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Districts, communities honoring school board members this month

January is School Board Recognition Month, an annual observance honoring board members for their year-round commitment to Ohio public education and nearly 1.8 million schoolchildren. OSBA is working with school districts and their communities across the state to thank board members for their dedicated service. OSBA is sending districts personalized certificates for each board member and offers an electronic resource kit with ideas for honoring them at www.ohioschoolboards.org/school-board-recognition-month.

Multiple reports on poor charter school performance spark response

The past month has seen numerous studies detailing the dismal performance and lack of accountability of Ohio charter schools, including one report from the Thomas B. Fordham Institute, a staunchly pro-charter organization. In addition, editorials in major newspapers around the state are calling on the legislature to address charters' shortcomings, especially in those schools operated by for-profit firms. In the wake of these reports, Gov. **John Kasich** is calling for the General Assembly to work with him to develop "tough regulations" for charter schools.

Southeast Ohio's Ed Penrod takes office as 2015 OSBA president

Ed Penrod, Logan-Hocking Local (Hocking) and Tri-County Career Center, became OSBA president on Jan. 1. Penrod, who has been a board member for nearly 20 years, has held numerous state and regional leadership roles with OSBA and represented the association on several national committees. In addition, his ongoing dedication to professional development and service has earned him multiple OSBA Awards of Achievement and the Master Board Member award, a lifetime distinction.

It's time to start planning Black History Month activities

February is Black History Month and this year's theme is a Century of Black Life, History and Culture. Following are several resources — among hundreds of others available — to help schools incorporate Black History Month lessons into the classroom as well as other activities: <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/73753>; <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/32201>; <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/56958>; and <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/17049>.

State offering free safety tip line to all Ohio schools

To enhance student safety, the Ohio Department of Education and Ohio Department of Public Safety have launched the SaferOH tip line that accepts calls and texts around the clock from schools that register for the service. This free safety

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- ☐ Newly appointed board members
- ☐ Transportation supervisors

resource enables students and adults to anonymously share information with school and law enforcement officials about threats to student safety, whether it involves a threat to a group or harm to a single student. Any Ohio school or district can sign up for the tip line at <http://safer.schools.ohio.gov>.

E-cigarette use among teens on the rise, study finds

A new federal study finds there are now more teens using e-cigarettes than traditional cigarettes. Learn more at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/66060>.

SW Region seeks nominations for outstanding staff awards

The OSBA Southwest Region will honor outstanding staff members at its March 10 Spring Conference. Districts are encouraged to nominate outstanding administrators,

classified staff, faculty members, treasurers, superintendents and public relations staff, as well as board members from neighboring districts. The deadline is Feb. 15. Nomination forms were mailed to superintendents and are posted at www.ohioschoolboards.org/sw-region in the "Downloads"

section. For details, contact Southwest Regional Manager **Ronald J. Diver** at (937) 746-7641 or rdiver@ohioschoolboards.org.

OSBA Award of Achievement deadline only days away

The application deadline for the OSBA Award of Achievement is Jan. 19. The award recognizes school board members for participating in workshops, volunteering for service to OSBA and working on behalf of their own boards. Applications can be downloaded at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/43085>. For questions, contact **Judy Morgan** at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or jmorgan@ohioschoolboards.org.

OSBA online

● www.ohioschoolboards.org

OSBA has more than 30 training events scheduled in the coming months. For details and to register, visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops.

Princeton City board member helps clothe those in need

A **Princeton City** project to provide winter coats to students has grown into volunteer organization that offers clothing to those in need throughout the community all year.

Board member **Susan Wyder**, a teacher in the district at the time, helped start the effort in 2011. The organization, known as Princeton Closet, grew rapidly and today provides coats, clothing and school supplies to anyone who needs them. The donations are kept in the basement of the Princeton City Administration Center and volunteers help process items. Wyder spends her retirement helping run Princeton Closet.

"We always help," Wyder told a local newspaper. "I gave out 100 coats last week."

Source: *The Community Press*



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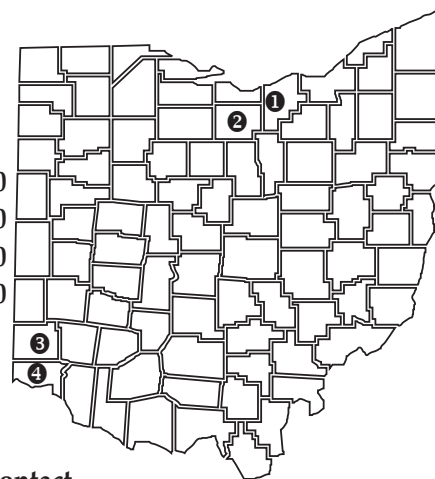
BULLETIN BOARD

compiled by Melanie Price, administrative assistant of communication services

OSBA executive searches

Superintendent

District	Deadline	Contact
❶ Elyria City	Jan. 16	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
❷ Norwalk City	Jan. 23	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
❸ Hamilton City	Feb. 13	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
❹ Mount Healthy City	Feb. 13	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000



Other searches

Position	District	Deadline	Contact
Superintendent	London City	Jan. 26	Chris Mohr and Dennis Leone, K-12 Business Consultants Inc., (740) 649-2173
Superintendent	Adams County-Ohio Valley Local (Adams)	Feb. 6	Tina Hageman, treasurer, Adams County-Ohio Valley Local, (937) 544-5586, ext. 17200
Superintendent	New Bremen Local (Auglaize)	Feb. 13	Ann Harvey, superintendent, Auglaize County ESC, (419) 738-3422
Superintendent	Bright Local (Highland)	Feb. 18	Tony Long, superintendent, Southern Ohio ESC, (937) 382-6921

Board changes

Bexley City Board of Education member **Carol Fey** announced her resignation effective Jan. 12. ●●● **Strasburg-Franklin Local (Tuscarawas)** appointed **Dan Donato** to the board effective Dec. 12. He replaced **Susan Marie Samsa**, who died in November.

Administrative changes

Superintendents

Arcadia Local (Hancock) Superintendent **Laurie M. Walles** announced her retirement effective June 30. ●●● **Edon Northwest Local (Williams)** hired **John Granger** as interim superintendent effective Jan. 5. He replaced **Edward Ewers**, who took the assistant superintendent position at **Penta Career Center**.

Editor's note

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

Treasurers

Central Local (Defiance) hired **Kerry Samples** as treasurer effective Jan. 1. He replaced **Ted Penner**, who retired. Samples previously was treasurer at **Edon Northwest Local (Williams)** and **Edgerton Local (Williams)**. Edon Northwest Local and Edgerton Local hired **William Blakely** as treasurer effective Jan. 1. Blakely previously was the fiscal officer for the village of Edgerton. ●●● **Coshocton City** hired Interim Treasurer **Felicia Drummey** as treasurer effective Jan. 1. ●●● **Four County Career Center** hired **Connie Nicely** as treasurer effective Jan. 1. She previously was the treasurer at **Ayersville Local (Defiance)**. ●●● **Fredericktown Local (Knox)** hired **Heather Darnold** as treasurer effective Feb. 1. She will replace **Pat Miller**, who is retiring. Darnold currently is the treasurer at **Knox County ESC**. ●●● **Valley Local (Scioto)** Treasurer **Michael W. Bennett** announced his retirement effective Dec. 31, 2014.

Sympathies

Former **Anthony Wayne Local (Lucas)** Board of Education member **Franklyn J. "Frank" Roach** died Dec. 9. He was 84. ●●● Former **Barberton City** Assistant Superintendent and **Poland Local (Mahoning)** Superintendent **Dr. Milan Pavkov** died Dec. 6. He was 88. ●●● Former **Cleveland Municipal** Board of Education member **William F. Boyd** died Dec. 7. He was 99. ●●● **Lester E. Ward Jr.**, a member of the former **Darke County** School Board, died Dec. 10. He was 92. ●●● **Eastern Local (Brown)** Board of Education member **Michael Hoskins** died Nov. 24. He was 57. ●●● Former **Fairborn City** and **Greene County Career Center** Board of Education member **Thomas S. "Tom" Swaim** died Dec. 6. He was 78. ●●● Former **Greenville City** Board of Education member **John Wendell Spidel** died Dec. 3. He was 77. ●●● Former **Howland Local (Trumbull)** Board of Education member **John W. Kurtz** died Dec. 10. He was 88. ●●● **Robert "Bob" E. Kettlewell**, a member of the former **Indian Valley South** Board of Education in Tuscarawas County, died Dec. 12. He was 89. ●●● Former **Jackson Local (Stark)** Board of Education member **Dr. Richard C. Drukenbrod** died Dec. 13. He was 82. ●●● Former **Oak Hills Local (Hamilton)** Superintendent **Lawrence W. "Larry" Borcharding** died Dec. 7. He was 67. ●●● Former **Port Clinton City** Board of Education member **Ronald William Blackburn** died Dec. 5. He was 80. ●●● **Pymatuning Valley Local (Ashtabula)** Board of Education member **Sandi Lee Smith** died Dec. 10. She was 59. ●●● Former **Upper Sandusky EV** Board of Education member **Rodger R. Carpenter** died Dec. 5. He was 76.



FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

compiled by Angela Penquite, assistant editor

Reward your favorite teacher

The Barnes & Noble My Favorite Teacher Contest asks students to write an essay, poem or thank-you letter that describes how a teacher influenced their life. Winning teachers will be recognized at a special event at their local Barnes & Noble store, and the winner of the Barnes & Noble Teacher of the Year Award and his or her school will be honored.

Maximum awards: \$5,000 for the Teacher of the Year winner and his or her school

Eligibility: middle and high school students

Deadline: March 1

Contact: <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/49937>

Promoting innovative teaching

The Ecology / Environmental Teaching Award will be given to a

teacher who has successfully developed and demonstrated an innovative approach in the teaching of ecology / environmental science and has carried his or her commitment to the environment into the community.

Maximum awards: \$500 of Vernier equipment and \$1,000 for professional development

Eligibility: secondary teachers

Deadline: March 15

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Ohio School Boards Association's

Award of Achievement



**The Award of Achievement
will inspire and challenge you!**

The OSBA Award of Achievement recognizes board members for their willingness to enroll and participate in workshops and conferences, volunteer for service to their association and work on behalf of their own board.

The Award of Achievement is a special honor and distinction available only to Ohio school board members.

Award of Achievement is a commitment to learning

To earn the Award of Achievement, you must complete an application that documents you have obtained 100 credits toward the award. These credits must be earned within a two-year period. To achieve the Master Board Member award, a board member must earn 300 credits over a four-year period. Once a board member receives the Master Board Member honor, the distinction is recognized for life.

Board members can confirm the OSBA committees they have served on and workshops they've attended by visiting the OSBA website (www.ohioschoolboards.org). You must log in, then click on "My Account" at the top right of the page to see a list of workshops attended, upcoming training and 2014 committees and roles. If you do not have a username or password, contact OSBA at (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA.

The 2014 Award of Achievement and the Master Board Member Award will be presented at the 2015 OSBA spring regional conferences. For more details and an online application, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/43085>. If you need a paper copy of the application, contact OSBA at (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA.

Application deadline: Jan. 19

Become a better board leader

Attend the Board Presidents Workshop

Two dates and four locations to choose from:

- Saturday, Jan. 31, at the OSBA office in Columbus or Northeast Ohio Medical University in Rootstown
- Saturday, Feb. 7, at the Hilton Garden Inn in Findlay or 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 the board president to attend; board members looking to increase their leadership skills also can benefit.

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

Unfortunately, too many board presidents 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 them to be well-informed and have the skills to carry out their 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; building team relationships; consensus building; indicators of an effective board; and effective facilitation.

Agenda

8:30 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.	Public Finance Resources
10:15 a.m.	You ask us! Open Q&A with OSBA staff	1:30 p.m.	Management matters for 2015 <i>OSBA management services division</i>
10:45 a.m.	Break	3 p.m.	Wrap-up and adjourn
11 a.m.	Keeping it legal: What board presidents need to know <i>OSBA legal services division</i>		



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.

OSBA MASTER OF TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATION (MTA) PROGRAM

This series of workshops will help those involved in student transportation better understand and perform day-to-day operations.

These half-day workshops — each offered from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. — will include a working lunch and time for questions. Each class is scheduled twice; participants may sign up for either session. All workshops will be at the OSBA office, 8050 N. High St., Columbus, 43235. Visit

www.ohioschoolboards.org/transportation-training-programs to read workshop descriptions and learn about the MTA certification program.

The cost is \$90 per workshop. Register online at www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops. You also can purchase a subscription plan for all the workshops in this series. For any questions about the program, contact **Diana Paulins**, OSBA senior administrative assistant of policy services, at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or mta@ohioschoolboards.org.



Public relations and working with the media — Feb. 4 or Feb. 10

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 to let your community know about the resources your transportation department offers.

Routing and technology — April 1 or April 7

Maximizing route efficiency is essential in today’s school environment. No one can afford to run extra buses or those that only serve a few students. Look at proven strategies for determining how many buses you need and routing styles. This session also discusses technologies to help with routing and the costs and benefits of that technology.

Buy that bus and put the plan together — May 6 or May 12

Review the bus purchase process and how to determine when it is time to buy or lease, including a review of the data you need to make the right decision. Learn about operational plans, work calendars and how to schedule or delegate projects. Much of what you do has a critical work path, so it’s important to plan ahead. Learn how building your stakeholder groups and support network is key to your success.

Get what *you* want, when *you* want it!

OSBA’s customized workshops allow your school district to schedule and tailor workshops designed to meet your specific needs. OSBA’s highly experienced staff is here to serve you at your convenience. Customized workshops include:

- team-building exercises,
- goal-setting or strategic-planning activities,
- conflict-resolution sessions,
- topics customized to fit your needs.

To schedule a customized workshop or for further information, please contact **Kathy LaSota** at kLasota@ohioschoolboards.org or (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA.





WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

Board Presidents Workshop

- ☐ Jan. 31, Columbus, \$165
- ☐ Jan. 31, Rootstown, \$165
- ☐ Feb. 7, Findlay, \$165
- ☐ Feb. 7, Miamisburg, \$165

OSBA MTA program

- ☐ Feb. 4, Columbus, \$90
- ☐ Feb. 10, Columbus, \$90
- ☐ April 1, Columbus, \$90
- ☐ April 7, Columbus, \$90
- ☐ May 6, Columbus, \$90
- ☐ May 12, Columbus, \$90

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.



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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.

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Contact: <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/68104>

Connecting generations

The Listen to a Life Essay Contest, sponsored by the Legacy Project of Generations United, asks students to interview a

grandparent or grand-friend 50 years or older about the older person's hopes and goals throughout their life, how they achieved their goals and overcame obstacles, or how their dreams may have changed along the way. The student then writes a 300-

word essay based on the interview.

Maximum awards: a Lenovo ThinkCentre computer

Eligibility: students ages 8-18

Deadline: March 31

Contact: www.legacyproject.org/contests



COMMUNICATIONS

by Candace Wilson, communications consultant

Is it news? Tips to consider before sending a story to the media

Free publicity, often called "earned media," is worth its weight in gold, especially if the story is one you have shaped yourself. The programs, student and staff achievements, and activities that go on in schools are a rich source of news for your community. But how can you be sure your local paper will print your stories? You have to know what news is and provide the details they need.

What makes a good story?

Journalists have various criteria they use to determine if a story is newsworthy. Apply them to your stories for a greater likelihood of getting published:

● **Is it timely?** — Is your story about something that happened recently? Ideally, "news" has happened since the last publication, but there may be factors that mitigate the timeliness factor. Has your news been

announced locally yet? Is it interesting and not date-specific?

● **Is it significant?** — Who is affected by what you want to report? Is it changing lives? Is it changing perceptions or expectations?

● **Is it of local interest?** — Stories that happen in your community — your school stories — are newsworthy to your local or neighborhood papers:

◆ Have you held a recognition ceremony for your volunteers? Send a press release and get your volunteers more local recognition for the contributions they make.

◆ Write about your partnerships with local clubs and businesses.

◆ Your voters are always interested in how the district is managing its money. Look for ways to show how well you are managing resources.

● **Is it something new?** — Is your

story something unexpected, a story that hasn't been told before? What are the good things going on in your schools that people don't know about? What are the community members' perceptions about your district? Can you surprise them with stories and facts about student progress, innovations or your graduates' successes?

● **Is any prominent person or organization involved?** — Is a state legislator coming to visit? Is the local Rotary involved? Have students done volunteer work at a local food bank or nursing home?

● **Is there a good photo opportunity?** — Sometimes newspapers will run a story simply because there is a good photo to go with it.

● **Are there statistics?** — People like hard facts and comparisons. Remember to include some examples, personal elements or

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graphics to help make facts easy to understand and remember.

● **Are records being set?** — People like hearing about records and milestones, like the first, biggest, youngest or most.

● **Is it topical?** — Is there a topic in the regional or national news you can piggyback on with a local angle?

News about the national science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) initiative opens the door for a story about your local efforts in that area.

Incidents that affect student safety give you an opportunity to talk about the latest safety upgrade.

New research on nutrition allows you to talk about changes in your school meal program.

Does your district exceed national or state averages in test

scores? Time your story pitch with the release of those statistics.

Human interest stories are a class apart

Human interest stories don't need to meet the same criteria for newsworthiness. A human interest story needs to reveal something dramatic, quirky or colorful about the human condition or character. Write success stories about the people who make up your organization. Everyone likes to hear how people have overcome obstacles to achieve success. Human interest stories also can help put faces on larger concepts or narratives you want to tell.

Keep the reader in mind

Stories that are relevant or meaningful to the reader are

considered more newsworthy. What do readers in your community want to know? They might like to know that students are doing well in school, money is being well spent and students have options that fit their different needs and lead them to success in work and life. They may want to know there is a program that provides meals for eligible children in the summer. They may want to know the district is making efforts to be "green." People want to feel a sense of pride about their community. Your stories can give them specific things to be proud about.

Make it personal

Put a human face on your story. If you are describing a new program, get quotes from a teacher and a few students that give their points of view.

If you are writing about a budget cut, feature a few students or families who may be affected. If you are writing about school leaders, get a quote from them about why they care about their work.

If you are writing about student recognition or awards, be sure to quote the students and tell something about them, such as what they like in school, what their hobbies are, what their dreams and aspirations are and how they got involved in the activity for which they received the award.

Ask the right questions

You want your stories to be

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Need help reaching a peaceful agreement?

OSBA's bargaining consultation services offer your district comprehensive representation services during negotiations, and/or traditional and alternative bargaining styles.



Bargaining consultation clients receive:

- low-cost service fees;
- flexible rates;
- experienced negotiators;
- statewide experience.

For more information on how bargaining consultation can work for your district, contact OSBA's management services division at (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA.



PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Bryan Bullock, assistant editor

Sylvania City teacher joins NASA for Orion pre-launch event

A **Sylvania City** teacher recently participated in a NASA event that served as an out-of-this-world educational experience for him and his students.

Sylvania Northview High School teacher **Ryan Reed** was one of 16 people invited to the NASA Glenn Research Center in Cleveland. The event was held to correspond with the launch of NASA's new spacecraft, Orion, in Florida. The spacecraft, which is designed to eventually fly to Mars,

did two orbits around Earth and returned.

The Cleveland event was one of a variety nationwide designed to build excitement about the NASA mission; attendees were encouraged to use social media to share their experience. The program included an Orion pre-flight and mission briefing that explained the science behind the launch.

"My students are pretty excited, as am I," Reed told a local

newspaper. "I talk about these topics almost daily with all of my students, even the ones not into rockets, because NASA is the top of the food chain for science and engineering."

Reed, an engineering teacher and adviser to an award-winning Rocketry Club, said he plans to discuss his NASA experience in the classroom. He used Twitter to share in real time what he learned during the NASA event.

Source: *The (Toledo) Blade*

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interesting, meaningful and memorable. Look for opportunities to bring out the story within the story.

If you are writing about students involved in a regional competition, ask the students why they are participating and what they learned from the experience. Find out how they think they will use what they learned in the future.

If you are describing a program that is headed for the chopping block, interview families and students who have benefited from the program in the past. Find out what it meant to them and how they are using what they learned.

If you are announcing a teacher award, use the opportunity to profile him or her and ask questions about how and why he or she became a teacher.

If you are reporting on a student's accomplishment, get some quotes from the student about his or her interests, favorite subjects and possible mentors.

Build relationships with your media representatives

Make friends with your media representatives. Good relationships with the press are a boon, especially during a crisis. Ask them what kind of stories they are looking for and be responsive when they ask for information.

Other routes to publication

Don't forget that you can earn "new" media coverage, too. Look beyond the traditional print sources to local blogs and online news sites. If you expand your media list, you will have a greater chance of getting coverage and reaching a wider audience.

Hyperlocal sites focus on topics relevant to your community. Do a Web search for sites in your community. Also, don't forget to post your news on your own website; make sure to include all the press releases you send out to your media list.

Source: Washington State School Directors' Association

January 2015

- 13 Southwest Region Executive Committee Meeting Franklin
- 15 Deadline for boards of education of city, exempted village, vocational and local school districts to meet and organize — RC 3313.14; last day for boards of education of city, exempted village, vocational and local school districts to adopt tax budgets for the coming school fiscal year — RC 5705.28(A) (1).
- 20 Last day for boards of education to submit fiscal tax-year budget to county auditor — RC 5705.30; last day to submit certification for May conversion levy to tax commissioner — RC 5705.219(B) (105 days prior to election).
- 21 Central Region Executive Committee meeting..... Columbus
- 26 Last day to submit certification for May income tax levy to Ohio Department of Taxation — RC 5748.02(A) (100 days prior to the election).
- 30 Last day to submit May emergency levy, current operating expenses levy or conversion levy to county auditor for May election — RC 5705.194, 5705.195, 5705.213, 5705.219 (95 days prior to the election); annual campaign finance reports must be filed by certain candidates, political action committees, caucus committees

(legislative campaign funds) and political parties (by 4 p.m.) detailing contributions and expenditures from the last day reflected in the previous report through Dec. 31, 2014 — RC 3517.10(A)(3).

- 31 Board Presidents Workshop.. Columbus
- 31 Board Presidents Workshop Rootstown
- 31 Deadline for educational service center (ESC) governing boards to meet and organize — RC 3313.14.

February 2015

- 3 Special Election Day — RC 3501.01 (first Tuesday after the first Monday).
- 4 OSBA MTA Program: Public relations and working with the media Columbus
- 4 Northeast Region Executive Committee Meeting Wadsworth
- 4 Last day for school district to file resolution of necessity, resolution to proceed and auditor's certification for bond levy with board of elections for May election — RC 133.18(D); last day for county auditor to certify school district bond levy terms for May election — RC 133.18(C); last day to submit continuing replacement, permanent improvement or operating levy for May election to board of elections — RC

5705.192, 5705.21, 5705.25; last day to certify resolution for school district income tax levy, conversion levy or renewal of conversion levy for May election to board of elections — RC 5748.02(C), 5705.219 (C) and (G); last day to submit emergency levy for May election to board of elections — RC 5705.195; last day to submit phased-in levy or current operating expenses levy for May election to board of elections — RC 5705.251(A) (90 days prior to the election).

- 7 Board Presidents Workshop..... Findlay
- 7 Board Presidents Workshop Miamisburg
- 8 Northwest Region Executive Committee meeting..... TBD
- 8 Southeast Region Executive Committee meeting..... Logan
- 10 OSBA MTA Program: Public relations and working with the media Columbus
- 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).

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- 1 Last day to take action and deliver written notice of nonrenewal of superintendent's contract — RC 3319.01.