

# BRIEF CASE

## THE OHIO SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

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### Ohio lands \$70 million in latest round of Race to the Top funding

Ohio will receive a \$70 million Early Learning Challenge Grant to support early childhood services and close the kindergarten readiness gap. Ohio is one of only nine states to receive funding. The grant will be used to improve programs that serve high-needs children from birth to 5 years old and to measure the results of programs aligned to Gov. **John Kasich**'s goals of creating better metrics and coordination among agencies that serve young people.

### ODE supporting two shared services pacts with \$500,000 in grants

The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) is backing two shared services agreements with \$500,000 in grants in hope that their efforts will serve as a model for other Ohio districts. The Southeastern Ohio Regional Service Center Collaborative and the Integrated Shared Services Network of Southwest Ohio will split the grants, which will be used to coordinate transportation services and computer purchases and potentially save districts millions of dollars.

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

January is School Board Recognition Month, and districts are reminded to submit articles and photos highlighting their activities to OSBA to be featured in the *Journal* magazine and on the association's website. A resource kit to help districts honor board members is available at [www.ohioschoolboards.org/school-board-recognition-month](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/school-board-recognition-month). OSBA also is sending each district personalized certificates to present to board members. Please send information and photos of your celebrations to **Gary Motz** at [gmotz@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:gmotz@ohioschoolboards.org) or 8050 N. High St., Suite 100, Columbus, OH 43235. Materials also can be submitted online at [www.ohioschoolboards.org/forms/sbrm.php](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/forms/sbrm.php).

### NSBA executive director to retire in fall 2012

National School Boards Association (NSBA) Executive Director **Anne Bryant** will retire in September after more than 15 years of service to the association. During her tenure, NSBA launched the Center for Public Education, a national resource for information on public education research; established the Key Work of School Boards, a framework to guide boards of education in their work; and expanded NSBA's federal and legal advocacy, leading to successes on Capitol Hill and in the courts.

### Award of Achievement deadline is Jan. 20

The deadline for submitting applications for OSBA's Award of Achievement is Jan. 20. Application forms were mailed to all school board members in December and also are available on OSBA's website at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/43085>.

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#### Route workshop information to:

- ☐ Administrators
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## OSBA headed to Washington

A team of board members and OSBA staff will participate in NSBA's Federal Relations Network (FRN) Legislative Conference, Feb. 5-7 in Washington, D.C. Ohio's FRN members will meet with their representatives and senators to develop new relationships and solidify established ones. FRN is a grassroots advocacy network of school board members from around the U.S. who are appointed by their state associations.

## OSBA seeking NW Region board member to join student achievement team

The OSBA Student Achievement Leadership Team (SALT) has an opening for a board member from the Northwest Region. SALT works to make improved student achievement an ongoing and visible part of the work of all Ohio school boards. The team meets several times a year in Columbus

and conducts some Capital Conference activities. To be considered, please contact OSBA Executive Director **Richard Lewis** at (614) 540-4000.

## This month in OSBA history

OSBA Southwest Regional Secretary Dr. **Al Kettlewell** retired

## Spelling bee runs out of words

Talk about superlative spellers.

Two fifth-grade spelling bee contestants at **Chillicothe City's** Worthington Elementary School battled it out for nearly 40 rounds, correctly spelling 250 words and exhausting the original list. A third contestant hung in for more than 30 rounds.

Faced with this unprecedented predicament, teacher **Cathy Hall** had to consult the district office to find out how to proceed. She even had to ask if lunch breaks were permitted.

It turned out that taking time for lunch was allowed, and after the meal break the bee resumed with a fresh set of words. **Gabe Smith** edged out classmate **Carly Wood** in the 39th round, while third place went to **Chloe Liggett**, who was eliminated in the 31st round.

Source: *The Chillicothe Gazette*

on Jan. 1, 2000. His 26 years as regional secretary still stands as the OSBA record. Kettlewell was named to the position in 1974 when he was assistant dean of career planning and academic services at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. Prior to that he served as a math and science teacher, assistant principal and school district superintendent. OSBA regional secretaries are now called regional managers.

## OSBA online

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

OSBA offers online fact sheets and brochures addressing frequently asked questions. Topics include district property disposal; school board organizational meetings; regulating political activities of employees; Ohio's Sunshine Law; and much more. Log on at [www.ohioschoolboards.org/osba-fact-sheets-and-brochures](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/osba-fact-sheets-and-brochures) and get the vital information you need.



## Briefcase

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# BULLETIN BOARD

compiled by Melanie Price, administrative assistant of communication services

## OSBA executive searches

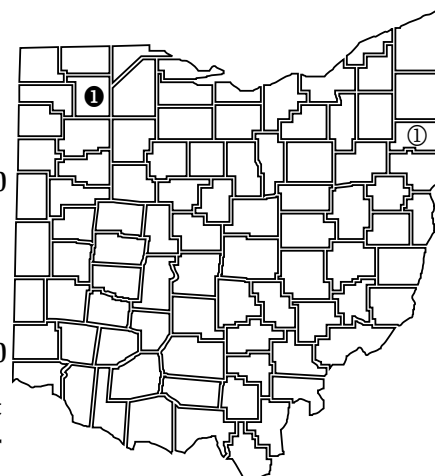
### Superintendent

District	Deadline	Contact
① Liberty Center Local (Henry)	TBD	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000

### Treasurer

District	Deadline	Contact
① Youngstown City	Feb. 3	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000

① = Superintendent  
① = Treasurer



## Other searches

Position	District	Deadline	Contact
Superintendent	Lorain County ESC	Feb. 17	Jill Orseno, treasurer, Lorain County ESC, (440) 324-5777
Superintendent	Mayfield City	Feb. 20	Paul Pendleton, (216) 225-2787, or Charlie Irish, (330) 416-0117, Finding Leaders/Ohio Schools Council

## National searches

Position	District	Deadline	Contact
Superintendent	Chesterfield, S.C.	Jan. 31	Dr. Paul Krohne, executive director, South Carolina School Boards Association, (803) 920-2787
Superintendent	Independence, Ore.	Feb. 16	Dr. Chuck Bugge, executive search consultant, Oregon School Boards Association, (541) 490-1470

## Board changes

Adams County/Ohio Valley Local (Adams) Board of Education member Timothy Naylor announced his resignation effective Dec. 31. ●●● Garaway Local (Tuscarawas) appointed Ken Engstrom to the board effective Dec. 12. He replaced

### Editor's note

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

**Greg Brown**, who moved out of the district. ●●● **Salem City** Board of Education member **Jeff Cushman** announced his resignation effective Dec. 20. He was appointed to the Salem City Council. ●●● **West Carrollton City** appointed **Lee Cyr** to the board effective Jan. 18.

## **Administrative changes**

### **Superintendents**

**Avon Local (Lorain)** Superintendent **Jim Reitenbach** announced his resignation effective July 31. ●●● **Garaway Local (Tuscarawas)** Superintendent **Darryl Jones** announced his retirement effective July 1. ●●● **Indian Hill EV** Superintendent **Janke Knudson** announced her retirement effective in July. ●●● **Nordonia Hills City** hired **Joseph Clark** as superintendent effective Dec. 1. He replaced **J. Wayne Blankenship**, who resigned. Clark was the district's interim superintendent. ●●● **Southwest Licking Local (Licking)** Superintendent **Forest Yocum** announced his retirement effective July 31.

### **Treasurers**

**Mount Vernon City** hired **Judy Stahl-Reynolds** as treasurer effective Jan. 15. She will replace **Barbara J. Donohue**, who is taking the treasurer position at **Amherst EV**. Stahl-Reynolds is currently treasurer at **Lexington Local (Richland)**.

## **Sympathies**

**Davis S. Greene**, a former member of the **Alexander Local** Board of Education and the former **Albany** school board, both in Athens County, died Dec. 17. He was 87. ●●● **Norman E. Purcy**, former superintendent at **St. Bernard-Elmwood Place City** and the former **Terrace Park** school district, died Dec. 12. He was 95. ●●● Former **Union Local (Belmont)** Board of Education member **Guy Douglas Snyder** died Dec. 20. He was 80.

# OSBA webinars

## *Learning delivered to your computer*

Learn about issues relevant to public education through OSBA's webinars. These sessions offer an informal, convenient way to learn in your office or home. All you need is a telephone and computer to participate.



To register for these webinars, contact Laurie Miller at (800) 589-OSBA, (614) 540-4000 or [Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org). You also can register by visiting [www.ohioschoolboards.org/event\\_listing](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/event_listing).

### **Power standards leading to Blue Ribbon success**

Thursday, Jan. 19, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Cost is \$35

Learn how an underperforming school with a high percentage of economically disadvantaged students received national recognition as a No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon School in 2009 and a National Title I Distinguished School in 2010. The webinar will be led by **Roger Knight**, principal, and **Jerry Julian**, TAG/EDGE teacher, at **Clear Fork Valley Local's (Richland)** Butler Elementary School.

### **Involving the public in facilities planning**

Friday, March 2, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Cost is \$35

Working with **Lorenz Williams Clinton** and **Fanning/Howey Associates Inc.**, **Huber Heights City** involved the community in the construction process for all new schools through the development of a district master plan in 2008. The transparency of decision making remains constant throughout the life of the project. Learn how important it is to listen and act on what the community wants. The webinar will be led by **William E. Kirby**, superintendent, Huber Heights City.

**New board members:**

**Trying to maneuver the maze of boardmanship?**

# **Find your way at the New Board Member Academy**



- **Designed for new board members**

- **Plenty of networking opportunities**

- **Intensive, day-and-a-half academy held in two locations:**

- *Jan. 14-15 — Findlay Inn & Conference Center, Findlay*
- *Jan. 14-15 — Embassy Suites, Independence*

School boardmanship is more complex and demanding than ever. To carry out their leadership duties effectively, new school board members must begin moving from the role of an involved citizen to that of a responsible elected official as soon as possible. High-quality board member education, designed specifically for newly elected board members, can help you become a more effective educational leader in your community.

These intensive day-and-a-half academies will focus on:

- the world of boardmanship
- communicating effectively
- board policy 101
- how Ohio schools are funded
- collective bargaining and employee relations issues
- the Sunshine Law and executive sessions

Cost for the academy is \$190 per board member. Four books are included with workshop tuition: *Boardmanship*, *Board-Treasurer Partnership*, *Board-Superintendent Partnership* and *Board-Legislature Partnership*.

To register, call (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA. More information can be found at **[www.ohioschoolboards.org/event\\_listing](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/event_listing)**.

# Become a better board member

## *Attend the Board Presidents Workshop*

Two dates and four locations to choose from:

- **Saturday, Jan. 28 at the OSBA office in Columbus or the Findlay Inn & Conference Center, Findlay**
- **Saturday, Feb. 4 at the Dayton Marriott, Dayton, or the Northeast Ohio Medical University, Rootstown**

**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 that is needed to responsibly lead the board. It is to your advantage and a benefit to your school district to be well-informed and skillful enough to perform your leadership duties effectively. Bring your questions about your 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 \$155 per board member, and includes a copy of the *Board Presidents' Handbook*. To register, contact Laurie Miller, 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 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 a.m. and ending at 12:30 p.m. While there is no fee, registration is requested to accommodate those attending.

For registration, contact Laurie Miller at (614) 540-4000; (800) 589-OSBA; or [Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org).

### **Dates and locations:**

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

► **Friday, March 9**

Ohio University Inn and Conference Center, Athens

► **Wednesday, March 14**

Owens Community College, Findlay

► **Thursday, March 15**

Northeast Ohio Medical University, Rootstown

► **Thursday, March 22**

Holiday Inn I-275 North, Cincinnati

► **Tuesday, March 27**

OSBA office, Columbus

## OSBA Contract Analysis Service



OSBA provides a cost-effective professional analysis of both certified and classified collective bargaining agreements. These written reviews serve as a critique of current contract provisions, suggest potential pitfalls regarding legal compliance and provide specific recommendations as you go into your next round of collective bargaining.

Contact Renee L. Fambro, deputy director of labor relations, at (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA for more information.



# WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

## New Board Member Academy

- ☐ Jan. 14-15, Findlay, \$190
- ☐ Jan. 14-15, Independence, \$190

## Power standards leading to Blue Ribbon success webinar

- ☐ Jan. 19, \$35

## Board Presidents Workshop

- ☐ Jan. 28, Columbus, \$155
- ☐ Jan. 28, Findlay, \$155
- ☐ Feb. 4, Dayton, \$155
- ☐ Feb. 4, Rootstown, \$155

## Involving the public in facilities planning webinar

- ☐ March 2, \$35

## SchoolComp Workers' Compensation Workshop

- ☐ March 9, Athens, free
- ☐ March 14, Findlay, free
- ☐ March 15, Rootstown, free
- ☐ March 22, Cincinnati, free
- ☐ March 27, Columbus, free

## 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](mailto:Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org). Include a purchase order number with fax or email.



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

**Please photocopy this form for each person**

## OSBA workshop registration procedures

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

### Award of Achievement/LPDC

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



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or fax



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ext. 300; or fax us at  
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sent to Laurie Miller at [Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org).  
Please include a purchase  
order number.

You may register on our Web page 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

### Legislature very busy before breaking for holiday recess

The General Assembly passed several pieces of legislation in December before recessing for its holiday break. Below is an update on some of the bills impacting public education.

#### Dyslexia bill picks up several amendments

House Bill (HB) 157, sponsored by Rep. **Kirk Schuring** (R-Canton) and Rep. **Tom Letson** (D-Warren), is a bipartisan bill that would authorize educational service centers to provide teacher professional development on dyslexia. Even though the bill authorizes ESCs to provide professional development on dyslexia, current law does not expressly prohibit this now.

Specifically, the legislation:

- Permits an ESC to engage the services of a “dyslexia specialist” to provide training for K-4 teachers in school districts and other public schools that contract with the ESC for training services on the indicators of dyslexia and the types of instruction that children with dyslexia need.
- Permits groups of local school districts within an ESC’s territory to engage the services of a dyslexia specialist if the ESC does not provide the training.

HB 157 picked up two big

amendments in the Senate Education Committee related to district agreements with ESCs and changes to public college preparatory boarding schools. Both of these issues were originally addressed last year in the biennial budget bill, HB 153, but the General Assembly made additional changes and used HB 157 as the vehicle.

House Bill 153 required all school districts with a student count of 16,000 or fewer to enter into an agreement with an ESC for services for which the ESC may receive the statutory per-pupil payments. This requirement applies to local, city and exempted village school districts.

Under HB 157, a city or exempted village district that wishes to switch from one ESC to another for next school year now has until March 1, 2012, rather than Jan. 1, 2012, to notify the current ESC of its intent to do so. A local district, regardless of whether it has a formal service agreement with an ESC, also must notify its current ESC by March 1 if it intends to switch to another ESC for next school year. In the future, city, exempted village and local districts may terminate their service agreements only in odd-numbered years, and only if the

termination notices occur by Jan. 1 of that year.

As with city and exempted village districts, when a local school district chooses to align with a different ESC, the funding will follow from the current ESC to the new one. HB 157 corrects an oversight in HB 153 that would have prevented the flow of funds to a new ESC chosen by a local district.

If a school district does notify an ESC of termination of a service agreement, the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) is requiring that notification be sent at the same time to **Prabir Sarkar** at: [prabir.sarkar@ode.state.oh.us](mailto:prabir.sarkar@ode.state.oh.us). Please note that a school district does not have to choose a new ESC to provide primary services at the same time as the termination.

In addition, HB 157 requires service agreements between ESCs and local school districts for the 2012-2013 school year to be finalized by June 30, 2012.

When any district establishes a new ESC service agreement, a copy of the document also should be sent to Sarkar. These agreements are due to ODE by July 1, or before June 1, if the parties want the state to start payments with the first foundation

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payment in July.

The second amendment to HB 157 made changes to the public college preparatory boarding school program for at-risk students that was originally created in HB 153. The amendment clarifies some of the rules and expectations for the program. The amendment provides that the boarding schools can leverage private financing as an alternative to bonds; mandates a process to see that fiscal operations are in line with Ohio standards; ensures schools provide safe and reliable transportation for students; and clarifies that state funds are to be used for classroom facilities only.

HB 157 was passed by both

chambers with an emergency clause, which means it became effective immediately when the governor signed it on Dec. 21.

### Local Government Innovation Fund revised

The Local Government Innovation Fund (LGIF) and the Local Government Innovation Council (LGIC), which will administer the fund, were created last year in the biennial budget bill, HB 153. The program was created to provide seed money or start-up funds for school districts and local governments to implement innovative programs and practices for shared services and/or efficiencies. Like many

new programs created in the budget bill, the LGIF and LGIC legislative language needed some additional clarification.

HB 371, cosponsored by Rep. **Ron Amstutz** (R-Wooster) and Rep. **Carlton Weddington** (D-Columbus), was introduced and put on the fast track to make changes to the program. It was passed by both chambers and signed by the governor on Dec. 21. The bill primarily:

- modifies the application process for loans and grants under the program,
- modifies the criteria

used to evaluate proposals under the program,

- includes in the Local Government Innovation Fund the repayments of principal and interest on loans made from the fund,
- modifies the amount of money the council may award to political subdivisions,
- modifies the manner in which awards are to be divided between larger and smaller political subdivisions,
- makes an appropriation.

The LGIF program consists of \$45 million to be awarded to political subdivisions, including school districts, for projects that promote efficiency, shared services, co-production and mergers among local governments. The program consists of \$9 million in grants for feasibility studies and \$36 million in loans for projects. Eligibility is limited to political subdivisions or groups of political subdivisions located in Ohio.

The Ohio Department of Development is responsible for facilitating the program, and has scheduled six regional information sessions and a live webinar to provide information about it. No RSVP is required to attend the information sessions, but registration is required to participate in the live webinar. Those interested in learning more about LGIF are encouraged to attend one of the following sessions:

- **Central Ohio**  
Tuesday, Jan. 10

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## Where can you find the *real* facts?



### The **Education Tax Policy Institute**

(ETPI) continues to be the *only* organization in Ohio dedicated to research and analysis of education public policy issues.

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# PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Angela Penquite, communication design manager

## Students' "Pennies for PJs" raises \$1,500 for kids in hospital

First-graders at **Canton City's** Clarendon Elementary School warmed the holidays for children who had to spend Christmas in the hospital.

The students collected pennies as a service project. They dug deep into their pockets, broke open their piggy banks and gave up spare change from their Book Fair.

A large, colored thermometer on a classroom door showed the progress as they reached their goal of \$400. It spilled over to show a

mark of \$1,500, enough to give pajamas and a book to 119 children at Aultman Hospital and the oncology and hematology floors at Akron Children's Hospital.

"I feel really special to make people feel good," said student **Laurny Swonger**.

The first-graders also solicited the help of other students, school board members, administrators, principals and local businesses.

Principal **Nicole Herberghs** said the kids took the lead on the

project and took their goal seriously.

Teachers **Kim Robbins**, **Paula Weaver** and **Lucretia Scalia** were overwhelmed, but not surprised by their students' generosity.

"They happily participated in this knowing there was nothing tangible in it for them," said Robbins. "They have continued to come to school each day and drop pennies in the jar with smiles on their faces."

Source: *The (Canton) Repository*

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- 10 a.m.-noon  
William Green Building  
Second floor auditorium  
30 W. Spring St.  
Columbus, 43215
- **Webinar** (live from central Ohio session)  
Tuesday, Jan. 10  
10 a.m.-noon  
[www3.gotomeeting.com/register/222320710](http://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/222320710)
- **Southeast Ohio**  
Wednesday, Jan. 11  
10 a.m.-noon  
Washington State Community College  
Graham Auditorium  
710 Colegate Drive  
Marietta, 45750
- **Northeast Ohio**

- Tuesday, Jan. 17  
1 p.m.-3 p.m.  
Cuyahoga Community College  
Corporate College East, Super Conference Room  
4400 Richmond Road  
Warrensville Heights, 44128
- **Northwest Ohio**  
Wednesday, Jan. 18  
10 a.m.-noon  
Owens Community College  
Center for Fine and Performing Arts  
30335 Oregon Road  
Perrysburg, 43551
- **Western Ohio**  
Tuesday, Jan. 24  
9 a.m.-11 a.m.  
Fifth Third Center  
1 S. Main St.

- Dayton, 45402
- **Southwest Ohio**  
Tuesday, Jan. 24  
1 p.m.-3 p.m.  
Miami University  
Hamilton Parrish Auditorium  
1601 University Blvd.  
Hamilton, 45011
- For more information, please visit the program website at <http://development.ohio.gov/Urban/LGIF.htm> or contact **Nyla Potter** at (614) 728-0989 or [Nyla.Potter@development.ohio.gov](mailto:Nyla.Potter@development.ohio.gov).
- 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 Dec. 30.*

## January 2012

- 14-15 New Board Member Academy.....Findlay
- 14-15 New Board Member Academy..... Independence
- 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).*
- 19 Power standards leading to Blue Ribbon success webinar
- 20 OSBA Capital Conference Planning Task Force meeting.....Columbus
- 20 OSBA Executive Committee meeting.....Columbus
- 20 *Last day for boards of education to submit fiscal tax-year budget to county auditor — RC 5705.30.*
- 21 OSBA Board of Trustees meeting.....Columbus
- 28 Board Presidents Workshop.....Columbus
- 28 Board Presidents Workshop.....Findlay
- 31 *Annual campaign finance reports due*

*(by 4 p.m.) detailing contributions and expenditures through Dec. 31, 2011 — 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.*

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- 4 OSBA Board Presidents Workshop.....Dayton
- 4 OSBA Board Presidents Workshop.....Rootstown
- 4-5 NSBA Leadership Conference.....Washington, D.C.
- 5-7 NSBA Federal Relations Network Conference.....Washington, D.C.
- 6 *Last day for voter registration for March election — RC 3503.01, 3503.19(A) (30 days prior to the election).*
- 8 OSBA Central Region Executive Committee Meeting.....Columbus
- 12 OSBA Southeast Region Executive Committee Meeting.....Logan
- 12 OSBA Northwest Region Executive Committee Meeting.....Bowling Green

## March 2012

- 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 (contracts entered into after March 30, 2007) — RC 3313.22.*
- 2 Involving the public in facilities planning webinar
- 6 Primary/special election day — RC 3501.01
- 6 Southeast Region Spring Conference.....Ironton
- 7 Northeast Region Spring Conference.....Rittman
- 8 Southeast Region Spring Conference.....Crooksville
- 9 SchoolComp Workers' Compensation Workshop.....Athens
- 13 Southwest Region Spring Conference.....Cincinnati
- 14 SchoolComp Workers' Compensation Workshop.....Findlay
- 15 SchoolComp Workers' Compensation Workshop.....Rootstown
- 15 OSBA Northwest Region Spring Conference.....Milan
- 22 SchoolComp Workers' Compensation Workshop.....Cincinnati
- 23 OSBA Special Education Law Workshop.....Worthington
- 27 SchoolComp Workers' Compensation Workshop.....Columbus