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.

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.
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 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 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.

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

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 executive searches

Superintendent
District

Ironton City

Deadline
March 19

Contact
OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000

Treasurer
District

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

Location
Fairview, Ore.

Deadline
March 12

Contact
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.

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

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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](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. 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](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](http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org/saf-nominations).

**Have questions?**

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

Visit [http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org/saf-nominations](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.

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 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.

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 or by calling (614) 431-9116.

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

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

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. The Embassy Suites is located at 2700 Corporate Exchange Drive, Columbus, 43231. Unauthorized audio recording or videotaping of any session is strictly prohibited.
State Legislative Conference
Tuesday, March 6
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Sheraton Columbus at Capitol Square, Columbus
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 or contact Laurie Miller, OSBA senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or 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.

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<td>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.</td>
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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.

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Visit [http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/37428](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.

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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

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<td>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</td>
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<td>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</td>
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<td>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</td>
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OSBA members can access member-only information, including workshop registration, by logging in to the OSBA website.

How to log in
Click on “Log in to your account” on top right of website. Log in using your email address on file and your password. Click “Reset your password” if needed.

If this is your first time logging in to the site, click “Create new account.” At the username prompt, enter your email address, select your affiliation and school district, and click “Submit.” Create a password and add your job title on the next screen. An email with a link to activate your account will be sent to you. Click on the link to activate your account, and you will be directed to a home screen.

Is a superintendent or treasurer search in your future?

OSBA went beyond all expectations we could have imagined. The process allowed us to think about our district’s future. Our staff and community were very pleased with the amount of involvement afforded to them. Thanks to our consultant and OSBA, we hired a person who also believed in our district vision.

— Pamela Freshour, Pleasant Local (Marion)

OSBA’s searches are:

- Led by professional search consultants with school board experience
- Customized to your district’s needs
- Affordable
- Offered with the OSBA guarantee*  
  *In the unlikely circumstance you are unable to make a clear decision, OSBA will reopen the search and work with you until the right choice is made.

Need more information?
OSBA Search Services
8050 N. High Street, Suite 100 • Columbus, OH 43235
(614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA
www.ohioschoolboards.org/osba-search-services
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
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;

Proposal would diminish State Board of Education’s authority

by Jay Smith, deputy director of legislative services
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 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

## 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).
13  Diversity and Inclusion in the Law Workshop.............................Columbus
13  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).