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OSBA accepting nominations for Capital Conference presentations

OSBA is seeking workshop presenters for its 2016 Capital Conference. One of the nation's top education conferences, the event features more than 100 learning sessions covering topics of special interest to board members and administrators. OSBA selects workshop proposals based on innovation; relevance; proven success; strong interest; and practical, how-to information. The nomination deadline is March 11 at 5 p.m. They can be submitted online at conference.ohioschoolboards.org/nominate. There also is a link on that page to download paper nomination forms. The Capital Conference runs Nov. 13-16 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center.

Annual State Legislative Conference set for March 16

Make your district's voice heard at the Statehouse during the State Legislative Conference on March 16. The conference is an outstanding opportunity to meet one-on-one with those making key decisions about Ohio public education as well as association lobbyists. It also features a luncheon with legislators and their aides. The annual event is hosted by OSBA, the Ohio Association of School Business Officials and the Buckeye Association of School Administrators. For details and to register, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/70249> or see the Briefcase blue pages.

OSBA supporting Sandy Hook Promise campaign

OSBA is joining other Ohio groups in promoting Sandy Hook Promise's Start With Hello Week, Feb. 8-12. The goal is to reduce children's social isolation, which can lead them to harm themselves or others. The free Start With Hello program teaches students the skills they need to reach out and include those who may be dealing with chronic social isolation. Sandy Hook Promise is a national, nonprofit organization based in Connecticut. It is led by several family members whose loved ones were killed in the mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in 2012. Start With Hello Week resources are posted at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/60741>.

Association's spring region conferences are right around the corner

OSBA's spring region conferences begin early next month. They feature dinner, awards, student entertainers and updates on key education issues. The meetings also offer opportunities to network with OSBA state and region leaders and staff, along with leaders from other districts. For details, visit ohioschoolboards.org/regions.

Deadline nears for sending board recognition materials to OSBA

Feb. 15 is the deadline for school districts to submit information and photos showing how they celebrated School Board Recognition Month in January. OSBA will

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Route workshop information to:

- ☐ Administrators
- ☐ New board members
- ☐ Technology directors

feature districts' activities in the Journal magazine and on its website. Please send articles and high-resolution photos to **Crystal Davis** at cdavis@ohioschoolboards.org or 8050 N. High St., Suite 100, Columbus, OH 43235. Materials also can be submitted online at www.ohioschoolboards.org/forms/sbrm.php.

Earn CLE credit at OSBA legal division's workshops

The Supreme Court of Ohio Commission on Continuing Legal Education (CLE) recently approved OSBA's March 4 Special Education Law Workshop for 4.75 hours of CLE credit. The accreditation is the OSBA legal division's first successful effort to secure CLE credit for additional workshops and webinars in 2016. OSBA also will be seeking CLE credits for its Cyberlaw Workshop, March 18; Ohio Council of School Board Attorneys (OCSBA) Spring

Students take icy plunge to raise money

Students from **Maplewood Local's (Trumbull)** Maplewood High School recently braved temperatures in the teens and romped through icy cold water for a good cause.

The 10th annual Polar Plunge helps raise money for Special Olympics Ohio, which serves more than 23,000 athletes.

"This is the first Polar Plunge of nine plunges," **Paige Ludwig**, marketing and development director of Special Olympics Ohio, told a local TV station. "We're hoping to raise a half a million dollars in the next nine weeks. We're off to a great start."

Participants, including staff and Superintendent **Perry Nicholas**, who raised at least \$30 were able to avoid the frigid dip at Mosquito Lake State Park. They also received a "Too Chicken to Plunge" T-shirt.

Source: wfmj.com

Seminar, June 17; Sports Law Workshop, June 24; Hot Topics in School Law Workshop, Oct. 5; the Capital Conference School Law Workshop, Nov. 15; and a new professional development webinar for OCSBA attorneys, Dec. 7. Contact the OSBA legal division for more information.

Blizzard nixes NSBA Advocacy Institute

The late January blizzard that struck the Atlantic Coast states forced the postponement of the National School Boards Association Advocacy Institute in Washington, D.C. OSBA Federal Relations Network members and association staff were scheduled to meet with Ohio's congressional representatives during the event. The institute has been rescheduled for June 12-14.

OSBA online

● www.ohioschoolboards.org

The OSBA 2016 Legislative Platform is now posted at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/91238>. The platform informs legislators, policymakers, the public and the news media about OSBA's positions on education issues. For questions about the platform or any other legislative issues, contact OSBA's Division of Legislative Services.



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BULLETIN BOARD

compiled by Melanie Price, administrative assistant of communication services

Ohio searches

Position	District	Deadline	Contact
Superintendent	North Canton City	Feb. 19	Joe Chaddock, superintendent, Stark County ESC, (430) 492-8136, ext. 1350
Superintendent	Beavercreek City	Feb. 22	www.beavercreek.k12.oh.us
Superintendent	Crestview Local (Columbiana)	March 11	Anna Marie Vaughn, superintendent, Columbiana County ESC, (330) 424-9591
Treasurer	Brunswick City	Feb. 19	www.bcsch.org
Director of educational services	Maumee City	Feb. 22	Dr. Gregory Smith, superintendent, Maumee City, (419) 893-3200
Middle school principal	Hamilton City	until filled	www.hamiltoncityschools.com

National searches

Superintendent	Tempe, Ariz.	Feb. 15	McPherson & Jacobson, LLC, (888) 375-4814
Superintendent	Lawrence, Kan.	Feb. 16	McPherson & Jacobson, LLC, (888) 375-4814

Board changes

Akron City appointed Patrick Bravo to the board effective Jan. 11. He replaced Veronica Sims, who was elected to Akron City Council. ●●● Bellefontaine City appointed Scott Abraham to the board effective Jan. 1. He replaced Joshua Stolly, who resigned. ●●● A Madison County Common Pleas Court judge appointed Jerry Garman to the Jefferson Local (Madison) board effective Jan. 11. ●●● Southington Local (Trumbull) appointed Thomas Proverbs and John W. Shaffer to the board effective Jan. 12. Proverbs replaced Patricia Anderson, who resigned, while Shaffer filled a vacant seat.

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

Medina City Superintendent Dave Knight announced his resignation effective July 31. ●●● Washington Local (Lucas) Interim Superintendent Cherie Moulam announced her retirement effective July 31. ●●● Gahanna-Jefferson City hired Interim Superintendent Scott Schmidt as assistant superintendent effective Feb. 1. Schmidt will continue to serve as interim superintendent through June 30.

Sympathies

Deer Park Community City Board of Education member Tom M. Griswold died Jan. 17. He was 82. ●●● Former Gallia County Local (Gallia) Board of Education member John Aaron

Payne died Jan. 20. He was 87. ●●● Glenn Brewer, a member of the former Gettysburg Board of Education in Darke County, died Jan. 16. He was 94. ●●● Robert L. "Larry" Stucky, a former superintendent at the former Gnadenhutten school district in Tuscarawas County, Mogadore Local (Summit) and Rittman EV, died Jan. 18. He was 76. ●●● Former North College Hill City Treasurer Betty J. Friedrich died Jan. 15. She was 90. ●●● Former Northeastern Local (Clark) Board of Education member Charles "Pat" Roberts died Jan. 12. He was 79. ●●● Former Otsego Local (Wood) Treasurer Chloe Genson died Jan. 6. She was 85. ●●● Timothy Murlin Kennedy, a former member of Parkway Local and former Mendon boards of education in Mercer County, died Jan. 16. He was 69. ●●● Former Urbana City Board of Education member Elizabeth Linton Bohl died Jan. 17. She was 69. ●●● Former Westerville City Assistant Superintendent Dr. Christopher F. Wanner died Jan. 13. He was 61.



LEGISLATIVE REPORT

by Jay Smith, deputy director of legislative services

Bill would drop penalties for students opting out of tests

House Bill (HB) 420, recently introduced in the Ohio House of Representatives, seeks to ensure schools and school districts are not

penalized on the 2014-2015 report card for students whose parents opt them out of taking mandatory state assessments. Rep. Kristina

Roegner (R-Hudson) sponsored the bill.

If passed, the legislation would require the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) to exclude these students from calculations of two graded measures that will appear on the state report cards scheduled for release Feb. 25. The measures are the performance index score and the grade for progress in kindergarten through third-grade literacy. Without the legislative change, ODE would be required to assign a score of zero for students not taking the assessments.

The performance index score is a weighted measure designed to show improvement over time on the state achievement assessments and is applied to all city, exempted village and local school districts. ODE assigns these weights to scores ranging from zero for students opting out of a test to a maximum score of 120 points set

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OSBA policy consultant position available

The Ohio School Boards Association is accepting applications for the position of policy consultant to serve public school boards in the areas of school district policy and handbook development. The ideal candidate will have experience in training and team development, workshop planning and facilitation, writing articles and public speaking.

Strong communication, analytical, writing, computer and interpersonal skills are essential. Bachelor's degree in a related field, occasional evening and weekend travel, and residency in the Columbus metropolitan area are required. Advanced degree and/or experience in public policy are preferred.

OSBA offers competitive salary and benefits and an exceptional work environment. Send cover letter, résumé and salary expectations by Feb. 15, 2016, to: Policy consultant search, Ohio School Boards Association, 8050 N. High St., Suite 100, Columbus, OH 43235-6481. Applications without salary expectations will not be considered. EOE

Become a better board leader

Attend the Board Officers Training

Two locations to choose from on Saturday, Feb. 20:

- **Hilton Garden Inn in Findlay**
 - **Hilton Garden Inn Dayton South in Miamisburg**
- The workshops run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

These workshops, led by experienced OSBA staff, will present the tools you need to improve your boardmanship skills and effectively lead your district. You don't have to be a board officer to attend; board members looking to increase their leadership skills also can benefit.

School board officers serve critical leadership roles in their districts. The president is the visible leader of the board and responsible for the efficient operation of board business.

Unfortunately, too many board officers attempt to fulfill these roles by going it alone. They believe on-the-job training is all they need to responsibly lead the board, but it is crucial for you to be well-informed and have the skills to carry out your leadership duties effectively. Bring your questions about leadership roles.

Topics to be covered include legal duties and responsibilities; planning a productive board meeting; practical parliamentary procedure; public participation at board meetings; open meetings and executive sessions; successful communications; responding to media requests; building team relationships; consensus building; indicators of an effective board; and effective facilitation.



Agenda

8:15 a.m.	Registration and continental breakfast	12:30 p.m.	Lunch (provided)
9 a.m.	Leading the governance team <i>OSBA school board services division</i>	1:15 p.m.	Living with your negotiated agreements <i>OSBA management services division</i>
10:30 a.m.	Break	2:15 p.m.	Policy updates <i>OSBA management services division</i>
10:45 a.m.	Keeping it legal: what board officers need to know <i>OSBA legal services division</i>	2:30 p.m.	Getting comfortable with parliamentary procedure <i>OSBA legal services division</i>
12:15 p.m.	Open Q&A with OSBA school board services and legal services staff	3 p.m.	Wrap-up and adjourn

Cost for the workshop is \$165 per board member, and includes a copy of the *Board Presidents' Handbook*. 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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



School Finance 101: What Board Members Should Know

Thursday, Feb. 25 at the OSBA office in Columbus

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

8:45 a.m. Registration

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

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

10:30 a.m. Break

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

Dr. Howard Fleeter, consultant, Ohio Education Policy Institute

12:15 p.m. Lunch (provided)

1 p.m. Five-year forecasts

Matt Bunting, consultant, Public Finance Resources (PFR)

1:55 p.m. Break

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

Michael Sobul, consultant, Public Finance Resources (PFR)

3 p.m. Wrap-up and adjourn

Cost is \$150, which includes materials, lunch and refreshments. Register online at www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops or contact **Laurie Miller**, senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000; (800) 589-OSBA; or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org.

Questions about workers' comp rates?

Get answers at the 2016 Spring SchoolComp Workers' Compensation Workshops



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

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

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

Dates and locations:

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

Tuesday, March 1

Hilton Garden Inn Dayton South, Miamisburg

Friday, March 4

Ohio University Inn and Conference Center, Athens

Tuesday, March 15

Owens Community College, Findlay

Wednesday, March 16

Northeast Ohio Medical University, Rootstown

Monday, April 4

OSBA office, Columbus

Management Development Series #1:

Pay for performance

Thursday, March 3

OSBA office, Columbus

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Cost is \$90


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

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

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

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





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

Special Education Law Workshop

8:30 a.m. Registration and continental breakfast

Noon

Lunch (provided)

8:50 a.m. Welcome

1 p.m.

Custody arrangements and special education

9 a.m. ODE update: 2016 outlook

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

Jessica Dawso, associate director, Office of Exceptional Children, ODE

Explore a variety of custody arrangements and the impact they have on districts' responsibilities to special education students subject to such arrangements.

Scott C. Peters, Esq., Smith Peters Kalail Co. LPA, Cleveland

10 a.m. Break

2 p.m.

Break

10:15 a.m. Progress monitoring pitfalls

A discussion of potential issues districts may face in monitoring progress toward Individualized Education Program (IEP) goals, including the assessment of student academic performance and evaluation of instruction.

Jeremy J. Neff, Esq., Ennis Britton Co. LPA, Cincinnati

2:15 p.m.

Policy and case law update: students with disabilities

Learn about current changes to policy and case law surrounding students with disabilities, including a discussion of recent Americans with Disabilities Act updates on service animals in schools.

Susan E. Geary, Esq., Bricker and Eckler LLP, Columbus

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

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

Christina H. Peer, Esq., Walter Haverfield LLP, Cleveland

3:15 p.m. Adjourn

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

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Ohio School Boards Association

Board Leadership Institute

Professional development designed by board members for board members

April 29-30, 2016 • Hilton Columbus/Polaris





Organizational leadership for tomorrow's schools

You are accountable for overseeing a multimillion dollar organization that serves your community's most important asset — its children. It's an enormous responsibility, one that calls for extraordinary skills.

Learning what it takes to be an effective school board member has been estimated to take at least two years of board service. The challenge to stay effective is not only for new board members, it's ongoing.

Whether you're in your first term or your 50th, the ever-changing world of public education governance is one in which continuing education and professional development are critical. So, where does a board member go for that ongoing training? Answer — OSBA's Board Leadership Institute!

As a member of your school district's governing body, you are called on at every meeting to make important decisions. Some decisions are easy; others complicated. That's why board member development is so important.

The 15th annual Board Leadership Institute promises the training you need to help build your skills and move your board to the next level. The institute focuses on what you need to know, because it's the only leadership development event in Ohio designed exclusively for school board members.

The cost to attend this two-day intensive institute is \$245.

The Board Leadership Institute enables board members to:

Attend a seminar designed for and by board members

Board members plan BLI breakout sessions during the Capital Conference

Receive superb professional development

Experience a comprehensive two-day training event

Strengthen board governance skills

Choose from 18 breakout sessions and hear two keynote speakers during the opening and closing sessions

Network with other board members

Meet with colleagues to share success stories and learn from each other

Review information on sessions you missed

Receive all of the handouts from this board member-only event

Earn Award of Achievement points

Attendees earn 20 points toward the OSBA Award of Achievement and Master Board Member Award

Learning doesn't stop when you're elected, it begins

Almost all board members agree they could use more training in tackling school district issues and needs. When asked, board members say they want training that is highly task-oriented, takes a short period of time, is done in small groups and is led by outstanding instructors.

To meet these requests, OSBA works with board members across the state to develop the annual Board Leadership Institute. The two-day institute, planned for April 29–30, is designed specifically for board members and will focus on numerous timely topics. Participants will have the opportunity to attend the opening general session, closing luncheon and multiple breakout sessions, as well as network with each other throughout the two days.

Reflections from 2015 attendees:

"BLI is a great professional-development opportunity. The workshops are informational and the networking is invaluable."

"The workshops focused on pertinent subjects. The presenters were very informative and answered questions adequately."

"BLI always is a good informational workshop. It is very well organized, has great presenters and provides useful information on many subjects."

"This is the very best workshop that OSBA provides for board members."

Register online at www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops or contact **Laurie Miller**, senior events manager, for registration information at (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA.



Stay at the Hilton Columbus/Polaris

The Hilton Columbus/Polaris will be the site of this comprehensive Friday-Saturday institute. The hotel is located in north Columbus. Parking is free.

Room rates

Call (614) 885-1600 for reservations. Mention OSBA to get a rate of \$129 for a single or double room. Room reservations must be made by April 8 to receive the special rate.

Directions to the Hilton Columbus/Polaris, 8700 Lyra Drive, 43240

- From I-71 northbound: Take I-71 to exit 121/Polaris Parkway. Turn left (west) onto Polaris Parkway. Turn right at the first traffic light onto Lyra Drive.
- From I-71 southbound: Take I-71 to exit 121/Gemini Place, toward SR 750/Polaris Parkway. Turn right onto Gemini Place. Turn left onto Lyra Drive.



Districts represented at the 2015 BLI

Akron City	Hillsboro City	Polaris Career Center
Apollo Career Center	Hillsdale Local (Ashland)	Preble County ESC
Ashland City	James A. Garfield Local (Portage)	Ravenna City
Ashland County-West Holmes Career Center	Jefferson Township Local (Montgomery)	Reading Community City
Ashtabula County Career & Technical Campus	Kelleys Island Local (Erie)	Reynoldsburg City
Ashtabula County ESC	Kettering City	Ridgewood Local (Coshocton)
Athens City	Lincolnvlew Local (Van Wert)	Rittman EV
Batavia Local (Clermont)	Little Miami Local (Warren)	Rootstown Local (Portage)
Bath Local (Allen)	Lockland Local (Hamilton)	Sandusky City
Belpre City	Logan-Hocking Local (Hocking)	Shawnee Local (Allen)
Berea City	Mad River Local (Montgomery)	South Point Local (Lawrence)
Big Walnut Local (Delaware)	Madison Local (Lake)	South-Western City
Bloom-Carroll Local (Fairfield)	Madison Local (Richland)	Southeast Local (Portage)
Brooklyn City	Mahoning County Career and Technical Center	Spencerville Local (Allen)
Brunswick City	Manchester Local (Adams)	Springfield City
Buckeye Career Center	Mansfield City	Springfield Local (Lucas)
Cambridge City	Maplewood Career Center	Springfield-Clark Career Technology Center
Campbell City	Margaretta Local (Erie)	Streetsboro City
Champion Local (Trumbull)	Marlington Local (Stark)	Swanton Local (Fulton)
Claymont City	Marysville EV	Three Rivers Local (Hamilton)
Clear Fork Valley Local (Richland)	Miami Trace Local (Fayette)	Tiffin City
Columbiana County Career & Technical Center	Minford Local (Scioto)	Tri-County Career Center
Columbus City	Mohawk Local (Wyandot)	Tri-County ESC
Coshocton County Career Center	Muskingum Valley ESC	Union-Scioto Local (Ross)
Cuyahoga Falls City	Nelsonville-York City	Urbana City
Cuyahoga Valley Career Center	New Miami Local (Butler)	Vanguard-Sentinel Career and Technology Centers
Delaware Area Career Center	Noble Local (Noble)	Vantage Career Center
Dublin City	North College Hill City	Vinton County Local (Vinton)
East Cleveland City	North Olmsted City	Warren County Career Center
East Liverpool City	North Point ESC	Warrensville Heights City
East Palestine City	Northeastern Local (Clark)	Waverly City
Eastland-Fairfield Career & Technical Schools	Northern Local (Perry)	Wayne County Schools Career Center
EHOVE Career Center	Northridge Local (Montgomery)	Wayne Local (Warren)
Elida Local (Allen)	Northwestern Local (Clark)	Wellsville Local (Columbiana)
ESC of Central Ohio	Ohio Hi-Point Career Center	Windham EV
ESC of Cuyahoga County	Oregon City	Worthington City
Fairfield Local (Highland)	Paint Valley Local (Ross)	Xenia Community City
Fairview Park City	Parma City	Zane Trace Local (Ross)
Forest Hills Local (Hamilton)	Pike County Career Technology Center	
Franklin Local (Muskingum)		
Goshen Local (Clermont)		
Great Oaks Career Campuses		
Greene County Career Center		
Greenfield EV		
Greenville City		
Groveport Madison Local (Franklin)		
Hamilton City		
Hamilton County ESC		

2016 BLI agenda

Friday, April 29

8 a.m.	Registration/breakfast
9:15 a.m.	Opening general session
10:45 a.m.	Breakout sessions
Noon	Networking luncheon
1:15 p.m.	Breakout sessions
2:45 p.m.	Breakout sessions
4 p.m.	Adjourn for the day

Saturday, April 30

7:30 a.m.	Breakfast
8:15 a.m.	Breakout sessions
9:45 a.m.	Breakout sessions
11:15 a.m.	Breakout sessions
12:30 p.m.	Luncheon with speaker/closing ceremonies

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State Legislative Conference

Wednesday, March 16

Renaissance Columbus Downtown

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Cost is \$130

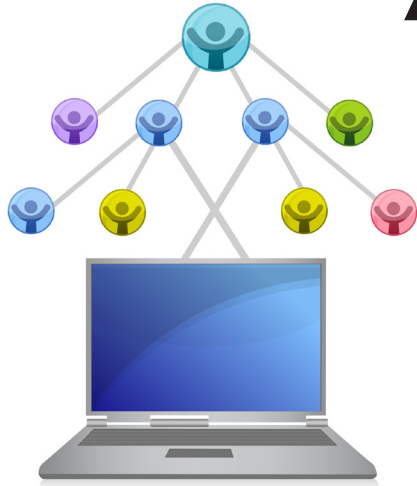
The State Legislative Conference provides school board members, administrators and treasurers a great venue to meet with their state legislators and discuss issues impacting public education. It is a golden opportunity to get the message out on the importance of investing in a strong public school system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

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

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

Don't miss this annual event and 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.

OSBA Cyberlaw 2016



Technology and the law seminar

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

8:30 a.m.	Registration and continental breakfast	11 a.m.	Legal issues relating to using and creating digital curriculum Teachers are transforming their instructional practices through digital curriculum. Learn about the legal issues relating to the use and ownership of teacher- and student-created content. <i>Gregory J. Krabacher, Esq., Bricker & Eckler LLP</i>
8:50 a.m.	Welcome	Noon	Lunch (provided)
9 a.m.	Board members' use of technology A comprehensive review of legal issues associated with board members' electronic communications, including email, text messages, Facebook posts and GoogleDocs. <i>Shadya Y. Yazback, deputy director of legal services, OSBA</i>	1 p.m.	Student data privacy Review the guidance and best practices at the federal and state levels designed to address and protect the collection, use, storage and handling of student data by school districts and third parties. <i>Melissa Kern, Esq., and Jane Shea, Esq., Frost Brown Todd LLC</i>
9:45 a.m.	Dangerous apps you need to know about If you think kids are still using Facebook, think again. Two education lawyers describe the 10 most dangerous apps that students are using today, many of which can make them easy targets for sexual predators and bullies. Learn how these apps work and how to protect students. <i>Rhonda Porter, Esq., Akron City; and Christina H. Peer, Esq., Walter Haverfield LLP</i>	1:45 p.m.	Break
10:45 a.m.	Break	2 p.m.	Go-go-gadget: legal issues relating to today's hottest tech toys Review some of the legal issues involved in district and student use of some of today's hottest tech toys, including drones, body cameras, smart watches, surveillance cameras and more. <i>Gary T. Stedronsky, Esq., Ennis Britton Co. LPA</i>
		3 p.m.	Adjourn

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OSBA's Regional Spring Conferences

Central Region	Wednesday, March 9	Southeast Region	Tuesday, March 15
Northeast Region	Wednesday, March 30	Southeast Region	Thursday, March 17
Northwest Region	Thursday, March 10	Southwest Region	Tuesday, March 8

To register for your region's annual spring conference, contact your regional manager at the address below or print the registration forms found at www.ohioschoolboards.org/regions.

Central Region, March 9

Villa Milano, Columbus

Cost: \$40

Reservation deadline: March 1

Contact: Kim Miller-Smith

Central regional manager
15046 Harbor Point Drive West
Thornville, OH 43076

Phone: (614) 635-1926

Email: kmillersmith@ohioschoolboards.org

Northeast Region, March 30

Wellsville Junior/Senior High School, Wellsville

Cost: \$35

Reservation deadline: March 23

Contact: Reno Contipelli

Northeast regional manager
52 Marko Lane
Brooklyn Heights, OH 44131

Phone: (330) 485-3731 or (216) 288-1704

Email: rcontipelli@ohioschoolboards.org

Northwest Region, March 10

Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green

Cost: \$30

Reservation deadline: March 3

Contact: Dr. Judy Jackson May

Northwest regional manager
1513 Cobblestone Drive
Bowling Green, OH 43402

Phone: (419) 581-9782

Fax: (419) 372-8448

Email: jjacksonmay@ohioschoolboards.org

Southeast Region, March 15

Meigs High School, Pomeroy

Cost: \$38

Reservation deadline: March 4

Contact: Paul D. Mock

Southeast regional manager
685 E. Main St.
Logan, OH 43138-1737

Phone: (740) 469-2724

Fax: (740) 380-2487

Email: pmock@ohioschoolboards.org

Southeast Region, March 17

Mid-East Career and Technology Centers,
Buffalo Campus, Senecaville

Cost: \$38

Reservation deadline: March 4

Contact: Paul D. Mock

Southeast regional manager
685 E. Main St.
Logan, OH 43138-1737

Phone: (740) 469-2724

Fax: (740) 380-2487

Email: pmock@ohioschoolboards.org

Southwest Region, March 8

Great Oaks Career Campuses, Scarlet Oaks
Campus, Cincinnati

Cost: \$38

Reservation deadline: March 2

Contact: Ronald J. Diver

Southwest regional manager
8797 Meadowlark Drive
Franklin, OH 45005

Phone: (937) 634-9025

Email: rdiver@ohioschoolboards.org

Authority for reimbursement

Ohio Revised Code Section 3315.15 authorizes the establishment of a service fund for board members. Such funds may be used for expenses incurred for meetings such as this one.

Award of Achievement

These conferences entitle board members to five Award of Achievement credits.

More information can be found at www.ohioschoolboards.org.



WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

Board Officers Training

- ☐ Feb. 20, Findlay, \$165
- ☐ Feb. 20, Miamisburg, \$165

School Finance 101

- ☐ Feb. 25, Columbus, \$150

New Board Member Webinar:

School finance

- ☐ Feb. 26, \$35

New Board Member Webinar:

Evaluations

- ☐ March 2, \$35

Management Development Series #1

- ☐ March 3, Columbus, \$90

Special Education Law Workshop

- ☐ March 4, Columbus, \$150

How serving breakfast can boost student achievement

- ☐ March 10, free webinar

State Legislative Conference

- ☐ March 16, Columbus, \$130

OSBA Cyberlaw 2016: Technology and the law seminar

- ☐ March 18, Columbus, \$150

New Board Member Webinar: Transportation

- ☐ April 20, \$35

New Board Member Webinar: Legal issues

- ☐ May 17, \$35

New Board Member Webinar: Policy

- ☐ Sept. 28, \$35

New Board Member Webinar: Security and safety

- ☐ Oct. 19, \$35

OSBA Workshop Registration Form

Workshop name _____ Workshop date _____

Attendee name _____ Title _____

Daytime phone _____ Email _____

District/firm _____ County _____

Enclosed is a check for \$ _____ or P.O.# _____ to cover _____ registration(s). Make checks payable to OSBA and mail to 8050 N. High St., Suite 100, Columbus, OH 43235-6481, fax to (614) 540-4100 or email **Laurie Miller**, senior events manager, at Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org. Include a purchase order number with fax or email.



_____ Please check here if you require special accommodations. Contact us or attach a written description of needs.

Please photocopy this form for each person

OSBA workshop registration procedures

OSBA sends email confirmation of registration if an email address is provided. Registration is open to all boards and staff of OSBA members. "Walk-in" registrations are welcome on a space-available basis only. Please call OSBA to check the status of registration before you arrive at the workshop. To register, you must have a purchase order number or a check payable to OSBA and a completed registration form. You may register with a purchase order number by phone, fax, email or Web page 24 hours a day.

Award of Achievement/LPDC

Most workshops entitle members to Award of Achievement credits. Local Professional Development Committee certificates of attendance will be issued to all workshop attendees.

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



Mail

OSBA
8050 N. High St.,
Suite 100, Columbus, OH
43235-6481



Phone
or fax

OSBA Registration Hotline,
(614) 540-4000, ext. 300;
toll free (800) 589-OSBA,
ext. 300; or fax us at
(614) 540-4100.



Email registrations can be sent to Laurie Miller at Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org. Please include a purchase order number.

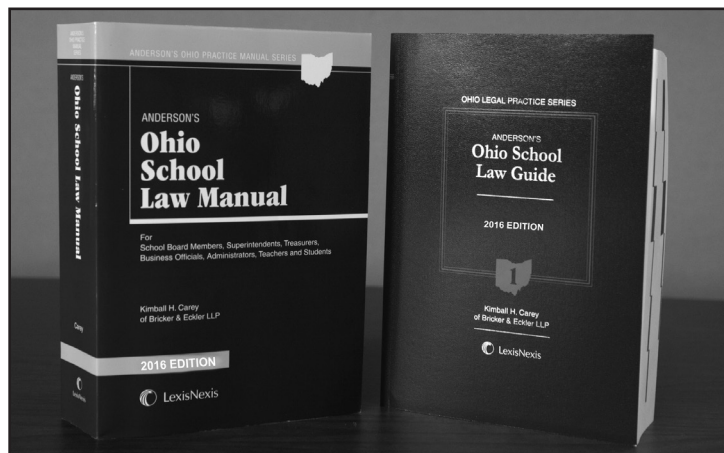
Cancellation and refund policy

- Cancellations received by OSBA at least five workdays before the date of the workshop will receive a full refund or no charge to the district.
- Cancellations received less than five workdays before the date of the workshop will be charged half of the registration fee.
- No-shows and cancellations the day of the workshop will be charged the full registration amount.

Stay up-to-date with the latest legal publications

Ohio's most comprehensive school law publication has been revised for 2016. Written by Kimball H. Carey, the 2016 Ohio School Law Guide, a four-volume set, offers basic, easy-to-understand interpretations of Ohio statutes and regulations that govern public school operations.

Also revised is the 2016 Ohio School Law Manual. This convenient version contains interpretive text that appears in the Ohio School Law Guide. The handbook is a perfect reference for anyone involved with education.



Title	Quantity	Limited time price*	Price	Total
2016 Ohio School Law Guide		\$437*	\$457	
2016 Ohio School Law Manual			\$172	

* Limited time price valid through April 29, 2016. Orders received after April 29, 2016, will be billed full price of \$457. Limited time price not offered on OSBA website; you must use this form to receive limited time price.

Subtotal _____
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- ☐ Payment enclosed (sales tax applies to orders paid by personal check, personal credit card, money order or non-sales tax exempt organizations) Make check payable to: Ohio School Boards Association
☐ Purchase order # _____

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☐ MasterCard ☐ Visa ☐ Discover

Account #: _____ expires (Mo./Yr.): _____
Signature: _____ CVV code _____

3- or 4-digit code on back of card

Mail this form to: Ohio School Boards Association, 8050 N. High St., Ste. 100, Columbus, OH 43235-6481 or fax form to (614) 540-3299. Postage and handling are included. Please allow two weeks for delivery.

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by ODE using progressively larger weights.

To calculate K-three literacy progress, ODE uses a method the State Board of Education adopted that measures progress made from year to year using diagnostic assessment results and the third-grade Ohio reading achievement test.

Across the state, some school districts have seen a large number of students opting out of the assessments. According to testimony offered before the House Education Committee, **Twinsburg City** saw 5% of its students in tested grade bands opt out of exams in the 2014-2015 school year. **Marion Local (Mercer)** testified that 21% of its students went untested. **Loveland**

City reported 15% of its students went untested, and up to 33% in some grade bands.

With these students being counted as zeros, the school districts have estimated their performance index score will drop significantly, causing their report card grade to drop, in some cases, from an A to a D.

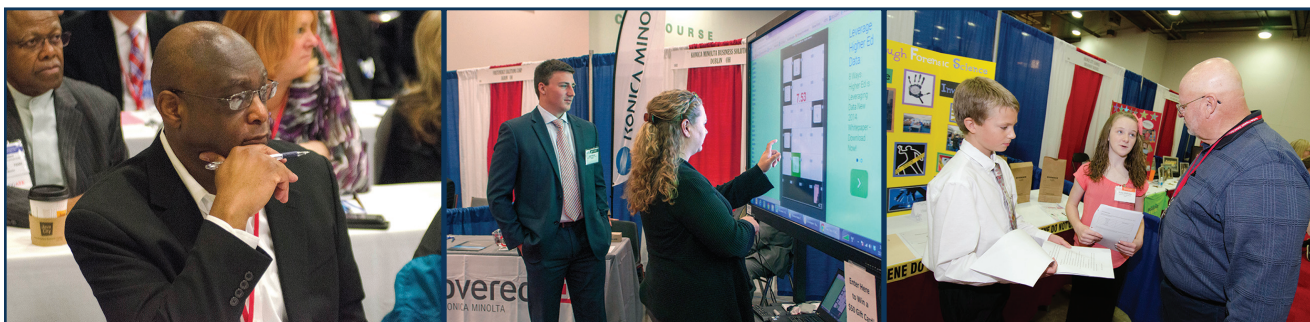
The House Education Committee recently accepted a substitute bill that would require ODE to calculate two separate performance index scores on the report card. The first would be what is currently required and would assign opted-out students a zero. The second would not include the zero scores for those students.

The substitute bill also includes

new provisions that incorporate penalties for school district employees found to have encouraged students to opt out of the tests to boost their districts' grades. The penalty calls for a one-year license suspension, possible contract termination and a minor misdemeanor charge.

An emergency provision in HB 420 would put the legislation into effect immediately after it is enacted, which possibly could happen before the Feb. 25 report card release. Sen. **Peggy Lehner** (R-Kettering) is expected to introduce similar legislation in the Senate.

Editor's note: The information in this article was current as of Jan. 29, 2016.



Leadership for Learning

Learning session nominations due **March 11**.

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

Registration opens **July 11**.

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



OSBA Capital Conference • <http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org>

Save the dates



PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Scott Gerfen, assistant editor

Snowplow artists: students add creative touch to plow blades

The sight of a snowplow might cause students to rethink their plans for a snow day.

Without them, classes would be a challenge when wintry weather arrives.

Teens across the state have been getting an up-close look at these snow warriors, and they've been giving them an artistic flair.

The Paint a Plow program works as the name suggests. In collaboration with the Ohio Department of Transportation

(ODOT), hundreds of students painted plow blades in a competition that promotes public safety and fosters appreciation of school art programs.

The best creations were showcased in parades and other public events prior to winter.

Bellevue City's Bellevue High School student **Austin Black** enjoys seeing the finished snowplows on the roadways.

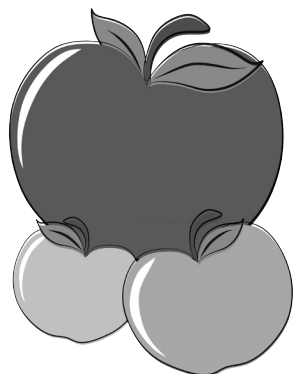
"We can all say, 'Hey, I did that,'" Black told a local

newspaper. "I'm proud I was able to be part of this."

Plow blades painted by students in Erie and Huron counties have a glossy finish thanks to students in the collision and refinishing program at **EHOVE Career Center**.

Officials with ODOT's District 3 approached EHOVE about refinishing the newly painted plow blades. The protectant spray is the same that protects a car's paint from fading and scratches.

Source: Sandusky Register



How serving breakfast can boost student achievement

Thursday, March 10

1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Free webinar

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

School leaders will be challenged to:

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

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February 2016

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| 9 | OSBA MTA Program: Federal regulations, guidance and agencies..... Columbus |
| 14 | Southeast Region Executive Committee meeting..... Logan |
| 15 | <i>Last day for voter registration for March election — RC 3503.01, 3503.19(A) (30 days prior to the election).</i> |
| 20 | Board Officers Training..... Findlay |
| 20 | Board Officers Training..... Miamisburg |
| 25 | School Finance 101: What Board Members Should Know..... Columbus |
| 26 | New Board Member webinar: School finance |

March 2016

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| 1 | SchoolComp Workers' Compensation Workshop..... Miamisburg |
| 1 | <i>Last day to take action and deliver written notice of nonrenewal of superintendent's contract — RC 3319.01; last day to take action on and deliver written notice of nonrenewal of treasurer's contract — RC 3313.22; deadline for secondary schools to provide information about College Credit Plus to all students enrolled in grades six through 11 — RC 3365.04(A).</i> |
| 2 | New Board Member webinar: Evaluations |

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| 3 | Management Development Series #1 workshop..... Columbus |
| 4 | Special Education Law Workshop..... Columbus |
| 4 | SchoolComp Workers' Compensation Workshop..... Athens |
| 8 | Southwest Region Spring Conference..... Cincinnati |
| 9 | Central Region Spring Conference..... Columbus |
| 10 | How serving breakfast can boost student achievement webinar |
| 10 | Northwest Region Spring Conference..... Bowling Green |
| 15 | SchoolComp Workers' Compensation Workshop..... Findlay |
| 15 | Southeast Region Spring Conference..... Pomeroy |
| 15 | <i>Presidential Primary Day; Special Election Day — RC 3501.01.</i> |
| 16 | State Legislative Conference.. Columbus |
| 16 | SchoolComp Workers' Compensation Workshop..... Rootstown |
| 17 | Southeast Region Spring Conference..... Senecaville |
| 18 | Cyberlaw — Technology and the law seminar..... Columbus |
| 30 | Northeast Region Spring Conference..... Wellsville |
| 31 | New Board Member Series Workshop: How's it going so far?..... Columbus |

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| 31 | <i>End of second ADM reporting period — RC 3317.03(A).</i> |
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April 2016

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| 4 | SchoolComp Workers' Compensation Workshop..... Columbus |
| 6 | OSBA MTA Program: Laws, rules and policy..... Columbus |
| 12 | OSBA MTA Program: Laws, rules and policy..... Columbus |
| 15 | <i>Last day for certain board members and administrators to file financial disclosure forms with the Ohio Ethics Commission — RC 102.02.</i> |
| 19 | Management Development Series #2 workshop..... Columbus |
| 20 | New Board Member webinar: Transportation |
| 24 | Southeast Region Executive Committee meeting..... Zanesville |
| 25 | <i>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).</i> |
| 29-30 | Board Leadership Institute Columbus |
| 29 | <i>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).</i> |