

# BRIEF CASE

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## OSBA partnering with AG's office on School Safety Task Force

The Ohio attorney general has expanded his School Safety Task Force to include OSBA and the Buckeye Association of School Administrators, Ohio Association of School Business Officials and Ohio Department of Education. Attorney General **Mike DeWine** announced the move at a Dec. 19 news conference following the Connecticut school shootings. The task force, created after the 2012 Chardon High School shootings, provides school safety and security training and information. For details, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/92296> or contact the attorney general's office.

## Ohio honoring school board members during January

January is School Board Recognition Month and schools and communities across Ohio are thanking board members for their dedicated service. OSBA sent districts personalized certificates for each board member and created a resource kit with ideas for recognition activities. The kit can be downloaded at [www.ohioschoolboards.org/school-board-recognition-month](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/school-board-recognition-month). OSBA will feature districts' celebrations on its website and in the *Journal* magazine. Send information and photos to **Crystal Davis** at [cdavis@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:cdavis@ohioschoolboards.org) or 8050 N. High St., Suite 100, Columbus, OH 43235, or submit them online at [www.ohioschoolboards.org/forms/sbrm.php](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/forms/sbrm.php).

## Commemorate Black History Month in February

The observance of Black History Month each February gives districts the chance to celebrate the countless contributions of millions of African-Americans. Many excellent resources are available to help districts explore these valuable contributions. They include: the National Archives, <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/32201>; Share My Lesson, <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/46117>; National Education Association, <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/89965>; and Association for the Study of African-American Life and History, [www.asalh.org](http://www.asalh.org).

## American math, science scores exceed international average

Results of the most recent Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study showed U.S. fourth- and eighth-graders scoring above the world average in the prominent assessment. Fourth-graders scored among the top 15 education systems in math and the top 10 in science. Eighth-graders ranked in the top 24 in math and the top 23 in science. For details, visit [nces.ed.gov/timss/results11.asp](http://nces.ed.gov/timss/results11.asp).

## OSBA's Federal Relation Network team going to Washington

OSBA Federal Relations Network (FRN) representatives and several staff members will meet with Ohio's congressional delegation in Washington, D.C., during the

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### Route workshop information to:

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National School Boards Association FRN Conference, Jan. 27-29. FRN is a grassroots advocacy network of board members from around the U.S. appointed by their state associations to maintain close contact with their senators and representatives and keep them informed of the school board perspective on public education. In addition to meeting with their representatives, attendees will participate in sessions focusing on legislative advocacy and educational issues. For more information, visit [www.nsb.org/Advocacy/FRN](http://www.nsb.org/Advocacy/FRN).

### Licking Valley students give back during the holidays

**Licking Valley Local (Licking)** students took a lead role in collecting donations this holiday season for area families in need.

Licking Valley High School honors students recently gathered donations, bundled gifts and delivered items to Licking County Job and Family Services, which operates an adopt-a-family program.

This year, the volunteer-backed program provided gifts from its 300 donors to more than 250 families and 600 children. Licking Valley National Honor Society students comprised the largest donor group, providing gifts for 60 children.

"I didn't realize how many kids and teens are in need," **Taylor Carmer**, a high school senior and chairperson for the adopt-a-family effort, told a local newspaper.

Source: *The Newark Advocate*

### eTech Ohio hosting annual technology conference

The Ohio Technology Conference, hosted by eTech Ohio, will take place at the Greater Columbus Convention Center Feb. 11-13. The 15th annual conference will feature general session speakers and more than 500

sessions and events focusing on educational technology models and practices. For details, visit [www.etechnology.org/conference](http://www.etechnology.org/conference).

### IRS increases business mileage rate by a penny

The Internal Revenue Service recently announced that the 2013

optional standard mileage rate used to calculate the deductible costs of operating an automobile for business purposes is 56.5 cents per mile, up one cent from last year. The mileage rate is based on an annual study of the fixed and variable costs of operating an automobile.



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### This month in OSBA history

Five regional Boardmanship Schools conducted around the state in January 1964 drew 1,400 new and veteran school board members and administrators.

### OSBA online

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

OSBA has created a link to the Sandy Hook School Support Fund at [www.ohioschoolboards.org/sandy-hook-school-support-fund](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/sandy-hook-school-support-fund). The fund provides support to the families and community affected by the tragic killings at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn., last month.



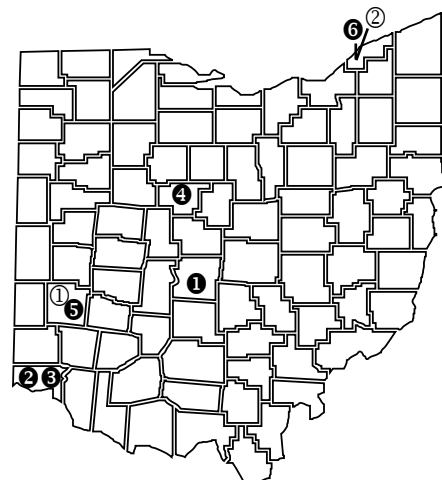
# BULLETIN BOARD

compiled by Melanie Price, administrative assistant of communication services

## OSBA executive searches

### Superintendent

District	Deadline	Contact
① Whitehall City	Jan. 16	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
② Winton Woods City	Feb. 6	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
③ Finneytown Local (Hamilton)	Feb. 15	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
④ Marion City	Feb. 22	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
⑤ Vandalia-Butler City	Feb. 25	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
⑥ Painesville City Local (Lake)	TBD	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000



① = Superintendent  
① = Treasurer

### Treasurer

District	Deadline	Contact
① Dayton City	Jan. 18	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
② Painesville City Local (Lake)	TBD	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000

## Other searches

Position	District	Deadline	Contact
Superintendent	Clyde-Green Springs EV	Feb. 15	Mandy Martin, personnel & licensure, North Point ESC, (419) 627-3908
Superintendent	East Clinton Local (Clinton)	Feb. 22	Tony Long, superintendent, Southern Ohio ESC, (937) 382-6921

## Board changes

Mathews Local (Trumbull) Board of Education member **Donald Neil Cheffo** announced his resignation effective Dec. 19 due to moving out of the district. ●●● Newbury Local (Geauga) Board of Education member **L. Judd Douglas** announced his resignation effective Jan. 1 due to moving out of the district. ●●● Parkway Local (Mercer) Board of Education member **Terry Keiser** announced her resignation effective Dec. 11 due to moving out of the district. ●●● Switzerland of Ohio Local (Monroe) appointed **Justin Isaly** to the board effective Dec. 20. He replaced **Rob Caldwell**, who resigned.

## Administrative changes

### Superintendents

Beavercreek City hired Interim Superintendent Dr. **William McGlothlin** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. ●●● Butler Tech Superintendent **Brett H. Smith** announced his resignation effective Dec. 31. The board appointed Assistant Director

### Editor's note

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

of Curriculum **Bill Miller** as acting superintendent effective Jan. 1. ●●● **East Clinton Local (Clinton)** Superintendent **Gary West** announced his retirement effective July 31. ●●● **Findlay City** Superintendent Dr. **Dean Wittwer** announced his retirement effective May 31. ●●● **Jefferson Area Local (Ashtabula)** Superintendent **Douglas Hladek** announced his retirement effective June 30. ●●● **Mount Vernon City** Superintendent **Steve Short** announced his retirement effective June 30. ●●● **Northridge Local (Licking)** hired Dr. **Chris Briggs** as superintendent effective Jan. 14. He replaces Interim Superintendent **George Tombaugh**. Briggs is currently a regional executive director at **Columbus City**. ●●● **Northwest Local (Hamilton)** Superintendent **J. Richard Glatfelter** announced his resignation effective April 1. ●●● **Paulding EV** hired **John Basinger** as interim superintendent effective Jan. 1. He replaced **Patricia Ross**, who took the superintendent position at **Antwerp Local (Paulding)**. ●●● **Perry Local (Stark)** Superintendent Dr. **John V. Richard** announced his retirement effective Jan. 31. He has taken the senior executive director position at the Ohio Department of Education. The district hired Assistant Superintendent **Martin Bowe** as superintendent effective Jan. 31. ●●● **Triad Local (Champaign)** hired **Matthew Sheridan** as superintendent effective July 1. He will replace Dr. **Craig M. Meredith**, who is retiring effective June 30. Sheridan is currently the elementary school principal at **Northern Local (Perry)**. ●●● **West Clermont Local (Clermont)** Superintendent Dr. **Gary Brooks** announced his retirement effective this spring.

### **Treasurers**

**North Fork Local (Licking)** hired **Tonya Mickley** as assistant treasurer effective Jan. 2. She will replace **Jack McDonald**, who is retiring May 31. Mickley, who will become treasurer upon McDonald's retirement, previously was a senior audit manager for the state auditor's office.

### **Sympathies**

Former **Bay Village City** Board of Education member **Dorothy Jane Hendershot** died Dec. 23. She was 80. ●●● Former **Buckeye Valley Local (Delaware)** Board of Education member **Mary Elizabeth Nugent Roberts** died Dec. 27. She was 88. ●●● Former **Conneaut Area City** Board of Education member **Chester A. Arcaro Sr.** died Dec. 27. He was 83. ●●● **Elyria City** Board of Education member **Richard Kaplan** died Dec. 10. He was 59. ●●● Former **Leetonia EV** Board of Education member **James E. "Jim" Stelts** died Dec. 28. He was 81. ●●● Former **New Lexington City** Board of Education member **Robert E. Sullivan** died Dec. 30. He was 78. ●●● Former **Port Clinton City** Board of Education member **Peggy Bredbeck** died Dec. 21. She was 64. ●●● **Richard Lee "Dick" Tolliver**, a member of the former **Roseville** School Board in Muskingum County, died Dec. 14. He was 76. ●●● Former **United Local (Columbiana)** Board of Education member **Walter J. "Toby" Blythe** died Dec. 23. He was 88. ●●● **Floyd Eugene Burkhart**, a member of the former **Whetstone** School Board in Crawford County prior to consolidation into **Colonel Crawford Local (Crawford)**, died Dec. 27. He was 87.

*You really can make a difference!*  
*... Because kids count!*



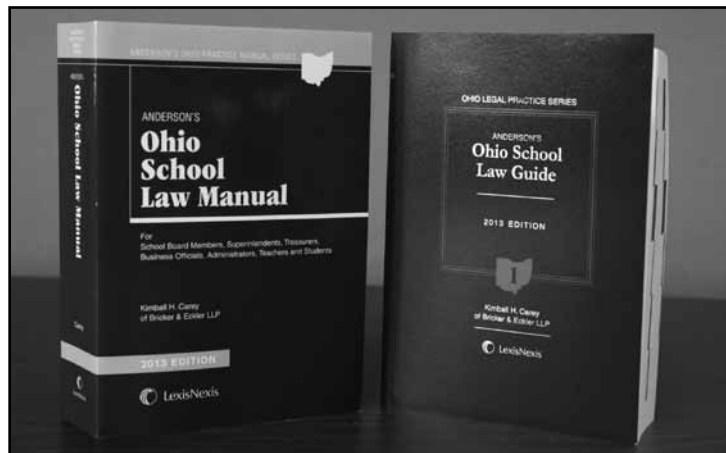
Children are our future and there is no greater investment than a child's education. By joining OSBA's political action committee, *Kids PAC*, you are helping to ensure all children in Ohio receive the quality education they deserve!

Contributions to *Kids PAC* can be made online at [www.kidspac.org](http://www.kidspac.org). To learn more about *Kids PAC*, contact **Marcella Gonzalez** at [mgonzalez@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:mgonzalez@ohioschoolboards.org) or call (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA.

# Stay up-to-date with the latest legal publications

Ohio's most comprehensive school law publication has been revised for 2013. The 2013 *Ohio School Law Guide*, a four-volume set, offers basic, easy-to-understand interpretations of Ohio statutes and regulations that govern public school operations. Written by Kimball H. Carey.

Also revised is the 2013 *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	Price	Total
2013 <i>Ohio School Law Guide</i>		\$333.00	
2013 <i>Ohio School Law Manual</i>		\$135.00	

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# Become a better board leader

## *Attend the Board Presidents Workshop*

Two dates and four locations to choose from:

- **Saturday, Jan. 26, at the OSBA office in Columbus or Owens Community College in Findlay**
- **Saturday, Feb. 2, at the Dayton Marriott in Dayton or Northeast Ohio Medical University in Rootstown**

**The workshops run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

These workshops, led by experienced OSBA staff, will present all 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 and feel that on-the-job training is all they need to responsibly lead the board. It is crucial to you and a benefit to your school district to be well-informed and skillful enough to carry out your leadership duties effectively. Bring your questions about leadership roles.

Topics to be covered include legal issues affecting board members; effective board meetings; using parliamentary procedure effectively; dealing with controversy and public participation; open meetings and executive sessions; successful communications; working as a team; consensus building; indicators of an effective board; and networking with your colleagues.

Cost for the workshop is \$160 per board member, and includes a copy of the *Board Presidents' Handbook*. To register, contact **Laurie Miller**, senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or [Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org). You can register online at [www.ohioschoolboards.org/event\\_listing](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/event_listing).



# Questions about workers' comp rates?

## Get answers at the 2013 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 five sites around Ohio, beginning at 8 a.m. and ending at 12:30 p.m. While there is no fee, registration is requested to accommodate those attending.

You can register on the Ohio Association of School Business Officials 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 5**

OSBA office, Columbus

► **Thursday, March 7**

Wyndham Garden Dayton South, Miamisburg

► **Friday, March 22**

Ohio University Inn and Conference Center, Athens

► **Tuesday, March 26**

Owens Community College, Findlay

► **Wednesday, March 27**

Northeast Ohio Medical University, Rootstown

## 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;
- experienced negotiators;
- flexible rates;
- 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.



# WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

## Board Presidents Workshop

- Jan. 26, Columbus, \$160
- Jan. 26, Findlay, \$160
- Feb. 2, Dayton, \$160
- Feb. 2, Rootstown, \$160

## 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 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.



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OSBA Registration Hotline,  
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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. Please include a purchase order number.

You may register on our website at [www.ohioschoolboards.org](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org). Events are listed at the bottom of the page. You will need a username and password.

### 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.





# LEGISLATIVE REPORT

by Michelle Francis, deputy director of legislative services

## A new year, a new General Assembly

The 129th Ohio General Assembly officially adjourned *sine die* on Dec. 20, which means any pending legislation that didn't pass during the session was officially dead. Legislators opened the 130th General Assembly's two-year term on Jan. 7. Republicans maintain control of both chambers by a margin of 60-39 in the House and 23-10 in the Senate.

### Membership

The new session will not bring the significant changes in membership and turnover that the General Assembly has seen in recent years. The House will have 17 new members, three of whom are veterans making a comeback. Following are the incoming House members:

- 2nd House District — Rep. **Mark Romanchuk** (R-Mansfield)
- 3rd district — Rep. **Tim Brown** (R-Bowling Green)
- 5th district — Rep. **Nick Barbcrak** (D-Lisbon)
- 17th district — Rep. **Mike Curtin** (D-Marble Cliff)
- 20th district — Rep. **Heather Bishoff** (D-Blacklick)
- 24th district — Rep. **Stephanie Kunze** (R-Hilliard)
- 29th district — Rep. **Louis Blessing III** (R-Cincinnati)
- 39th district — Rep. **Fred**

**Strahorn** (D-Dayton)

- 51st district — Rep. **Wes Retherford** (R-Hamilton)
- 60th district — Rep. **John Rogers** (D-Mentor-on-the-Lake)
- 65th district — Rep. **John Becker** (R-Union Township)
- 66th district — Rep. **Doug Green** (R-Mount Orab)
- 73rd district — Rep. **Rick Perales** (R-Beavercreek)
- 78th district — Rep. **Ron Hood** (R-Ashville)
- 82nd district — Rep. **Tony Burkley** (R-Paulding)
- 89th district — Rep. **Chris Redfern** (D-Catawba Island)
- 99th district — Rep. **John Patterson** (D-Jefferson)

Redfern, the current chairman of the Ohio Democratic Party, is returning to a seat he previously held. Strahorn has past experience in both the House and the Senate. Hood, who previously served several years in the House, won election to a new open seat.

The new members come from diverse backgrounds, and some have experience in education and local government. Bishoff is a former member of the **Gahanna-Jefferson City** Board of Education, Becker worked as a charter school treasurer and Patterson is a retired high school teacher who taught U.S. history.

The Senate, on the other hand, has just two new members: **Randy Gardner** (R-Bowling Green), who previously served as a state senator, and **Joseph Uecker** (R-Loveland). Both are coming over from the House and have years of legislative experience.

### Leadership

Senate Republicans elected **Keith Faber** (R-Celina) as president. **Chris Widener** (R-Springfield) will be president pro tempore; **Tom Patton** (R-Strongsville) will serve as majority floor leader; and **Larry Obhof** (R-Medina) moves into the majority whip position.

On the other side of the aisle in the Senate, the Democratic caucus unanimously selected Minority Leader **Eric Kearney** (D-Cincinnati) to retain his leadership position. In addition to Kearney, the minority caucus also re-elected Assistant Minority Leader **Joe Schiavoni** (D-Boardman); Minority Whip **Nina Turner** (D-Cleveland); and Assistant Minority Whip **Edna Brown** (D-Toledo).

In the House, **William B. Batchelder** (R-Medina) will be returning as speaker, with **Matt Huffman** (R-Lima) moving up to speaker pro tempore. Other leadership positions include

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**Barbara Sears** (R-Sylvania), majority floor leader; **John Adams** (R-Sidney), assistant majority floor leader; **Cheryl Grossman** (R-Grove City), majority whip; and **Jim Buchy** (R-Greenville), assistant majority whip.

House Democrats will maintain their leadership team, keeping **Armond Budish** (D-Beachwood) as minority leader; **Matt Szollosi** (D-Oregon) as assistant minority leader; **Tracy Heard** (D-Columbus) as minority whip; and **Debbie Phillips** (D-Athens) as assistant minority whip.

### Committee structure

Both the House and the Senate are finalizing their committee structure and appointments for the new General Assembly.

In the Senate, Faber announced a new committee arrangement that increases the number of standing panels to review legislation. It also

creates three subcommittees for the Finance Committee, which for several years has processed budget bills as a single entity. The new finance subcommittees will cover education, Medicaid and general government. The changes will increase the number of Senate committees and subcommittees from 13 to 20. Following are the Senate standing committees:

- Agriculture
- Energy & Natural Resources
- Public Utilities
- Education
- Workforce & Economic Development
- Transportation
- Local Government, Public Safety & Veterans Affairs
- State Government Oversight & Reform
- Criminal Justice
- Civil Justice
- Commerce & Labor
- Ways & Means

- Medicaid & Human Services
- Insurance & Financial Institutions
- Rules
- Reference
- Finance

The House is expected to announce its chairmanships and other committee assignments soon.

### Big picture

The 130th General Assembly will have big issues to tackle in the first part of 2013. Gov. **John Kasich** is expected to unveil his budget proposal on Feb. 4. The governor also will be proposing a new school-funding plan and tax reform plans. It will then be up to the legislature to consider his proposals and possibly make changes.

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

*Editor's note:* All information in this article was current as of Jan. 4.



## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

compiled by Angela Penquite, assistant editor

### Captain Planet Foundation grants

The Captain Planet Foundation annually funds projects involving children and young adults. Recipients of these awards are often schools and nonprofits that propose projects promoting understanding of environmental issues. These projects must focus

on hands-on involvement; interaction and cooperation within the group; development of planning and problem-solving skills; and adult supervision.

**Maximum awards:** \$2,500

**Eligibility:** 501(c)(3) organizations, including schools

**Deadline:** Feb. 28

**Contact:** <http://captainplanet>

[foundation.org/apply-for-grants](http://foundation.org/apply-for-grants)

### Award for life essay

The Listen to a Life Essay Contest, sponsored by the Legacy Project of Generations United, asks students to interview a grandparent or grand-friend about the older person's hopes

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## PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Bryan Bullock, assistant editor

### Northwestern Local builds bridge between middle, high school

A student-led effort in **Northwestern Local (Wayne)** aims to connect middle schoolers with high school mentors.

Northwestern High School senior **Alison Bartholomew** is working with Northwest Middle School guidance counselor **Rachel Beun** to develop the mentorship program for her senior seminar project, a graduation requirement in the district.

"I always looked up to the high schoolers, so having that positive

influence on your life as a middle schooler can do wonders," Bartholomew told a local newspaper.

She said she hopes to make it easier for students to transition to high school. High schoolers will apply to be mentors and, once selected, participate in a training session with goals and expectations for the program. The mentors will meet with their middle school partners once a week.

"It is really a reciprocal kind of relationship, because the middle school students have that person they can look up to, can work with and work to establish that healthy, positive relationship," Beun said.

She said a mentorship program was something administrators had been looking into. Beun said the program could help students stay connected and committed to school, in turn, boosting graduation rates.

Source: *The Daily Record*

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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 an essay based on the interview.

**Maximum awards:** a Lenovo ThinkCentre computer

**Eligibility:** students ages 8-18

**Deadline:** March 22

**Contact:** <http://www.legacyproject.org/contests/ltal.html>

#### **Healthy Playground Makeover Sweepstakes**

The Healthy Weight Commitment Foundation and Discovery Education are sponsoring the Healthy Playground Makeover Sweepstakes. This year,

there are two grand prizes: a \$30,000 grant and a new playground from Playworld Systems. One grand prize drawing will be chosen from among all eligible entries. The second grand prize drawing will be from among all eligible entries whose schools qualify for the Title I Schoolwide Program. In addition, three schools will receive grants to improve school wellness programs.

**Maximum awards:** \$30,000 and a new playground

**Eligibility:** K-12 schools and community groups

**Deadline:** March 15

**Contact:** [www.togethercounts.com/at-school/win-for-your-school/sweepstakes](http://www.togethercounts.com/at-school/win-for-your-school/sweepstakes)

#### **Presidential awards for math and science teaching**

The Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching are the nation's highest honors for math and science teachers. The awards recognize outstanding teachers for their contributions in the classroom and to their profession.

**Maximum awards:** \$10,000

**Eligibility:** Seventh- to 12th-grade math or science teachers who teach at least 50% of the time and have been teaching full time for at least five years prior to the 2012-13 academic school year

**Deadline:** April 1

**Contact:** <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/21501>

**January 2013**

- 15 OSBA 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).
- 18 OSBA Capital Conference Planning Task Force Meeting..... Columbus
- 18 OSBA Executive Committee Meeting ..... Columbus
- 19 OSBA Board of Trustees Meeting ..... Columbus
- 20 Last day for boards of education to submit fiscal tax-year budget to county auditor — RC 5705.30.
- 22 Last day to submit certification for May conversion levy to tax commissioner — RC 5705.219(B) (105 days before election).
- 23 OSBA Central Region Executive Committee Meeting ..... Columbus
- 26 OSBA Board Presidents Workshop ..... Columbus
- 26 OSBA Board Presidents Workshop ..... Findlay
- 28 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).
- 31 Annual campaign finance reports due (by 4 p.m.) detailing contributions and expenditures through Dec. 31, 2012 — RC 3517.10(A)(3) (last business day of January); deadline for educational service center (ESC) governing boards to meet and organize — RC 3313.14.

**February 2013**

- 1 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).
- 2 OSBA Board Presidents Workshop ..... Dayton
- 2 OSBA Board Presidents Workshop ..... Rootstown
- 5 Special Election Day — RC 3501.01 (first Tuesday after the first Monday).
- 6 OSBA Northeast Region Executive Committee Meeting .....TBD
- 6 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 5705.195, 5705.219(G), 5748.02(C); 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).
- 10 OSBA Northwest Region Executive Committee Meeting .....TBD
- 10 OSBA Southeast Region Executive Committee Meeting ..... Logan
- 11 Lane Duck Workshop..... Columbus
- 25 Last day to file (by 4 p.m.) as a write-in candidate — RC 3513.041 (72 days prior to the election).