscarawas)** Superintendent **Edgar "Paul" Warinner Jr.** died Jan. 29. He was 84.



## NEWS

by Jay Smith, deputy director of legislative services

### OSBA members lobby congressional reps on Capitol Hill

Local school board members from across the U.S. recently headed home from Washington, D.C., after participating in the National School Boards Association (NSBA) Advocacy Institute, held Feb. 4 through Feb. 6.

The OSBA delegation consisted of the association's Federal Relations Network (FRN) and several OSBA staff members. FRN is composed of two local school board members appointed by OSBA in each congressional district to lobby their members of Congress on federal education issues. The focus of the Advocacy Institute and Ohio's FRN centers on building year-round advocacy for public education and local school board governance in the public, legal and legislative arenas.

This year, 28 members of Ohio's FRN joined more than 700 local school board members from other states to participate in the Advocacy Institute. With the 115th Congress beginning its second session, the institute presented a great opportunity for FRN members to be brought up to

speed on federal legislative priorities and understand the impact proposed legislation may have on local school districts. On the last day of the conference, local school board members led a national grassroots legislative effort on Capitol Hill to urge members of Congress to make public education a top priority.

During the institute, members heard from congressional leaders, including Sen. **John Boozman** (R-Ark.); Sen. **Deb Fischer** (R-Neb.); and Rep. **Terri A. Sewell** (D-Ala.); and the chief of staff for Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee Chairman **Lamar Alexander** (R-Tenn.). In addition, members heard from NSBA's legislative experts and keynote speaker **Cokie Roberts**, political commentator for NPR and ABC News.

On the last day of the conference, OSBA FRN members met with their House of Representatives members and their staffs. They also met with Ohio's senators, **Rob Portman** and **Sherrod Brown**. The purpose of

the meetings was to discuss key legislative priorities and the local impact they will have on their students and schools.

Specifically, FRN members called on Congress to:

- ensure adequate funding for education programs, including full funding for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and Title I;
- provide greater support for the innovative programs and educational choices offered by Ohio's public schools, which educate 1.7 million students each day;
- pass a bipartisan reauthorization of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act, including provisions for a strong academic component and credentialing program to help districts advance 21st century skills and knowledge to meet the needs of students and employers;
- reauthorize the Higher Education Act to strengthen teacher and principal preparation programs and retain the Public

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Service Loan Forgiveness Program, an important tool used to recruit effective educators into the field; ● act swiftly to amend the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 and restore the pathway to

U.S. citizenship for qualified undocumented students previously protected by the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program.

As we proceed through the year, FRN members will continue

advocating for public education in Ohio and working with their members of Congress. For more information on federal advocacy efforts, please contact OSBA's Division of Legislative Services at (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA.



## LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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by Jay Smith, deputy director of legislative services

### Proposal would diminish State Board of Education's authority

Rep. **Bill Reineke** (R-Tiffin) recently introduced House Bill (HB) 512, legislation that would consolidate the Ohio Department of Education (ODE), the Ohio Department of Higher Education and the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation into a new cabinet-level agency called the Ohio Department of Learning and Achievement.

According to Reineke, the legislation is aimed at better aligning Ohio's public education system with the state's workforce needs and making the state more accountable for achieving results. It also is intended to centralize Ohio's education and workforce policymaking while responding to the changing job market.

At a Feb. 14 press conference unveiling the bill, Reineke said, "Education is one of the state's most important tasks and this legislation aligns our education systems to better prepare our

workforce for the needs of today and tomorrow. I look forward to discussing this bill further with the education and workforce community with the goal of working together to ensure that Ohio's students are ready and prepared for the future."

The press conference also was attended by House Speaker **Cliff Rosenberger** (R-Clarksville), who emphasized that the legislation would be a major priority for House Republicans throughout the remainder of the year, in addition to HB 508. HB 508 would create a pilot program at Ohio colleges and universities supporting student mentors for at-risk youth threatened by the opioid epidemic.

Under HB 512, the governor, with the consent of the Senate, would appoint the director of the Ohio Department of Learning and Achievement. The director would have the authority to appoint deputy directors where deemed

appropriate to streamline prekindergarten through 12th-grade education through workforce policy development and implementation.

The legislation makes no changes to State Board of Education membership but, according to Reineke, brings its duties more in line with other state boards and commissions and keeps its functions consistent with the Ohio Constitution. That would include primarily quasi-judicial responsibilities such as regulating teacher licensure and educator misconduct. The board also would continue to appoint a state superintendent.

The State Board of Education, state superintendent and ODE staff would maintain the authority to perform the following tasks:

● revoke a district and/or school charter;

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# PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Scott Gerfen, assistant editor

## Canfield Local Schools senior is award-winning author

At age 13, **Jackson Horvat** set out to write a series of books filled with drama, mystery and sorcery.

Now the senior at **Canfield Local's (Mahoning)** Canfield High School is set to receive two major awards next month, accomplishing what many adult authors hope for in their writing careers.

"Writing kind of started out at that young age with little picture books," Horvat told a local TV station.

Horvat won two Silver Key

awards from the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to identify students with exceptional artistic and literary talent and present their work through the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards.

The six-part series of books, known as "The Disappearing Series," focuses on a young boy who finds out he's part of an ancient group of sorcerers.

Horvat's family remembers

when he found out in a phone call that his first book, "The Vortex Entrance," would be published.

"We had it on speaker and she said it, and he just put his hands up and he was just like, 'Oh my God, oh my,' and he was pacing back and forth, and it was just a great moment," his mother, **Sherri**, said.

Two of the six books have been published and can be purchased online or at Barnes & Noble.

Source: WKBN-TV

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- issue educator licenses;
- establish payments in lieu of transportation determinations;
- make territory transfer determinations;
- supervise and administer Ohio Revised Code Administrative Procedural Act Chapter 119 dealing with community schools and sponsors and administer other Chapter 119 proceedings;
- determine the permanent exclusion of students;
- sponsor community schools in accordance with state law;
- oversee the state schools for the deaf and blind.

Following the bill's introduction, OSBA, the Buckeye Association of School Administrators and the

Ohio Association of School Business Officials expressed several initial concerns with the proposal.

"HB 512 would undermine the role and authority of the elected members of the State Board of Education," OSBA Executive Director **Richard Lewis** said. "By stripping it of all but its regulatory role, the board would no longer be acting in any significant way on behalf of the citizens the members represent. At the core of our existence is the notion that education in Ohio will be at its best when the interests of the people are served through publicly elected boards. The State Board of Education is no exception.

"The proposal would move decisions about important topics, such as setting the state's learning standards, graduation requirements for students and school district report cards, to a politically appointed staff as opposed to the current process that includes many opportunities for public input. An additional source for concern about the House proposal is the uncertainty it could mean for school districts when administrations change."

Once the legislation is referred to a committee, hearings are expected to begin immediately.

*Editor's note:* Information in this article was current as of Feb. 16, 2018.

## February

- 26 SchoolComp Workshop.....Miamisburg  
27 OSBA Book Club webinar: "Our Kids:  
The American Dream in Crisis"  
28 *Deadline for secondary schools to provide  
information about College Credit Plus to all  
students enrolled in grades six through 11  
— RC 3365.04(A).*

## March

- 1 SchoolComp Workshop.....Perrysburg  
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.*  
2 SchoolComp Workshop..... Rootstown  
2 Special Education Law  
6 Workshop..... Columbus  
6 State Legislative Conference.. Columbus  
7 Central Region Spring  
Conference..... Columbus  
8 Management Development Series  
#1: School Safety: Early Intervention and  
De-escalation Techniques..... Columbus  
8 Northwest Region Spring  
Conference.....Spencerville  
12 SchoolComp Workshop..... Athens  
13 SchoolComp Workshop..... Columbus

- 13 Southwest Region Spring  
Conference..... Lebanon  
14 OSBA Book Club webinar: "Our Kids:  
The American Dream in Crisis"  
16 OSBA Cyberlaw Workshop..... Columbus  
20 Southeast Region Spring  
Conference .....Portsmouth  
22 Northeast Region Spring  
Conference .....Warren  
27 Southeast Region Spring  
Conference .....Coshocton  
28 Northeast Region Spring  
Conference .....Parma  
31 *End of second ADM reporting period — RC  
3317.03(A).*

## April

- 3 Southwest Region Executive Committee  
Meeting .....TBD  
4 OSBA Master of Transportation  
Administration Program: Public  
relations and working with the  
media..... Columbus  
9 *Last day for voter registration for May  
election — RC 3503.01, 3501.19(A) (30  
days prior to election).*  
11 OSBA Master of Transportation  
Administration Program: Public  
relations and working with the  
media..... Columbus

- 13 Diversity and Inclusion in the Law  
Workshop..... Columbus  
18 Management Development Series  
#2: Student Welfare ..... Columbus  
27-28 Board Leadership Institute .... Columbus  
29 Southeast Region Executive Committee  
Meeting ..... Zanesville  
30 *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).*

## May

- 2 OSBA Master of Transportation  
Administration Program: Designing  
your operational plan and building keys  
for success..... Columbus  
2 Northeast Region Executive Committee  
Meeting ..... Wadsworth  
4 *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).*  
8 *Special Election Day; Primary Election  
Day — RC 3501.01 (first Tuesday after first  
Monday).*