

# BRIEF CASE

## THE OHIO SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

Serving the public school leadership team



### Auditor finds 'unusually high' enrollment variances at charter schools

In the yet another stain on Ohio charter schools' accountability, Auditor of State **Dave Yost** reported on Jan. 22 that an unannounced, statewide head count of attendance at 30 charter schools identified seven as having unusually high variances in students counted versus the number of students the schools reported to the Ohio Department of Education (ODE). In one school, no students were present where 95 children were supposed to be enrolled. The other six schools had attendance variances between 34% and 83%. Another set of nine schools had variances of 10% or more. All 16 schools have been referred to ODE for review.

### Registration opens for OSBA regional spring conferences

OSBA's spring regional conferences kick off in less than a month. The conferences feature dinner, student entertainment, awards and updates on key education issues and association events. The meetings also provide outstanding opportunities to network with OSBA state and regional leaders; board members and administrators from your region; and OSBA staff. For further information, see the *Briefcase* blue pages or visit [www.ohioschoolboards.org/regions](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/regions).

### OSBA Black Caucus accepting applications for scholarship program

The OSBA Black Caucus is accepting applications for the 2015 Leo Lucas Scholarship, a program that provides graduating African-American 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. For more information and to apply, visit [www.ohioschoolboards.org/ohio-black-caucus](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/ohio-black-caucus). The deadline is March 15.

### State offering tuition-free MBA, principal opportunity

Ohio State University's Fisher College of Business has launched a tuition-free fellowship to help successful leaders become a school principal while earning a master of business administration degree. Supported by the state, the BRIGHT New Leaders for Ohio Schools project will enable people from diverse professions to spend a year as a BRIGHT Fellow and then immediately assume leadership as a principal in a high-poverty public school. For further information and to apply, go to [www.brighthio.org](http://www.brighthio.org). The application deadline is March 1.

### Deadline nears for submitting board recognition information, photos

Feb. 17 is the deadline for districts to submit materials describing their School Board Recognition Month celebrations in January. OSBA will feature districts' activities in the *Journal* magazine and on its website. Please send your materials to

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- ☐ Administrators
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- ☐ Technology directors
- ☐ Transportation supervisors

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### **Association names new legal division director**

OSBA has named **Sara C. Clark** as the association's new director of legal services. Clark, formerly senior deputy director of legal services, replaces **Hollie F. Reedy**, who left OSBA in November. Clark is a graduate of Capital University Law School and joined the association in 2009.

### **State Board of Education has new president, vice president**

The State Board of Education has elected at-large board member **Tom Gunlock** as president. The Centerville man previously served as vice president. He replaces **Debe Terhar** of Cincinnati, who

did not run for re-election last year. The new vice president is **Tess Elshoff** from New Knoxville.

### **Mental health advocates sponsoring video contest**

The MIND (Mental Illness-No Discrimination) Movement is seeking short videos from youth to

### **Cleveland Cavs player encourages students to give back**

Cleveland Cavaliers basketball star **Kevin Love** recently visited a **Cleveland Municipal** school to launch a program meant to inspire students to volunteer and perform acts of kindness.

He visited East Tech High School to promote spreadlove4:good, an initiative that runs until April and encourages students and teachers to give back to others.

"With this program, I hope to ... empower high school students to give back to show them they can change their communities through small and big acts of kindness," Love said in a statement.

The school is breaking up into five teams, each partnering with a local nonprofit group to support a specific cause. Teams will earn points for random acts of kindness and receive rewards.

Source: [www.cleveland.com](http://www.cleveland.com)

post on its partners' websites and social media accounts that convey imaginative and meaningful messages to raise awareness about mental illness. MIND is a statewide collaboration of Ohio agencies, providers and advocates dedicated to ending the stigma surrounding mental illness. The top five videos will be awarded cash prizes and shown at conferences throughout the state. For details, visit [www.ohiomindmovement.com](http://www.ohiomindmovement.com). The submission deadline is March 14.

### **OSBA online**

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

The 2015 OSBA Legislative Platform is now posted at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/17045>, and platform booklets have been emailed or mailed to members. The platform informs legislators, policymakers, the public and the news media about OSBA's positions on public education issues.



## **Briefcase**

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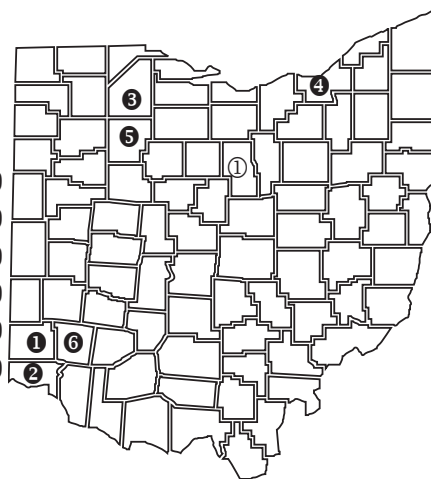
# BULLETIN BOARD

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## OSBA executive searches

### Superintendent

District	Deadline	Contact
① Hamilton City	Feb. 12	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
② Mount Healthy City	Feb. 13	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
③ Bowling Green City	Feb. 25	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
④ Warrensville Heights City	Feb. 27	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
⑤ Arcadia Local (Hancock)	March 13	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
⑥ Kings Local (Warren)	March 23	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000



### Treasurer

District	Deadline	Contact
① Clear Fork Local (Richland)	Feb. 20	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000

## Other searches

Position	District	Deadline	Contact
Superintendent	Vanlue Local (Hancock)	Feb. 20	Larry J. Busdeker, superintendent, Hancock County ESC, (419) 422-7525, ext. 227
Treasurer	Put-In-Bay Local (Ottawa)	Feb. 20	Steven J. Poe, superintendent, Put-In-Bay Local, (419) 285-3614

## National searches

Position	District	Deadline	Contact
Superintendent	Magazine, Ark.	Feb. 12	McPherson & Jacobson LLC, executive recruitment & development, (402) 991-7031
Superintendent	Tonasket, Wash.	Feb. 17	McPherson & Jacobson LLC, executive recruitment & development, (402) 991-7031
Superintendent	Dartmouth, Mass.	Feb. 20	Jim Hardy, field director, Massachusetts Association of School Committees Dartmouth Search, (617) 523-8454

### Editor's note

Job postings must be received six weeks before the application deadline to ensure timely publication.  
Thank you for your cooperation.

Position	District	Deadline	Contact
Superintendent	Lexington, S.C.	Feb. 20	<b>Judy LeGrand</b> , executive assistant, South Carolina School Boards Association, (803) 988-0226

## **Board changes**

**Graham Local (Champaign)** appointed **Mike Ludlow** to the board effective Jan. 14. He replaced **Alan Mitchell**, who resigned in December. ●●● **Nordonia Hills City** appointed **Doug Masteller** to the board effective Jan. 12. He replaced **Daniel Gallagher**, who resigned in December due to moving out of the district. ●●● **Ridgewood Local (Coshocton)** appointed **Helen Leindecker** to the board effective immediately. She replaced **Ron Tedrick**, who resigned. ●●● **Western Local (Pike)** Board of Education member **Paul “Joe” Grooms** announced his resignation effective Jan. 23.

## **Administrative changes**

### **Superintendents**

**Adams County/Ohio Valley Local (Adams)** Superintendent **Rodney A. Wallace** announced his retirement effective July 31. ●●● **Big Walnut Local (Delaware)** Superintendent **Steve Mazzi** announced his retirement effective June 30. ●●● **Bowling Green City** Superintendent Dr. **Ann McVey** announced her retirement effective June 30. ●●● **Geneva Area City** Superintendent **Mary D. Zappitelli** announced her resignation effective Aug. 1. ●●● **Keystone Local (Lorain)** Superintendent **Jay G. Arbaugh** announced his resignation effective Jan. 23. ●●● **Marietta City** Superintendent Dr. **Harry Fleming** announced his retirement effective July 31. ●●● **Steubenville City** Superintendent **Michael McVey** announced his resignation effective Jan. 12. ●●● **Three Rivers Local (Hamilton)** hired **Craig Hockenberry** as superintendent effective Feb. 2. He replaced Dr. **Rhonda Bohannon**, who retired effective Jan. 31. Hockenberry previously was the superintendent at **Manchester Local (Adams)**. ●●● **Vanlue Local (Hancock)** Superintendent **Rodney D. Russell** announced his retirement effective Aug. 1.

### **Treasurers**

**Franklin Local (Muskingum)** hired **Scott Paul** as treasurer effective Jan. 20. He replaced **Christopher K. Miller**, who retired. Paul previously was employed by the state auditor’s office. ●●● **Lisbon EV** Treasurer **Cindy L. Shultz** announced her retirement effective Aug. 1. ●●● **Perkins Local (Erie)** Treasurer **Lisa M. Crescimano** announced her retirement effective March 31. ●●● **Shawnee Local (Allen)** hired **Chris Cross** as treasurer effective Feb. 1. She replaced Interim Treasurer **Sherry Shaffer**. Cross previously was the treasurer at **Perry Local (Allen)**.

## **Sympathies**

Former **Amanda-Clearcreek Local (Fairfield)** Board of Education member **James E. Fraunfelter Sr.** died Jan. 2. He was 85. ●●● Former **Avon Local (Lorain)** Board of Education member **Robert P. DeChant** died Jan. 20. He was 89. ●●● Former **Crestwood Local (Portage)** and **Willoughby-Eastlake City** Treasurer **Shirley Schuster** died Dec. 16. She was 73. ●●● Former **East Liverpool City** Board of Education member **Gertrude J. Carson** died Jan. 18. She was 88. ●●● Former **Georgetown EV** Board of Education member Dr. **Donald Wilford Wahl** died Dec. 28. He was 88. ●●● Former **Greenon Local (Clark)** Superintendent **Denny Howell** died Jan. 20. He was 63. ●●● Former **Madison-Plains Local (Madison)** Board of Education member **Kenneth W. McMurray** died Jan. 7. He was 75. ●●● Former **Mansfield City** Board of Education member **Lowell Smith** died Jan. 22. He was 77. ●●● Former **Minerva Local (Stark)** Board of Education member **George Henry Kishman** died Jan. 14. He was 91. ●●● Former **New Boston Local (Scioto)** Board of Education member **Anna Gilley** died Jan. 23. She was 64. ●●● **Donald James Dunn**, a member of the former **Roseville Local** School Board in Muskingum County, died Jan. 20. He was 84. ●●● Former **Rossford EV** Treasurer **Bernice Baughman** died Jan. 21. She was 83. ●●● Former **Springfield Local (Mahoning)** Board of Education member **C. Raymond Koch** died Jan. 13. He was 95. ●●● Former **St. Bernard-Elmwood Place City** Superintendent **Roger D. Houck**

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# Celebrate the stars in your district at the **OSBA Student Achievement Fair**

Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2015 • 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. • Greater Columbus Convention Center

The OSBA Capital Conference Student Achievement Fair highlights outstanding student performance groups and fresh, innovative initiatives from school districts across the state. The fair will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2015, during the OSBA Capital Conference and Trade Show.

## **Student Achievement Fair performing groups**

OSBA will choose one school district performing group from each of the association's five regions to perform during the Student Achievement Fair. Past performing groups have included choirs, bands, orchestras, percussion ensembles and cheerleaders. Each group will perform for 20 minutes. To nominate a performing group, submit a nomination at <http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org/2015/saf-nominations> and email an electronic video audition or YouTube link to **Cheryl W. Ryan**, deputy director of school board services, at [cryan@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:cryan@ohioschoolboards.org). Only electronic recordings will be accepted.



## **Student Achievement Fair district programs**

OSBA is accepting nominations for district programs. These programs showcase exemplary programs that improve student achievement. Examples of district programs in the Student Achievement Fair include one-to-one technology programs, STEM engineering for middle grades, a workforce exchange program and career center culinary arts program. For more ideas, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/60021> to view the list of 2014 Student Achievement Fair district programs.

One hundred programs highlighting student achievement will be selected. While multiple programs may be submitted for consideration, no more than two per district will be selected, so districts should prioritize their submissions. Nominate a district program at <http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org/2015/saf-nominations>.

District programs will be showcased in a 10x10-foot booth, which can accommodate up to five people. If you need electricity for your booth, you can request it when you nominate your district program. **Please note: Internet access IS NOT provided with your booth. If you need Internet access, you can purchase it from the convention center. The 2014 daily rate for Wi-Fi was \$99 per device. You will need a credit card to make the purchase.**

## **Have questions?**

If you have questions about nominating a student performing group or district program, contact **Debby Hoopes** ([dhoopes@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:dhoopes@ohioschoolboards.org)) or **Cheryl W. Ryan** ([cryan@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:cryan@ohioschoolboards.org)). They also can be reached at (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA.



The nomination deadline is Friday, June 26. Visit <http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org/2015/saf-nominations> to nominate a student performing group or district program today!

# Questions about workers' comp rates?

## Get answers at the 2015 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](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:

#### **Tuesday, March 3**

Owens Community College, Findlay

#### **Wednesday, March 4**

Northeast Ohio Medical University, Rootstown

#### **Wednesday, March 11**

Ohio University Inn and Conference Center, Athens

#### **Thursday, March 26**

Holiday Inn, Sharonville

#### **Monday, March 30**

OSBA office, Columbus

### *Management Development Series #1:*

## Are you taking school safety for granted?

**Friday, March 13**

**OSBA office, Columbus**

**10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**Cost is \$90**

Hopefully the answer is "no." School safety and security are not only high stakes, but also very detail oriented. Recently, the Ohio legislature enacted new laws on filing emergency management plans, while trends such as ALICE training and arming staff continue to evolve. However, identifying all the various pieces of comprehensive emergency management planning and clearly recognizing the side benefits are a challenge.

This workshop will review legal compliance, the emerging direction of emergency management planning and some of the unexpected benefits from a comprehensive plan.

Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. 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).





# Empowering school governance teams to improve student achievement

OSBA and the Ohio Leadership Advisory Council (OLAC) are offering a new student achievement workshop for board members and administrators. This free workshop will introduce boards of education and their administrative team members to OLAC resources that make governance and shared leadership decisions affecting student achievement more efficient and impactful. OLAC tools have been used throughout Ohio school districts, where they have contributed to closing the achievement gap.

OSBA experts will discuss the role of the board in improving student achievement and the research-based steps boards must take to assist in improving achievement. OLAC experts will explain the proven resources and tools they have built through years of discussion and piloting with school districts.

Individual board members or administrators are invited and welcome to attend, but complete teams of board members and administrators will gain the most from this powerful workshop. Free workshops will be offered regionally:

**March 4** Southern Ohio ESC, Wilmington

**March 5** Fairfield County ESC, Lancaster

**March 10** Wayne County Schools Career Center, Smithville

**March 18** Vantage Career Center, Van Wert

The workshop will begin with networking and refreshments at 5:30 p.m. and conclude by 9 p.m. 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).

## Find the best candidate

OSBA has exclusive rights to the Achiever, a candidate assessment tool used during the executive search process. The Achiever measures six cognitive learning skills with 10 personality dimensions to create a comprehensive candidate profile.


Coupled with OSBA's extensive experience in executive searches and track record for success, the Achiever can help you determine the right candidate for your district. OSBA's experienced consultants can guide you through this process to ensure your executive search is very successful.

*"As one component of the search package offered by OSBA, I appreciated the feedback from the Achiever report. By reflecting on the candidates' answers, we were able to get a read on personality, interests, strengths and weaknesses. When taken in context of the entire process, the Achiever report yielded meaningful information and guided us in choosing the preferred candidate for the position."*

— Rebekah Wright Kulis, board member, Kent City

To learn how the Achiever assessment can help you hire the right candidate for your district, contact **Kathy LaSota** or **Cheryl W. Ryan** at (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA. Visit [www.ohioschoolboards.org/administrative-searches](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/administrative-searches) to learn more.





Friday, March 20  
9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.  
Embassy Suites, Columbus  
Cost is \$160

# Special Education Law Workshop

**8:30 a.m. Registration and continental breakfast**

**8:50 a.m. Welcome**

**9 a.m. ODE update: 2015 outlook**

Hear about the recent changes and initiatives at the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) Office for Exceptional Children, including an overview of what's ahead for special education in 2015 and beyond. Time for Q&A provided.  
*representatives from ODE Office for Exceptional Children*

**10 a.m. OCR guidance: a look at what's new**

The federal Office for Civil Rights (OCR) recently issued several significant guidance documents that explain a district's obligations to students with disabilities and provide insight into how OCR analyzes complaints involving students with disabilities. This session will provide a summary of these new directives.  
*Christina H. Peer, Esq., Walter Haverfield LLP, Cleveland*

**10:45 a.m. Break**

**11 a.m. Resolving disputes before the due process hearing**

A school attorney partners with a parent attorney to discuss how mediation and facilitation can effectively be used to rebuild communication between the parties and avoid or resolve disputes before they proceed to a due process hearing.  
*Laura G. Anthony, Esq., Bricker and Eckler LLP, Columbus; and Kerry Agins, Esq., Siegel, Agins & Gilman LLC*

**Noon Lunch (provided)**

**1 p.m. Hot topics in special education**

Review some of the current hot topics in special education, including special education in online/virtual education; handling requests for accessibility features and testing accommodations for students with disabilities; and serving children with diabetes.  
*Julie C. Martin, Esq., Scott, Scriven & Wahoff LLP, Columbus*

**2 p.m. Break**

**2:15 p.m. The discipline dirty dozen**

This session will identify and analyze 12 of the most common mistakes schools make when disciplining special education students. It also will provide practical strategies for improving school district discipline procedures.  
*Jeremy J. Neff, Esq., Ennis Roberts Fischer Co. LPA, Cincinnati*

**3:15 p.m. Adjourn**

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





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# State Legislative Conference

Wednesday, March 25

Ohio Statehouse Atrium, Columbus

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

Cost is \$130

Public education continues to be a hot topic at the Statehouse as we face yet another challenging year. It is likely to be filled with more education reform, policy initiatives and possible revisions to the school-funding formula.

As we begin our work with the new 131st General Assembly, what can we expect for schools? How will the governor's proposed biennial budget impact public education? School officials need to be involved and have their voices heard by attending the annual State Legislative Conference.

The 2015 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.

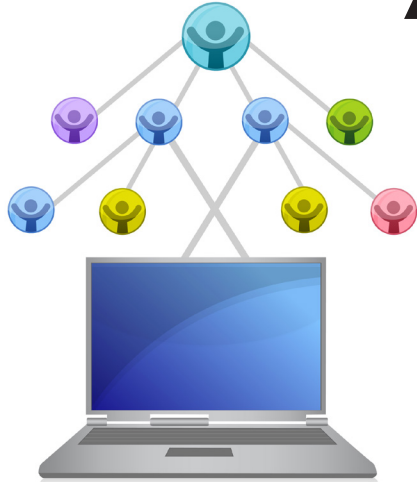
During the morning session, school district leaders will hear briefings on proposed legislation that can be used in discussions with their legislators during lunch and in office visits later that day. Attendees also will hear from legislative leaders about their views on public education and other priorities.

**Attendees are urged to schedule office appointments to meet individually with their legislators and their aides following the luncheon, which concludes at 1 p.m. 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 will begin at 8:45 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).

Visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/28276> for driving directions and links to parking information.

# OSBA Cyberlaw 2015



## Technology and the law seminar

Friday, March 27, 9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.  
OSBA office, Columbus  
Cost is \$150

8:30 a.m.	<b>Registration and continental breakfast</b>	11 a.m.	<b>District data breaches</b> What should your district do when confidential data is lost, stolen or compromised? With a focus on both preventive and response measures, this session will help you create and evaluate your data breach and response plan. <i>Thomas B. Allen, Esq., and Lauren K. Hunter, Esq., Frost Brown Todd LLC, West Chester</i>
8:50 a.m.	<b>Welcome</b>	Noon	<b>Lunch (provided)</b>
9 a.m.	<b>Beyond the schoolhouse gate: student expression on the Internet</b> Can they really say that? Review recent and developing case law on electronic off-campus student speech and what district administrators can address without offending students' constitutional rights. <i>Christine Cossler, Esq., Walter Haverfield LLP, Cleveland</i>	1 p.m.	<b>Lessons learned from social media litigation</b> Using recent litigation as examples, an experienced litigator will prepare districts to navigate the challenges of handling cases involving workplace disputes over social media. <i>Jessica Philemond, Esq., Scott, Scriven &amp; Wahoff LLP, Columbus</i>
10 a.m.	<b>Tweets, texts and tags: a look at public officials' digital communications</b> Discuss the legal issues associated with public officials' digital communications, including the implications such communications have under public records law, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, the open meetings act and the First Amendment. <i>Stacy Pollock, Esq., Mazanec, Raskin &amp; Ryder Co. LPA, Columbus</i>	2 p.m.	<b>Break</b>
10:45 a.m.	<b>Break</b>	2:15 p.m.	<b>Using district-owned property off campus</b> Granting students and staff off-campus access to district-owned digital devices like iPads and Chromebooks raises potential legal issues. Learn how to proactively protect your district's interests before distributing these devices. <i>Pamela A. Leist, Esq., Ennis Roberts Fischer Co. LPA, Cincinnati</i>
		3:15 p.m.	<b>Adjourn</b>

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). Unauthorized audio recording or videotaping of any session is strictly prohibited.

# OSBA's Regional Spring Conferences

**Central Region** Wednesday, March 11

**Northeast Region** Wednesday, March 4

**Northwest Region** Thursday, March 12

**Southeast Region** Tuesday, March 17

**Southeast Region** Thursday, March 19

**Southwest Region** Tuesday, March 10

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](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/regions).

## **Central Region, March 11**

Villa Milano, Columbus

Cost: \$40

Reservation deadline: March 6

Contact: Kim Miller-Smith

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

Phone: (614) 635-1926

Email: [kmillersmith@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:kmillersmith@ohioschoolboards.org)

## **Northeast Region, March 4**

GlenOak High School, Canton

Cost: \$35

Reservation deadline: Feb. 25

Contact: Reno Contipelli

Northeast regional manager  
52 Marko Lane  
Brooklyn Heights, OH 44131

Phone: (330) 485-3731

Email: [rcontipelli@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:rcontipelli@ohioschoolboards.org)

## **Northwest Region, March 12**

Sandusky High School, Sandusky

Cost: \$30

Reservation deadline: March 6

Contact: Dr. Judy Jackson May

Northwest regional manager  
1513 Cobblestone Drive  
Bowling Green, OH 43402

Phone: (419) 581-9782

Email: [jjacksonmay@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:jjacksonmay@ohioschoolboards.org)

## **Southeast Region, March 17**

Pike County Career Technology Center, Piketon

Cost: \$35

Reservation deadline: March 13

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](mailto:pmock@ohioschoolboards.org)

## **Southeast Region, March 19**

Zanesville High School, Zanesville

Cost: \$35

Reservation deadline: March 13

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](mailto:pmock@ohioschoolboards.org)

## **Southwest Region, March 10**

Miami Valley Career Technology Center,  
Clayton

Cost: \$38

Reservation deadline: March 4

Contact: Ronald J. Diver

Southwest regional manager  
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### **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 and directions to each location can be found at [www.ohioschoolboards.org](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org).





# WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

## Empowering school governance teams to improve student achievement

- ☐ March 4, Wilmington, free
- ☐ March 5, Lancaster, free
- ☐ March 10, Smithville, free
- ☐ March 18, Van Wert, free

## Management Development Series #1: Are you taking school safety for granted?

- ☐ March 13, Columbus, \$90

## Special Education Law Workshop

- ☐ March 20, Columbus, \$160

## State Legislative Conference

- ☐ March 25, Columbus, \$130

## OSBA Cyberlaw 2015: Technology and the law seminar

- ☐ March 27, Columbus, \$150

## 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](mailto: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](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops). You will need a username and password.



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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](mailto: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.

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died Jan. 3. He was 77. ●●● Former **St. Clairsville-Richland City** Board of Education member **John Stephen "Jack" Halloran** died Jan. 3. He was 84. ●●● Former **Troy City** Treasurer **Mary Winner** died Jan. 17. She was 96. ●●● Former **Xenia Community City** Board of Education member **Joseph Haines** died Jan. 6. He was 91.



## LEGISLATIVE REPORT

by Jay Smith, deputy director of legislative services

### New General Assembly announces education priorities

The 131st Ohio General Assembly officially kicked off on Jan. 5. Since then, leaders in both chambers have been busy outlining their priorities for the next two years and appointing members to fill key leadership positions on various committees.

In the Senate, President **Keith Faber** (R-Celina) said the Senate would be pursuing legislation to "deregulate" mandates for high-performing school districts. Some of the mandates Faber discussed

during a recent press conference included state-imposed rules on testing and teacher licensure. He also announced the Senate would be putting forth a proposal seeking to improve accountability for charter schools.

In the House, Speaker **Cliff Rosenberger** (R-Clarksville) said his chamber's priorities include a focus on education. In a recent press conference, House Republicans announced plans to make more of an effort to bring the private sector

and education community closer together, especially in postsecondary education. Also, the House has designated House Bill (HB) 2 as one of its priorities in overhauling charter schools in Ohio.

HB 2, sponsored by Reps. **Mike Dovilla** (R-Berea) and **Kristina Roegner** (R-Hudson), would revise Ohio charter school laws by increasing transparency and accountability on school expenditures, management

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## Ohio School Boards Association 2015 Capital Conference

Nov. 8-11, 2015

Greater Columbus Convention Center

### Call for conference learning session proposals!

OSBA is accepting proposals for learning sessions for the 2015 Capital Conference. Proposals will be selected based on strong interest, relevance, creativity, innovation, proven success and practical, how-to information.

The deadline for proposals is 5 p.m. on March 16. We encourage online nominations, but paper submissions will be accepted. Complete an online application or download a nomination form at the website below.

Visit <http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org/nominate> to submit your proposal today!

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company contracts and performance. Some of the bill's provisions would: prohibit sponsors from selling services to schools they sponsor; require better accounting for sponsor oversight; mandate annual reporting for sponsors; eliminate the practice of poor-performing charter schools seeking other sponsors when their original sponsor does not renew their contracts; increase oversight on management companies, both nonprofit and for-profit; require governing boards and management companies to submit copies of their contracts with charter schools to the Ohio Department of Education (ODE); and require ODE to publish charter school performance reports.

A new leadership and committee lineup will be holding hearings and debate on these proposals. Following are lists of the leadership positions of the House and Senate Finance Committees, as well as the full membership of the primary and

secondary education finance subcommittees and the standing committees on education.

**House Finance and Appropriations Committee**

- Rep. **Ryan Smith** (R-Bidwell), chair
- Rep. **Kirk Schuring** (R-Canton), vice chair
- Rep. **Denise Driehaus** (D-Cincinnati), ranking member

**Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee**

- Sen. **Scott Oelslager** (R-Canton), chair
- Sen. **Bill Coley** (R-Liberty Township), vice chair
- Sen. **Michael J. Skindell** (D-Lakewood), ranking member

**House Finance and Appropriations Subcommittee on Primary and Secondary Education**

- Rep. **Robert R. Cupp** (R-Lima), chair
- Rep. **Tim Derickson** (R-Oxford),

vice chair

- Rep. **Stephanie Kunze** (R-Hilliard)
- Rep. **Debbie Phillips** (D-Albany), ranking member
- Rep. **John Patterson** (D-Jefferson)

**Senate Finance Education Subcommittee**

- Sen. **Cliff Hite** (R-Findlay), chair
- Sen. **Tom Sawyer** (D-Akron), vice chair and ranking member
- Sen. **Troy Balderson** (R-Zanesville)
- Sen. **Bill Beagle** (R-Tipp City)
- Sen. **Bill Coley** (R-Liberty Township)
- Sen. **Peggy Lehner** (R-Kettering)
- Sen. **Cecil Thomas** (D-Cincinnati)
- Sen. **Kenny Yuko** (D-Richmond Heights)

**House Education Committee**

- Rep. **Bill Hayes** (R-Harrison Township), chair
- Rep. **Andrew Brenner** (R-Powell), vice chair

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## **OSBA deputy director of legal services position available**

The Ohio School Boards Association is accepting applications for the position of deputy director of legal services. Duties include representing the association in legal and administrative proceedings; advising and assisting the director of legal services on matters involving the business of the association including areas such as contracts, pension plan, employment law and personnel; providing education law information to public school board members; writing articles and publications; supervising designated division personnel; and developing and presenting training programs and seminars.

The successful candidate will have excellent analytical, written and verbal communication skills; experience successfully developing and implementing new programs; and a demonstrated ability to work effectively with both internal and external partners of the association. Experience in the field of education law, public sector law and/or nonprofit law is required.

Candidates for the position must be admitted to the Ohio Bar. Occasional travel and evening and weekend work is required. Suburban Columbus office, competitive salary and excellent fringe benefits. Resume, cover letter and salary requirements accepted by mail until Feb. 20, 2015, to: Ohio School Boards Association, Director of Legal Services, 8050 N. High St., Suite 100, Columbus, OH 43235-6481. Applications without salary requirements will not be considered. EOE.





# PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Bryan Bullock, assistant editor

## Central Ohio students study at the zoo, learn about animals

Thanks to a unique program coordinated by **Delaware Area Career Center**, high school students are taking classes at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium.

The program, in its 12th year, is one of a few in the nation that allows students to attend public school classes at a zoo. The classes are open to 40 to 45 students with a strong scientific interest in biology and zoology.

Zoo school students take classes like zoology and chemistry in the

basement of the polar bear exhibit building and complete yearlong research projects. At the end of the school year, students present their unique research projects to zoo staff members for feedback.

The experience gives students the chance to work closely with animals and evaluate a possible career option.

"I've learned animals are more of an interest than a career choice for me," **Sam Grodhaus**, a junior at **Dublin City's** Dublin Jerome

High School, told a local newspaper.

Other students in the program have gone on to become veterinarians, zookeepers and biologists. Qualified students from any school district can attend the zoo school if they're accepted and have transportation. Students earn high school credit for classes and research projects; they're also eligible to receive as many as seven college credits.

Source: *The Columbus Dispatch*

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- Rep. **Louis W. Blessing III** (R-Cincinnati)
- Rep. **Robert R. Cupp** (R-Lima)
- Rep. **Tim Derickson** (R-Oxford)
- Rep. **Michael Henne** (R-Clayton)
- Rep. **Stephen A. Huffman** (R-Tipp City)
- Rep. **Kyle Koehler** (R-Springfield)
- Rep. **Nathan H. Manning** (R-North Ridgeville)
- Rep. **Kristina Roegner** (R-Hudson)
- Rep. **Marilyn Slaby** (R-Copley)
- Rep. **Ryan Smith** (R-Bidwell)
- Rep. **Teresa Fedor** (D-Toledo), ranking member
- Rep. **Janine Boyd** (D-Cleveland Heights)
- Rep. **Bill Patmon** (D-Cleveland)
- Rep. **John Patterson** (D-Jefferson)

- Rep. **Debbie Phillips** (D-Albany)
- Rep. **Dan Ramos** (D-Lorain)
- Rep. **Kent Smith** (D-Euclid)

### Senate Education Committee

- Sen. **Peggy Lehner** (R-Kettering), chair
- Sen. **Cliff Hite** (R-Findlay), vice chair
- Sen. **Troy Balderson** (R-Zanesville)
- Sen. **Bill Coley** (R-Liberty Township)
- Sen. **Randy Gardner** (R-Bowling Green)
- Sen. **Kris Jordan** (R-Ostrander)
- Sen. **Gayle Manning** (R-North Ridgeville)
- Sen. **Bob Peterson** (R-Sabina)
- Sen. **Chris Widener**

- (R-Springfield)
- Sen. **Tom Sawyer** (D-Akron), ranking member
- Sen. **Cecil Thomas** (D-Cincinnati)
- Sen. **Sandra Williams** (D-Cleveland)
- Sen. **Kenny Yuko** (D-Richmond Heights)

Over the next several weeks the focus will turn to the state biennial budget, which may include a lot of legislation affecting public schools. Watch for OSBA eAlerts containing updates on the various issues being considered.

For the latest legislative updates contact the OSBA legislative division at (800) 589-6722.

*Editor's note:* All information in this article was current as of Jan. 29.

## February 2015

- 10 OSBA MTA Program: Public relations and working with the media ..... Columbus
- 10 OSBA Book Club webinar #1
- 23 *Last day to file (by 4 p.m.) as a write-in candidate for May primary election — RC 3513.041 (72 days prior to the election).*

## March 2015

- 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.*
- 3 SchoolComp Workers' Compensation Workshop ..... Findlay
- 4 SchoolComp Workers' Compensation Workshop ..... Rootstown
- 4 OSBA Book Club webinar #2
- 4 Empowering school governance teams to improve student achievement..... Wilmington
- 4 Northeast Region Spring Conference..... Canton
- 5 Empowering school governance teams to improve student achievement..... Lancaster

- 10 Empowering school governance teams to improve student achievement..... Smithville
- 10 Southwest Region Spring Conference..... Clayton
- 11 SchoolComp Workers' Compensation Workshop ..... Athens
- 11 Central Region Spring Conference..... Columbus
- 12 Northwest Region Spring Conference..... Sandusky
- 13 Management Development Series #1: Are you taking school safety for granted? ..... Columbus
- 17 Southeast Region Spring Conference..... Piketon
- 18 Empowering school governance teams to improve student achievement..... Van Wert
- 19 Southeast Region Spring Conference..... Zanesville
- 20 Special Education Law Workshop ..... Columbus
- 24 OSBA Book Club webinar #3
- 25 State Legislative Conference.. Columbus
- 26 SchoolComp Workers' Compensation Workshop ..... Sharonville
- 27 Cyberlaw Seminar ..... Columbus
- 30 SchoolComp Workers' Compensation Workshop ..... Columbus

- 31 *End of second ADM reporting period — RC 3317.03(A).*

## April 2015

- 1 OSBA MTA Program: Routing and technology ..... Columbus
- 6 *Last day for voter registration for May election — RC 3503.01, 3503.19(A) (30 days prior to the election).*
- 7 OSBA MTA Program: Routing and technology ..... Columbus
- 7 Southwest Region Executive Committee meeting..... TBD
- 15 *Last day for certain board members and administrators to file financial disclosure forms with the Ohio Ethics Commission — RC 102.02.*
- 21 Student privacy in a digital age webinar
- 23 Management Development Series #2 Workshop ..... Columbus
- 26 Southeast Region Executive Committee meeting..... Zanesville
- 27 *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).*