

# BRIEF CASE

## THE OHIO SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

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### Central Ohio teacher is finalist for National Teacher of the Year

**Olentangy Local (Delaware)** teacher **Jonathan Juravich** is one of four finalists for National Teacher of the Year honors. The Council of Chief State School Officers, which conducts the national recognition program, announced the finalists Jan. 4. Juravich, the 2018 Ohio Teacher of the Year, is an art teacher at Liberty Tree Elementary School. He has been an Olentangy Local teacher since 2005. Joining Juravich as finalists are fellow state teachers of the year **Amy Andersen** of New Jersey; **Kara Ball**, who teaches at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune in North Carolina for the U.S. Department of Defense; and **Mandy Manning** of Washington state. One of them will be named the 2018 National Teacher of the Year in the spring and will spend the next year traveling the country to represent educators and advocate on behalf of teachers and students.

### OSBA contingent heading to D.C. to meet with congressional reps

OSBA Federal Relations Network (FRN) members and staff will meet with Ohio's congressional representatives in Washington during the National School Boards Association Advocacy Institute, Feb. 4-6. 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 in Washington and keep them informed of the local school board perspective on education.

### Institute analyzes links between early learning, health outcomes

A recent Health Policy Institute of Ohio study found that a high-quality early childhood education correlates to better educational and health outcomes later in life, while the lack of a solid early-learning foundation can greatly diminish those outcomes. The study said research has found investments in high-quality early childhood programs to have a higher rate of return on investment than interventions implemented in later years. It recommends increasing funding and other supports for such programs, especially for children living in poverty or other difficult circumstances. The study is posted at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/87594>.

### Reminder: Send your board recognition news, photos to OSBA

School Board Recognition Month is drawing to a close. Help OSBA further highlight your district's board members' commitment and dedication by submitting news and photos showing how you honored them this month. OSBA will feature your activities in the Journal magazine and on its website. Please send information and photos of your celebrations to **Crystal Davis** at [cdavis@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:cdavis@ohioschoolboards.org) or 8050 N. High St., Suite 100, Columbus, OH 43235. Materials also can be submitted online at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/52515>. The deadline is Feb. 16.

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### Route workshop information to:

- ☐ Administrators
- ☐ Business managers
- ☐ New board members

## OSBA launching annual Business Honor Roll program

It's time for school districts to select businesses to recognize for supporting their schools. OSBA's Business Honor Roll program offers districts a way to thank these firms for their support and contributions and helps them maintain and build upon the support they receive from their local business community. OSBA encourages districts to name firms that support them to the Business Honor Roll. For more information and a resource kit with recognition ideas, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/39803> or contact **Wanda Bloch** at (614) 540-4000 or [wbloch@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:wbloch@ohioschoolboards.org).

## Registration now open for Board Leadership Institute

The 2018 OSBA Board Leadership Institute will be held April 27-28 at the Hilton Columbus/Polaris. Designed by

and exclusively for school board members, the Friday-Saturday institute features keynote speakers, workshops, luncheons and networking events. For more information, including hotel details, and to register, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/33166>.

## Kiosks designed to encourage reading

With the push of a button, 8-year-old **Aaliyah Fuller** watched a kiosk blink and buzz and spit out a printed short story on a 3-foot piece of paper.

The third-grader at **Columbus City's** South Mifflin STEM Academy announced the title, *Leah Little Dreamer*.

"I enjoyed my story," she told a local newspaper. "I really like these stories."

The district recently unveiled five automated kiosks that dispense randomly generated short stories in an effort to promote reading and literacy skills. The kiosks also can be found in other U.S. cities, including Boston and San Francisco. Columbus' machines are the first in the Midwest.

Source: The Columbus Dispatch

## National report rates states' educational performance

Every January, the Education Week Research Center grades the nation and states on educational performance based on a range of key indicators. The nation scored a 74.2 in 2017, and the majority of states — including Ohio — received grades between C-minus and C-plus. The center created charts, graphs, maps and visualizations illustrating the data released this year on the performance of U.S. schools, students and teachers. View that data at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/58177>.

## OSBA online

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

Are you a new school board member? If so, OSBA offers a wealth of resources and training to get your board career off to a successful start. Visit [www.ohioschoolboards.org/new-board-members](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/new-board-members) to learn more.



## Briefcase

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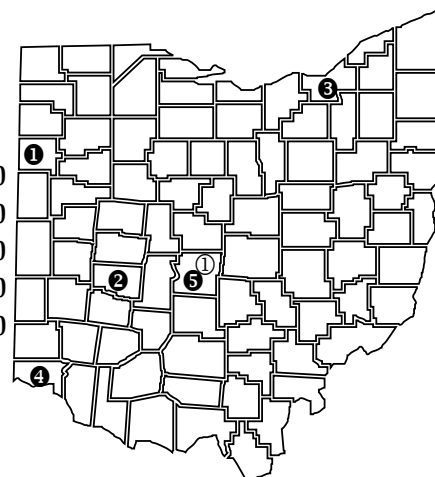
# BULLETIN BOARD

compiled by Melanie Price, senior administrative assistant of communication services

## OSBA executive searches

### Superintendent

District	Deadline	Contact
① Van Wert City	Jan. 24	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
② Clark-Shawnee Local (Clark)	Jan. 25	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
③ Lakewood City	Jan. 29	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
④ Loveland City	Jan. 29	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
⑤ Ohio State School for the Blind	TBD	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000



### Treasurer

District	Deadline	Contact
① Westerville City	Feb. 5	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000

## Board changes

**Bristol Local (Trumbull)** Board of Education member **John E. Hickey** announced his resignation effective Dec. 31. ●●●  
**Jefferson County ESC** and **Jefferson County JVSD** Board of Education member **Bill Lollini** announced his resignation effective Dec. 31.

## Administrative changes

### Superintendents

**Crestview Local (Van Wert)** Superintendent **Michael Estes** announced his resignation effective July 31. ●●● **Talawanda City** Superintendent **Kelly Spivey** announced her resignation effective July 31.

### Treasurers

**Greeneview Local (Greene)** Treasurer **Julie L. Gibson** announced her resignation effective Jan. 12. She has taken the treasurer position at **Northwestern Local (Clark)**. ●●● **Youngstown City** Chief Financial Officer **Greg Slemmons** announced his resignation effective Jan. 12. He has taken a position with the Ohio Association of School Business Officials.

## Sympathies

Former **Clinton-Massie Local (Clinton)** Superintendent **Thomas C. Huber** died Dec. 30. He was 81. ●●● Former **Columbiana EV** Superintendent and Board of Education member **B. John Karlis** died Dec. 27. He was 94. ●●● Former **Liberty Center Local (Henry)** Board of Education member **Edward Harry Meister** died Dec. 26. He was 83. ●●● Former

### Editor's note

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

**Struthers** City Board of Education member **Eugene K. Janecko Sr.** died Dec. 22. He was 90. ●●● Former **Youngstown City** Board of Education member **Joseph “Joe” Farid Rafidi** died Dec. 30. He was 64.



Do you want to see your district’s students involved in the OSBA Capital Conference? The Student Achievement Fair, held in conjunction with the OSBA Capital Conference, highlights outstanding student performing groups and fresh, innovative initiatives from public school districts across the state.

#### **Student Achievement Fair performing groups**

One performing group from each of OSBA’s five regions will be chosen to perform during the Student Achievement Fair. Past performances have included cheerleaders, choirs, bands, orchestras and percussion ensembles. Each group will perform for 20 minutes. Submit a nomination at <http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org/saf-nominations> and email an electronic video audition or YouTube link to **Gwen Samet**, administrative assistant of board and management services, at [gsamet@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:gsamet@ohioschoolboards.org). Only electronic recordings will be accepted. The nomination deadline is Friday, May 25.

#### **Student Achievement Fair district programs**

OSBA is accepting nominations for programs that showcase exemplary student achievement. Examples of previous presentations include graphic design demonstrations, world languages, industrial technology projects, career center culinary arts programs, STEM projects and outdoor education. View the list of 2017 Student Achievement Fair district programs at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/60021>. One hundred programs will be chosen, and nominations will be accepted until all booths have been filled. Complete a nomination at <http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org/saf-nominations>.

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



# Board Member 101: Survival kit for your first 90 days in office

School boardmanship is more complex and demanding than ever. High-quality board member education, designed specifically for newly elected board members, can help you become a more effective educational leader in your community. By focusing on your first 90 days in office, experienced OSBA staff will provide direction as you start your boardmanship journey. Learn about the important aspects of board work, frequently asked legal questions, how board policies help you govern your district and how to be an effective advocate for your students.

**Details:** Jan. 27-28 at the Embassy Suites, Columbus, or Embassy Suites, Independence

**Cost:** \$255, which includes breakfast and lunch each day, workshop materials and four books: “Boardmanship,” “Board-Treasurer Partnership,” “Board-Superintendent Partnership” and “Board-Legislature Partnership.”

**Registration:** Online at [www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops) or contact Laurie Miller at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or [Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org)

## Agenda

### Saturday

- 8 a.m. Registration and breakfast**
- 9 a.m. Welcome and overview**
- 9:15 a.m. Understanding OSBA’s five regions**  
Discover activities taking place near you and meet your regional manager, your guide for regional events.
- 9:45 a.m. Boardmanship: What it’s really all about**  
Delve into the most important aspects of board work, your role as a board member and best practices for success as a new member of your board of education.
- 10:45 a.m. Boardmanship: Conduct and culture**  
Learn strategies for working with your fellow board members and contributing to a strong, cohesive leadership team.
- 11:45 a.m. Lunch**
- 12:30 p.m. Frequently asked legal questions and available legal resources**  
An OSBA attorney will provide answers and insight into the most common legal questions asked by new board members.
- 2:30 p.m. Hot topics and legal issues**  
Hear timely information on critical legal issues facing today’s school boards.
- 4:30 p.m. Networking and refreshments**

### Sunday

- 8 a.m. Breakfast**
- 9 a.m. Why legislation and advocacy are so important**  
Whether you like it or not, your district is affected by political leaders in Columbus, so your voice needs to be heard. Explore ways even a small district can help “educate” the legislature.
- 11 a.m. The OSBA website and your OSBA staff liaison: Your best resources**  
Review the abundance of information right at your fingertips.
- 11:45 a.m. Lunch**
- 12:30 p.m. Video scenarios and audience discussion**  
Watch two videos and apply what you’ve learned to stay on the right path.
- 1:15 p.m. Governing through policy: A framework for success**  
A district’s policies are its armor, protecting it in situations where subjectivity isn’t the right approach.
- 3:15 p.m. District goal setting: How else do you know where you’re going?**  
Boards of education need to keep their district’s vision in sight at all times and stay focused on the big picture to govern appropriately.
- 3:45 p.m. Questions/adjourn**



This workshop is Stop 1 in the 2018 New Board Member Passport. The passport includes six workshops that expose you to topics that are important to new board members in their first year. Visit [www.ohioschoolboards.org/passport](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/passport) to learn more.





Veteran board members and board officers serve critical leadership roles in their districts. Unfortunately, too many veteran board members believe on-the-job training is all they need to responsibly lead the board. Whether you are in your fourth year or your 14th, staying current is crucial to you and a benefit to your district. These workshops, created with board officers and veteran board members in mind, will present the tools you need to improve your boardmanship skills and effectively lead your district.

**Details:** These workshops are offered during two weekends in four locations:

**Feb. 3,** at the OSBA office in Columbus or Hilton Garden Inn in Findlay

**Feb. 10,** at the Hilton Garden Inn in Miamisburg or Northeast Ohio Medical University in Rootstown

**Cost:** \$180, which includes breakfast and lunch, workshop materials and the “Board Presidents’ Guidebook.”

**Registration:** Online at [www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops) or contact **Laurie Miller** at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or [Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org)

### Agenda

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| <b>8 a.m.</b>     | <b>Registration and breakfast</b>  |
| <b>9 a.m.</b>     | <b>The collaborative leader: Facilitating consensus and teamwork</b><br>Managing difficult decisions and finding a way to meet the needs and expectations of everyone on your leadership team isn’t easy but is critical to success.   |
| <b>10:15 a.m.</b> | <b>Policy hot topics</b><br>Learn how new legislation and budget priorities will affect your policies in the next year and be prepared for the changes that will be required.  |
| <b>11:15 a.m.</b> | <b>The board and social media</b><br>When a crisis happens or when the news media writes a story you didn’t expect, you need to be ready. Responding appropriately and efficiently and ensuring that everyone is “singing from the same songbook” is important. Also learn how to use social media to create your own good news. |
| <b>Noon</b>       | <b>Lunch</b>   |
| <b>12:45 p.m.</b> | <b>Transportation hot topics</b><br>The latest budget bill included several key items greatly affecting school transportation. Learn about the changes and hear suggestions to help others in your district understand them and mitigate their potential impact on your district’s bottom line.                                  |
| <b>1:45 p.m.</b>  | <b>Ethics issues</b><br>There sometimes is a difference between what is right and what is legal. Learn the distinction between ethical standards and legal obligations and discuss the consequences when those responsibilities are interrupted.   |
| <b>2:30 p.m.</b>  | <b>Open meetings and parliamentary procedure</b><br>Review how to comply with Ohio’s Open Meeting Act and “Robert’s Rules of Order” to run lawful, efficient and effective school board meetings.  |
| <b>3:45 p.m.</b>  | <b>Wrap-up and adjourn</b>   |

# OSBA MASTER OF TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATION (MTA) PROGRAM

The 2017-18 MTA workshops will help those involved in student transportation better understand and perform day-to-day operations.

These half-day workshops — offered from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. — include a working lunch and time for questions. Each class is scheduled twice; participants may sign up for either session. Each class is \$95, or you can purchase an MTA subscription for the workshop series; contact **Diana Paulins**, OSBA senior administrative assistant of policy services, for subscription information. All workshops will be at the OSBA office, 8050 N. High St., Columbus, OH, 43235. Visit [www.ohioschoolboards.org/transportation-training-programs](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/transportation-training-programs) to learn about the MTA certification program.



## Workshop dates and descriptions

### Feb. 7 or 14 — The transportation handbook

Guidelines and procedures are essential and can be the manager's best friend. Discuss the handbook development process, what to include in the handbook and how to keep it current.

### April 4 or 11 — Public relations and working with the media

Experience a "live interview" process to learn how to develop talking points and stay on target in an interview. Also learn how to build proactive media relationships.

### May 2 or 9 — Designing your operational plan and building keys for success

Review how to put the operational plan together, including timelines and how to schedule or delegate projects. Discover how building support networks and stakeholder groups are key to your success.

For questions about the program or to register, contact **Diana Paulins** at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or [mta@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:mta@ohioschoolboards.org).



## School Finance 101: What Board Members Should Know

Thursday, Feb. 22, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. • OSBA office in Columbus

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

### Agenda

8:45 a.m.

9 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

10:40 a.m.

#### Registration

**Ohio school-funding formula — what school board members should know**

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

#### Break

**Property tax and school-funding formula implications in the next biennium**

*Dr. Howard Fleeter, consultant, Ohio Education Policy Institute*

12:15 p.m.

1 p.m.

1:55 p.m.

2:05 p.m.

3 p.m.

#### Lunch

**Understanding five-year forecasts**

*Matt Bunting, consultant, Public Finance Resources (PFR)*

#### Break

**Levies, levies, levies and local funding**


*Michael Sobul, consultant, PFR*

**Wrap-up and adjourn**

Cost is \$160, which includes materials, lunch and refreshments. For registration, contact **Laurie Miller** at (614) 540-4000; (800) 589-OSBA; or [Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org).

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Friday, March 2  
9 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.  
Embassy Suites, Columbus  
Cost is \$180 (includes a book)

# Special Education Law Workshop

**8:15 a.m. Registration and continental breakfast**

**8:55 a.m. Welcome**

**9 a.m. Ohio Department of Education (ODE) update**  
Want to know more about what's going on at ODE's Office for Exceptional Children? Get updates on the office's initiatives and activities since the last Special Education Law Workshop.  
*Dr. Kim Monachino, director, Office for Exceptional Children, ODE*

**10:15 a.m. Break**

**10:30 a.m. Developing partnerships with parents and guardians**  
One key predictor of educational success and well-being for students with disabilities is the involvement of their family members. Learn how to develop and strengthen partnerships with parents and guardians to benefit students, families and your district.  
*Jeremy J. Neff, Esq., Ennis Britton Co. LPA, Cincinnati, and Dr. Heidi Stickney, assistant director of curriculum and special education, Northwest Local (Hamilton)*

**11:45 a.m. Lunch (provided)**

**12:30 p.m. Managing lawsuits and dispute resolution**  
Even with the best efforts of your district's special education team, disputes and disagreements can occur and may result in lawsuits. Join an experienced special education attorney to discuss how to manage, and ultimately resolve, special education lawsuits.  
*Laura Anthony, Esq., Bricker & Eckler LLP, Columbus*

**1:30 p.m. IDEA and Section 504: What's the difference and why does it matter?**

All students with disabilities are protected under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. While most receive special education and related services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), some are instead entitled to a 504 plan. This session will compare differing requirements under these two federal laws and explain how a school district can meet its obligations to provide a free appropriate public education to all eligible students.  
*Helen S. Carroll, Esq., Roetzel & Andress LPA, Akron*

**2:30 p.m. Break**

**2:45 p.m. Educating students in the least restrictive environment**  
IDEA requires that students be educated in typical classroom settings to the maximum extent appropriate. Explore factors to consider in balancing IDEA's strong preference for mainstreaming while recognizing that some students are best educated in more restrictive settings.  
*Jessica Dawso, Esq., Scott Scriven LLP, Columbus*

**3:45 p.m. Adjourn**

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.





*Photo courtesy of the Ohio Statehouse Photo Archive*

# State Legislative Conference

Tuesday, March 6  
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sheraton Columbus at Capitol Square, Columbus  
Cost is \$135

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

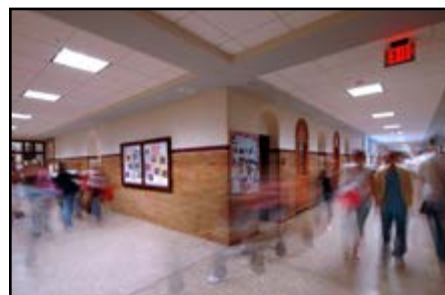
During the morning session, school district leaders will hear briefings on proposed legislation that can be used in discussions with their legislators during lunch and office visits later that day. Attendees also will hear from legislative leaders about their views on public education and other priorities.

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

Don't miss this annual event and a chance to have your voice heard at the Statehouse. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Register online at [www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops](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).

## Management Development Series #1: School Safety: Early Intervention and De-escalation techniques

Thursday, March 8, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
OSBA office, Columbus • Cost is \$95



School safety is about more than the major incidents you hear about in the news. You need a well-thought-out emergency management plan and a commitment to training staff in all aspects of school safety. Join OSBA staff, a NaviGate Prepared representative and two experienced Columbus police officers to explore emergency management plans, the importance of early intervention and de-escalation techniques that can be implemented when needed.

### Agenda

- 9:30 a.m. Registration**
- 10 a.m. Building your school safety toolbox**  
Discuss emergency management plans, online options for maintaining your plans and staff training.  
*Kyle E. Lathwell, policy consultant, OSBA*
- 10:30 a.m. Further discussion of emergency management plans**  
Take a closer look at online options for maintaining your plans as well as a demonstration by NaviGate Prepared.

**11 a.m.**

### Early intervention

Explore why early intervention and effective communication are critical to keeping the school environment safe and learn about the use of threat assessment teams.

*Sgt. Frederick Brophy, Columbus Division of Police*

**Noon**

### Lunch (provided)

**1 p.m.**

### De-escalation techniques and next steps

What techniques can be implemented when a situation begins to escalate? What happens next if these techniques fail? Explore what a crisis intervention team (CIT) is and how mental health issues impact schools and law enforcement.

*Officer Jennifer Mancini, CIT officer, Columbus Division of Police*

**2 p.m.**

### Adjourn

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. Cost for the workshop is \$95 and includes lunch and materials. Register online at [www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops) or contact **Laurie Miller**, senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or [Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org).

## Going nowhere fast?

When you are ready to help your district move forward, OSBA can help. Choose the planning option that meets your district's specific needs:

- District strategic planning
- District goal setting
- Superintendent performance goals

For more information about planning options, go to [www.ohioschoolboards.org/school-board-services](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/school-board-services). To schedule a planning session, contact **Cheryl W. Ryan** ([cryan@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:cryan@ohioschoolboards.org)), **Teri Morgan** ([tmorgan@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:tmorgan@ohioschoolboards.org)) or **Steve Horton** ([shorton@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:shorton@ohioschoolboards.org)) at (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA.



School Board Services  
**Ohio School Boards Association**



# TAKE YOUR LEADERSHIP TO THE NEXT LEVEL

Attend the 2018 Board Leadership Institute



Ohio School Boards Association  
**Board Leadership  
Institute**

April 27-28, 2018 • Hilton Columbus/Polaris

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

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



## Reflections from 2017 attendees

*"This was my first time to attend this workshop. I found the sessions to be very informative and well organized."*

*"Each of the facilitators was more than willing to help in understanding the subject area. I truly enjoyed each of the workshops."*

*"I attended for the workshops, but was extremely pleased with the networking and the range of people who delivered keynotes and courses."*

# Organizational leadership for tomorrow's schools

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

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

## Five reasons to attend the Board Leadership Institute

- 1 Attend a seminar designed by and for board members**  
Board members plan BLI breakout sessions
- 2 Receive superb professional development**  
Experience a comprehensive two-day training event
- 3 Strengthen board governance skills**  
Choose from 18 breakout sessions and hear two keynote speakers during the opening and closing sessions
- 4 Network with other board members**  
Meet with colleagues to share success stories and learn from each other
- 5 Review information on sessions you missed**  
Receive all of the handouts from this board member-only event



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

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

To meet these requests, OSBA works with board members across the state to develop the annual Board Leadership Institute. This two-day institute, is designed specifically by board members for board members and focuses on numerous timely topics.

## Reflections from 2017 attendees

*"I did not really know what to expect but gained valuable knowledge and insights both from the presentations and from talking to board members from other districts."*

*"BLI is very well organized, addressing many important issues that school boards are currently dealing with, including budgets, legal problems, board policies or actions of board members. It has a very diverse realm of topics."*



## 2018 BLI schedule (tentative)

### Friday, April 27

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



### Saturday, April 28

- 7:30 a.m. Breakfast
- 8:15 a.m. Breakout sessions
- 9:45 a.m. Breakout sessions
- 11:15 a.m. Breakout sessions
- 12:30 p.m. Closing luncheon

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# Central Region Spring Conference

Wednesday, March 7

Villa Milano, 1630 Schrock Road, Columbus, 43229

**5 p.m. Networking**

**5:50 p.m. Welcome and introductions**

*Amy Eymann, Central Region president;  
board member, Lancaster City*

**6 p.m. Legislative update**

*OSBA Division of Legislative Services*

**6:15 p.m. Dinner**

**Entertainment**

*Lancaster City's Lancaster High School  
Percussion Ensemble, directed by Bruce  
Gerken*

**7 p.m. Program**

**OSBA update**

*Randy Smith, OSBA president; board  
member, Forest Hills Local (Hamilton)*

**OSBA comments**

*Richard Lewis, executive director, OSBA*

**Keynote speaker**

*Mike Nicholson, senior director, research,  
Battelle for Kids*

**Recognitions**

- Outstanding programs
- Outstanding schools
- Award of Achievement recipients
- Master Board Member recognition
- Recognition of board members  
celebrating service milestones of 10, 15  
and 20 years

**8:30 p.m. Adjourn**

## Reservation information

**New this conference: all reservations will be taken online.** Online reservations allow districts to pay with a credit card, check or be invoiced after the conference if you provide a purchase order number.

The cost to attend is \$40. The reservation deadline is Wednesday, Feb. 28. Cancellations received at least three workdays before the day of the meeting may request a full refund. All others will be charged the full event fee.

Make your reservation at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/crspring2018> or email your reservation to **Melanie Price** at [mprice@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:mprice@ohioschoolboards.org). If paying by check, please make checks payable to OSBA Central Region and mail to Melanie Price, senior administrative assistant of communication services, Ohio School Boards Association, 8050 N. High St., Ste. 100, Columbus, OH 43235. **If you require special accommodations, including food allergies or special dietary needs such as a gluten-free meal, please include the information in the notes of the online reservation.**

## Authority for reimbursement

Ohio Revised Code Section 3315.15 authorizes the establishment of a service fund for board members. This fund can be used for expenses incurred at a meeting such as this.

## Award of Achievement

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# Northeast Region Spring Conferences

**Thursday, March 22 — Trumbull Career & Technical Center, Warren**  
528 Educational Highway, Warren, 44483 • (330) 847-0503

- 5 p.m. Networking**  
**Student entertainment**
- 6:15 p.m. Welcome**  
*Karen Dendorfer, Northeast Region president; board member, Parma City*  
**Pledge of Allegiance**  
*Terry Groden, Northeast Region immediate past president; board member, North Olmsted City*  
**Invocation**
- 6:25 p.m. Dinner**
- 7 p.m. Program**  
**Introductions**  
*Karen Dendorfer*  
**Greetings and update from OSBA**  
*Randy Smith, OSBA president; board member, Forest Hills Local (Hamilton) and Richard Lewis, executive director, OSBA*

- Legislative update**  
*OSBA Division of Legislative Services*  
**Presentation of awards**
- Ohio Teacher of the Year nominees
  - Ohio Department of Education Momentum, High Performing, High Progress and A school recognitions
  - Award of Achievement recipients
  - Master Board Member awards
  - Veteran board member recognition
  - Northeast Region Blue Ribbon Schools
- Friend of Public Education**  
*Karen Dendorfer*
- 8:30 p.m. Adjourn**

**Wednesday, March 28 — Parma Senior High School, Parma**  
6285 W. 54th St., Parma, 44128 • (440) 885-2300

- 5 p.m. Networking**  
**Student entertainment**
- 6:15 p.m. Welcome**  
*Karen Dendorfer, Northeast Region president; board member, Parma City*  
**Pledge of Allegiance**  
*Terry Groden, Northeast Region immediate past president; board member, North Olmsted City*  
**Invocation**
- 6:25 p.m. Dinner**
- 7 p.m. Program**  
**Introductions**  
*Karen Dendorfer*

- Greetings and update from OSBA**  
*Randy Smith, OSBA president; board member, Forest Hills Local (Hamilton) and Richard Lewis, executive director, OSBA*  
**Legislative update**  
*OSBA Division of Legislative Services*  
**Presentation of awards**
- Ohio Teacher of the Year nominees
  - Ohio Department of Education Momentum, High Performing, High Progress and All-A award school recognitions
  - Award of Achievement recipients
  - Master Board Member awards
  - Veteran board member recognition
  - Northeast Region Blue Ribbon Schools
- President's Award of Excellence**  
*Karen Dendorfer*
- 8:30 p.m. Adjourn**

**Award of Achievement**  
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**Authority for reimbursement**  
Ohio Revised Code Section 3315.15 authorizes the establishment of a service fund for board members. This fund can be used for expenses incurred for meetings such as this.

## Reservations

Please check which conference you will attend: ☐ March 22, Warren ☐ March 28, Parma

The cost to attend is \$35 each for OSBA members, guests and spouses, which covers the cost of the meal. You may make your reservation online for the March 22 conference at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/nespring2018Warren> or for the March 28 conference at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/nespring2018Parma> or email your reservation to **Melanie Price** at [mprice@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:mprice@ohioschoolboards.org). If making reservations by mail, please make checks payable to Ohio School Boards Association and send the reservation form to Melanie Price, senior administrative assistant of communication services, Ohio School Boards Association, 8050 N. High St., Ste. 100, Columbus, OH 43235. The deadline to RSVP is Monday, March 19, for Warren and Monday, March 26, for Parma. Please include payment or a purchase order number with your reservation. Individuals who cancel at least three workdays before the day of the meeting may request a full refund. All others will be charged the full fee.

Enclosed is a check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover \_\_\_\_\_ reservations.

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# Northwest Region Spring Conference

## *Celebrating our hometown heroes*

Thursday, March 8

Spencerville High School, 2500 Wisher Drive, Spencerville, 45887 • (419) 647-4111



**5 p.m. Networking and Bonnie Eddy Educational Supply and Book Grant Silent Auction opens**

**6 p.m. Welcome and introductions**

*Penny Kill, Northwest Region president; board member, Spencerville Local (Allen) and Apollo Career Center*

### **Greetings from OSBA**

*Randy Smith, OSBA president; board member, Forest Hills Local (Hamilton)*

### **Invocation**

### **Dinner**

*catered by Carrie Prince, culinary arts manager, Apollo Career Center Culinary Arts Program*

### **Legislative update**

*OSBA Division of Legislative Services*

### **Entertainment**

*Spencerville Local music department, directed by Josh Van Gorder*

### **OSBA update and introduction of new Northwest Region board members**

*Richard Lewis, executive director, OSBA*

**7:30 p.m. Awards and recognitions**

- 2017 Northwest Region president
- Award of Achievement recipients
- 2018 Ohio Teacher of the Year finalist
- 2017 Capital Conference Student Achievement Fair Participation Awards
- State Board of Education district and building Momentum Awards and Schools of Honor
- Veteran board members
- Northwest Region Excellence in Community Service Award
- Northwest Region Humanitarian Award
- Northwest Region Who's Who Excellence Award for Outstanding Leadership
- Neil Pohlmann Award of Excellence in Education

*presented by the family of Dr. Neil Pohlmann*

- Announcement of silent auction winners
- presented by the Northwest Region Executive Committee*

**8:30 p.m. Adjourn**

### **Authority for reimbursement**

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### **Award nomination forms**

Download award nomination forms at [www.ohioschoolboards.org/nw-region](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/nw-region).

### **Award of Achievement**

This conference entitles board members to five Award of Achievement credits.

### **Reservations**

The cost to attend is \$30 per person or \$160 per table (seats six) for OSBA members, guests and spouses, which covers the cost of the meal. The cost is \$20 for students and their parents. Please include a list of attendees and titles with your reservation. **Please make checks payable to OSBA Northwest Region and mail to Dr. Judy Jackson May**, regional manager, 1513 Cobblestone Drive, Bowling Green, OH 43402. Phone is (419) 581-9782; fax is (419) 372-8448; email address is [jjacksonmay@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:jjacksonmay@ohioschoolboards.org). **The deadline to RSVP is Friday, Feb. 23.** Please include payment with your reservation. Individuals who cancel at least three workdays before the day of the meeting may request a full refund. All others will be charged the full fee. While checks are preferred, we can accept purchase orders for districts reserving one or more tables.

Enclosed is a check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover \_\_\_\_\_ reservations or \_\_\_\_\_ tables.

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# Southeast Region Spring Conferences

**Tuesday, March 20 — Portsmouth High School**  
1225 Gallia St., Portsmouth, 45662 • (740) 353-2398

**5:30 p.m. Networking**

**6:15 p.m. Presiding**

*Kim Harless, Southeast Region president; board member, Jackson City*

**Dinner**

**Entertainment**

*Portsmouth City's Portsmouth High School Band*

**Greetings and update from OSBA**

*Randy Smith, OSBA president; board member, Forest Hills Local (Hamilton); and Richard Lewis, executive director, OSBA*

**Recognition of Student Achievement Fair participants**

**Tuesday, March 27 — Coshocton County Career Center**  
23640 Airport Road, Coshocton, 43812 • (740) 622-0211

**5:30 p.m. Networking**

**6:15 p.m. Presiding**

*Kim Harless, Southeast Region president; board member, Jackson City*

**Dinner**

**Entertainment**

*River View Local's (Coshocton) River View High School Jazz and Caribbean Bands*

**Greetings and update from OSBA**

*Randy Smith, OSBA president; board member, Forest Hills Local (Hamilton); and Richard Lewis, executive director, OSBA*

**Presentation of OSBA Award of Achievement**

**Recognition of veteran board members**

**Recognition of Ohio Department of Education (ODE) Momentum Schools and Schools of Honor**

**Recognition of ODE Teacher of the Year state finalist**

**Immediate past president's recognition**

**Legislative update**

*OSBA Division of Legislative Services*

**Adjourn**

**Recognition of Student Achievement Fair participants**

**Presentation of OSBA Award of Achievement**

**Recognition of veteran board members**

**Recognition of Ohio Department of Education (ODE) Momentum Schools and Schools of Honor**

**Legislative update**

*OSBA Division of Legislative Services*

**Adjourn**

## Award of Achievement

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## Authority for reimbursement

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## Reservations

Please check which conference you will attend: ☐ March 20, Portsmouth

☐ March 27, Coshocton

The cost to attend is \$38 each for OSBA members, guests and spouses, which covers the cost of the meal. **Please make checks payable to OSBA Southeast Region and mail to Paul Mock**, regional manager, 685 E. Main St., Logan, OH 43138. Phone is (740) 469-2724; fax is (614) 540-4100; email [pmock@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:pmock@ohioschoolboards.org). Deadline for reservations is Friday, March 16, for Portsmouth and Friday, March 23, for Coshocton. Please include payment with reservation. Please call for special dietary considerations. Individuals who cancel at least three workdays before the day of the meeting may request a full refund. All others will be charged the full fee.

Enclosed is a check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover \_\_\_\_\_ reservations.

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# Southwest Region Spring Conference

**Tuesday, March 13**

**Warren County Career Center, 3525 N. SR 48, Lebanon, 45036 • (513) 771-8841**

**5 p.m.      Networking**

**5:30 p.m.      Welcome**  
*Scott Huddle, Southwest Region president; board member, Mad River Local (Montgomery)*

**Entertainment**  
*Mad River Local's Stebbins High School Jazz Band, directed by Kenny Carpenter*

**Presentation of colors**  
*Springboro Community City's Springboro High School Air Force Jr. ROTC color guard, instructed by Master Sgt. Michael Thiergart*

**Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence**  
*Linda A. Jordan, Southwest Region president-elect; board member, Clark County ESC*

**6 p.m.      Buffet dinner**

**6:40 p.m.      General Session**  
*Introductions by Scott Huddle*

**Special presentations**

**Recognition of veteran board members**  
*Randy Smith, OSBA president; board member, Forest Hills Local (Hamilton); and Richard Lewis, executive director, OSBA*

**Greetings and update from OSBA**  
*Randy Smith and Richard Lewis*

**Legislative update**  
*OSBA Division of Legislative Services*

**Presentation of Special Recognition awards to outstanding staff members**  
*Scott Huddle, Southwest Region executive committee members and Mrs. Warren Stevens*

**2018 President's Award**  
*Presented by Scott Huddle*  
*Recipient Jason Streiff, program manager, STARBASE Wright-Patt, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base Educational Outreach Office*

**Presentation of Award of Achievement and Master Board Member honors**  
*Randy Smith; Richard Lewis; and Mark Ewing, Southwest Region immediate past president; board member Great Oaks Career Campuses*

**Recognition of 2017 effective school boards**  
*Scott Huddle, Linda Jordan and Mark Ewing*

**Adjourn**

## **Award of Achievement**

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## **Authority for reimbursement**

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## **Reservations**

The cost to attend is \$38 each for OSBA members, guests and spouses, which covers the cost of the meal. **Please make checks payable to OSBA Southwest Region and send reservations to Ronald J. Diver**, regional manager, 8797 Meadowlark Drive, Franklin, OH 45005. Phone is (937) 634-9025; email is [rdiver@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:rdiver@ohioschoolboards.org). Deadline for reservations is Wednesday, March 7. Please include payment with reservation. Individuals who cancel at least three workdays before the day of the meeting may request a full refund. All others will be charged the full fee.

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# WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

Register at [www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops)

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

## How to log in

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

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



## Questions about workers' comp rates?

## Get answers at the SchoolComp Workshops



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

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

You can register on the Ohio Association of School Business Officials (OASBO) website at [www.oasbo-ohio.org](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:

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





## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

compiled by Angela Penquite, managing 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 has influenced their life and why they appreciate and admire him or her. 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 2

**Contact:** [www.barnesandnoble.com/h/my-favorite-teacher](http://www.barnesandnoble.com/h/my-favorite-teacher)

### Promoting innovative ecology teaching

Sponsored by Vernier Software & Technology, 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:** Vernier equipment and \$500 towards expenses to travel to the National Association of Biology Teachers Professional Development Conference

**Eligibility:** secondary teachers

**Deadline:** March 15

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

### Braitmayer Foundation supports K-12 education

The foundation encourages innovative programs to enhance the quality of education at the pre-collegiate level. Of particular interest are curricular and school reform initiatives and the preparation of teachers, particularly those that encourage people of high ability and diverse background to enter and remain in K-12 teaching.

**Maximum awards:** \$35,000

**Eligibility:** public schools

**Deadline:** March 15

**Contact:** [www.braitmayerfoundation.org](http://www.braitmayerfoundation.org)

## SchoolComp Safety Seminar



**Tuesday, Jan. 30**

**OASBO office, Columbus**

**Cost: \$160**

**9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

This workshop qualifies as four hours of Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation safety training for districts that are required to meet the yearly safety training requirement. Topics include disaster preparedness and using school resources such as buses during a disaster.

You do not have to be a participant in the SchoolComp Group Rating or Retro Rating programs to attend this seminar. You can register on the Ohio Association of School Business Officials (OASBO) website at [www.oasbo-ohio.org](http://www.oasbo-ohio.org) or by calling (614) 431-9116.



## LEGISLATIVE REPORT

by Jay Smith, deputy director of legislative services

### New College Credit Plus rules filed with JCARR

House Bill 49, the biennial budget legislation that was passed in June, included some new requirements for students participating in the College Credit Plus (CCP) program.

According to the legislation, the Ohio Department of Higher Education, in coordination with the Ohio Department of Education and stakeholders, is required to propose rules for CCP course eligibility and students who are underperforming while participating in the CCP program. Those rules now are in the hands of the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR).

The rule for eligible coursework proposes two classifications: Level I and Level II. Prior to taking Level II coursework, a student will need to complete 15 credit hours of Level I coursework.

Level I coursework would include:

- any transferable course that is part of the Career-Technical Assurance Guides, Ohio Transfer Module, Transfer Assurance Guides or equivalents at a private college;
- courses in computer science, information technology, anatomy, physiology or foreign language, including American Sign Language;

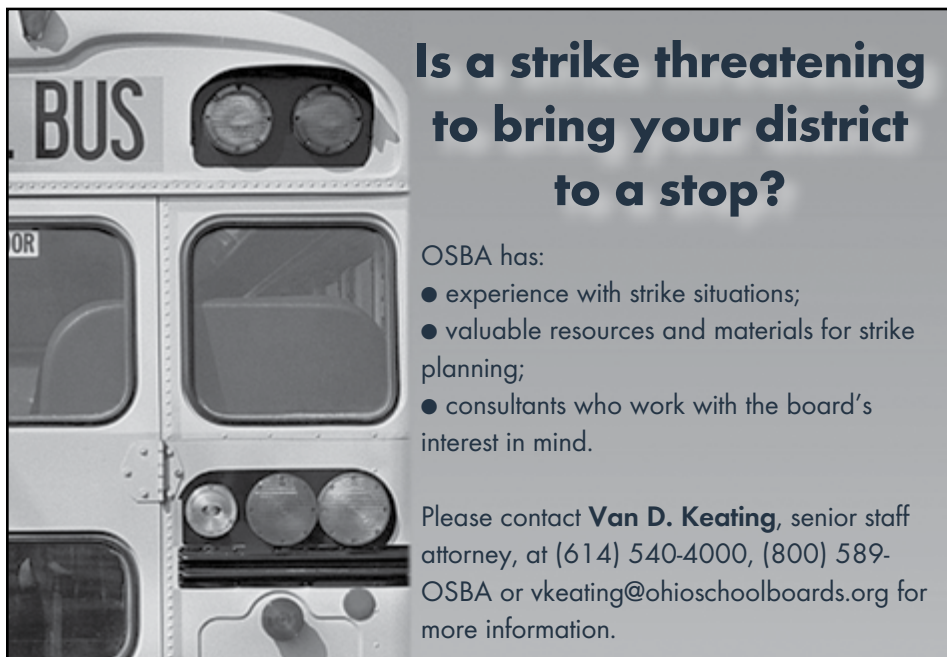
- a technical certificate course;
- a 15-credit hour or 30-credit hour model pathway course;
- a study skills, academic or career success skills course;
- an internship course;
- another course that may be approved by the Ohio Department of Higher Education chancellor on an annual basis.

Level II courses include any other college course that is not a Level I course. Exceptions to this rule may be made if a student wishes to continue with a course in the same subject or tests directly into a Level II course. Students who have attained the required scores on an Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate course examination may count the course toward their first 15 credit hours.

Courses that will not be allowed as part of the CCP program include:

- one-on-one private instruction courses;
- courses with fees that exceed an amount set by the chancellor;
- study abroad courses;
- physical education courses;
- pass/fail or satisfactory/unsatisfactory grades unless the course is an internship or is a transferable course for all students who are enrolled;

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## PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Scott Gerfen, assistant editor

### Abandoned miniature horse finds home with students

The 4-foot-high, golden-brown mare was malnourished and suffering from a variety of parasitic ailments when she was spotted wandering near a heavily traveled road in southwest Ohio on a rainy October evening.

Once abandoned, Sandy now has a new home.

Students at **Butler Tech's** Natural Science Center named the miniature horse that enjoys her own stall in the horses' stables at the school.

"She is very sweet and nice to handle, and the students adore her," veterinarian science instructor **Dana Martin** told a local newspaper. "As soon as she walked in (the school), the students were asking to keep her."

While the center has a strict policy of not accepting abandoned or donated animals, livestock or pets, Martin reconsidered after police told her Sandy could have been hit by a car.

She soon became a favorite of the students, and Butler Tech's board of education approved the request to make the miniature horse a permanent resident of the school.

"It's a good experience for us to learn how to actually take care of an animal and feel the need to bring her back to health," said **Elena Gonzalez**, a junior at **Lakota Local's (Butler)** Lakota West High School.

Source: Journal-News

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*Legislative Report, continued from page 6*

● remedial courses and sectarian religion courses.

The chancellor may allow a course if it is determined to apply toward a certificate or degree completion.

The underperforming students rule proposes a procedure for placing a student on CCP Probation and CCP Dismissal. According to the proposal, a student is placed on CCP Probation when he or she has earned lower than a cumulative 2.0 GPA in college courses or withdraws from two or more courses in the same term.

While on CCP Probation, a student may enroll in no more than one college course. In addition, the

student may not enroll in a college course in the same subject in which he or she previously earned a D, F or no credit. He or she will remain on probation until attaining a cumulative college GPA of 2.0 or higher.

If placed on CCP Probation for two consecutive college terms, the student will then be placed on CCP Dismissal. Once the student is dismissed from the CCP program, he or she will be prohibited from enrolling in college courses for the following college term. After the student serves one college term on dismissal, he or she may make a request to the high school to allow for participation.

Prior to the start of the 2018

summer term, high schools will need to develop a policy that defines the academic progress a student must achieve to be reinstated in the CCP program. The proposed rule also includes language allowing a student to request an appeal based on the decision a school makes in placing him or her on probation or dismissal.

The rules are advancing through the JCARR process. As of this writing, the proposed effective date is Feb. 13, 2018, with implementation in the summer term of the 2018-19 academic year.

*Editor's note:* Information in this article was current as of Jan. 12, 2018.

## January

- 27-28 Board Member 101: Survival kit for your first 90 days in office ..... Columbus 7
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- 29 Last day to submit certification for May income tax levy to Ohio Department of Taxation — RC 5748.02(A) (100 days prior to election) 7
- 30 SchoolComp Safety Seminar . Columbus 7
- 31 Deadline for educational service center (ESC) governing boards to meet and organize — RC 3313.14; 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, 2017 — RC 3517.10(A)(3).

## February

- 2 Last day to submit May emergency, current operating expenses or conversion levy to county auditor for May election — RC 5705.194, 5705.195, 5705.213, 5705.219 (95 days prior to election).
- 3 Board Member 201: Mastering your board leadership skills..... Columbus 3

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- 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 election).

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- Deadline for secondary schools to provide information about College Credit Plus to all students enrolled in grades six through 11 — RC 3365.04(A).

## March

- 1 SchoolComp Workers' Compensation Workshop.....Perrysburg 1
- Last day to take action and deliver written notice of nonrenewal of superintendent's contract — RC 3319.01; last day to take action on and deliver written notice of nonrenewal of treasurer's contract — RC 3313.22.
- 2 SchoolComp Workers' Compensation Workshop..... Rootstown