

BRIEF CASE

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Trump budget slashes public education funding, promotes school choice

President **Donald Trump**'s 2018 education budget proposal calls for cutting public school funding by nearly \$10 billion while increasing funding to expand voucher and charter school programs. In a news release, National School Boards Association Executive Director and CEO **Thomas J. Gentzel** said, "President Trump's proposed \$9.2 billion cut to education initiatives will deliver a devastating blow to the country's public education system if enacted by Congress. ... Proposals for vouchers, tuition tax credits and the Title I portability ... (will) redirect taxpayers' dollars from public to private schools, effectively creating a second system of taxpayer-funded education."

OSBA announces Capital Conference General Session speakers

Two captivating speakers will headline the General Sessions at the 2017 OSBA Capital Conference. The Opening General Session presenter is **Sonia Manzano**, who for over 30 years, inspired, educated and delighted children and families as Maria on PBS' "Sesame Street." The Closing General Session speaker is **Josh Radnor**, known for his role as Ted on the award-winning CBS comedy series "How I Met Your Mother." The conference, Nov. 12-14 in Columbus, features more than 150 workshop sessions, countless networking opportunities and a world-class trade exhibition. For more information, visit <http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org>.

Nomination deadline for OSBA offices, committees drawing near

The deadline for submitting nominations for 2017 OSBA regional and state elected offices and committee appointments is June 30. All school board members are encouraged to apply. Serving as an officer or committee member is a great way to network with board members from other districts and represent your board and district at region and state events. A Call for Nominations brochure and application were mailed to all board members and are posted at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/40095>. Check with your regional manager for more information; their contact information is listed at www.ohioschoolboards.org/regions.

OSBA Legal Assistance Fund support helps district prevail in court case

In a case involving the OSBA Legal Assistance Fund (LAF), the Ohio Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of a school district's searches of a student's bags. In *State v. Polk*, the court concluded that schools have a compelling interest in protecting students from harm, and it is reasonable for school personnel to search a student's book bag to determine the bag's ownership and whether there is anything dangerous in it. LAF joined several statewide education organizations in providing an amici curiae brief supporting the school district. For details on *State v. Polk*, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/40095>.

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Route workshop information to:

- Administrators
- Athletic directors
- School board candidates

ohioschoolboards.org/34255. The case is yet another example of LAF participating in litigation of statewide significance involving OSBA member school boards. For more information on LAF, go to <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/15280>.

Khan Academy SAT practice leads to student score gains

The College Board and Khan Academy have released data linking the free Official SAT Practice on the Khan Academy website to substantial score gains on the PSAT/NMSQT and SAT. The data included nearly 250,000 students from the graduating class of 2017 who took the new PSAT/NMSQT and the new SAT in the past year. Students who practiced 20 hours on the Official SAT Practice achieved an average 115-point score gain on the SAT — nearly double the average gain among students who didn't use

Khan Academy. Improved scores were seen across gender; family income levels; race and ethnicity; and parental education. Educators can visit <http://satpractice.org/k12> for resources and tips to encourage students to practice. Students should visit <http://satpractice.org> to sign up.

Hilliard City students test their ninja skills

Students in an engineering class at Hilliard City's Hilliard Davidson High School bounced off a trampoline and grabbed hold of a set of nunchaku dangling from the ceiling.

Those in **Bill Kuch's** Introduction to Engineering Design class had to find out if their projects were "ninja-worthy."

Kuch tries to incorporate a real-world project in his class every year. He got the idea while listening to the radio and hearing an ad for "American Ninja Warrior," the popular obstacle-course competition on NBC.

The nearby Movement Lab Ohio, which offers Ninja Warrior classes, provided the perfect testing ground.

Last year Kuch took his students to play laser tag.

Source: The Columbus Dispatch

Reminder: Emergency plan certifications due July 1

School or district administrators must annually check and update the district emergency plans stored in the Security Application For Enterprise (SAFE) web portal to ensure procedures and contact information are current for a given school. Certification requires an internal review by the school administrator and is due July 1. For more information, visit <https://saferschools.ohio.gov>.

OSBA online

● www.ohioschoolboards.org
OSBA has launched the 2017 OSBA Capital Conference and Trade Show website at <http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org>. The site includes information on keynote speakers, learning sessions, the Student Achievement Fair, the trade exhibition and more. Districts also can submit nominations for the Student Achievement Fair on the site.



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BULLETIN BOARD

compiled by Melanie Price, senior administrative assistant of communication services

Searches

Position	District	Deadline	Contact
Treasurer	Buckeye Local (Medina)	June 19	Capri Blasco, personnel secretary, Medina County ESC, (330) 723-6393, ext. 127

National searches

Position	District	Deadline	Contact
Superintendent	Carlsbad, N.M.	June 26	McPherson & Jacobson LLC, executive recruitment and development, (888) 375-4814

Board changes

Amanda-Clearcreek Local (Fairfield) appointed **Brandon Kerr** to the board effective May 15. He replaced **Mark Francis**, who resigned. ●●● Crestwood Local (Portage) Board of Education member **Debra L. Soltisz** announced her resignation effective May 9. ●●● McDonald Local (Trumbull) Board of Education member **Catherine M. Harvey** announced her resignation effective May 12. ●●● Monroeville Local (Huron) appointed **Betsy Ruggles** and **Dan Bemis** to the board effective May 11. They replaced **Brian Watt** and **Scott Sparks**, who resigned.

Administrative changes

Superintendents

Barberton City hired **Jeff Ramnytz** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace **Patti Cleary**, who is retiring. Ramnytz currently is the district's high school principal. ●●● Bloom-Carroll Local (Fairfield) Superintendent Dr. **Lynn P. Landis** announced his retirement effective July 31. ●●● Buckeye Local (Jefferson) hired **Kim Leonard** as superintendent effective in July. She will replace Interim Superintendent **Scott Celestin**. Leonard currently is the principal at St. John's School in Bellaire. ●●● Cincinnati City hired Deputy Superintendent **Catherine Laura Mitchell** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. She will replace **Mary Ronan**, who is retiring. ●●● Loudonville-Perrysville EV hired **Catherine May Puster** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. She will replace **John E. Miller**, who is retiring. Puster currently is the district's director of curriculum, instruction and assessment. ●●● Loveland City Superintendent **Chad Hilliker** announced his resignation effective July 31. He has taken an assistant superintendent position at **Hamilton County ESC**. ●●● Madison Local (Richland) hired **Shelley Lynn Hilderbrand** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. She will replace **Lee A. Kaple**, who is resigning effective July 31. Hilderbrand currently is the assistant superintendent at **Huber Heights City**. ●●● Middletown City hired **Marlon Styles Jr.** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He replaced Dr. **Samuel Ison**, who took a high school

Editor's note

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

principal position at **Wayne Local (Warren)**. Styles currently is the executive director of curriculum and instruction at **Lakota Local (Butler)**. ●●● **Paulding EV Superintendent William D. Hanak** announced his resignation effective July 31. He has taken the superintendent position at **North Central Local (Williams)**, replacing Superintendent **Ken Boyer**, who is retiring effective July 31. ●●● **Springfield Local (Lucas)** hired Assistant Superintendent **Matt Geha** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace Dr. **Michael O'Shea**, who is retiring. ●●● **Washington Court House City** hired **Thomas S. Bailey** as superintendent effective immediately. He replaced Interim Superintendent **Bob Hamm**. Bailey previously was the assistant superintendent at **Three Rivers Local (Hamilton)**. ●●● **West Muskingum Local (Muskingum)** hired **Steve Stirn** as interim superintendent effective June 7. He replaced Dr. **William R. Harbron**, who resigned effective June 6. ●●● **Xenia Community City Superintendent Denny Morrison** announced his retirement effective July 31.

Treasurers

Buckeye Local (Medina) Treasurer **Carolyn Weglewski** announced her retirement effective Aug. 1. ●●● **Great Oaks Career Campuses** hired **Ben C. Vanhorn** as treasurer effective Aug. 1. He will replace **Robert Giuffre**, who is retiring.

Vanhorn currently is the treasurer at **Pickaway-Ross Career and Technology Center**. ●●● **New London Local (Huron)** hired **James M. Hudson** as treasurer effective Aug. 1. He will continue to serve as treasurer at **Cloverleaf Local (Medina)**.



OSBA Pre-Board Candidate Workshop

Know someone who is thinking of running for your school board or someone who would be an asset to your board? Encourage them to attend this workshop to learn the responsibilities of boardmanship.

This free workshop describes the roles and responsibilities of school board service and requirements for running for a seat on a local board of education. Set for Saturday, July 15, from 10 a.m. to noon at the OSBA office in Columbus, this workshop will be led by two veteran OSBA staff members and include time for questions.

This session is for people who are thinking about running for their school board and current board of education members appointed to office who must now run for election.

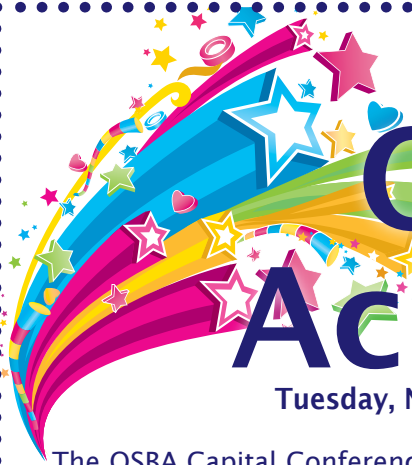
Space is limited, so contact OSBA Senior Events Manager **Laurie Miller** at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org to register.

For more information on running for a board of education seat, visit OSBA's board candidate webpage, www.ohioschoolboards.org/running-school-board. Learn more about this and other board candidate workshops at www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops.

Sympathies

Former **Bowling Green City Board of Education** Member **Robert O. "Bob" Sanner** died May 5. He was 62. ●●● **Carrol Eugene Bailey**, a member of the former **Champaign County School Board**, died May 21. He was 87. ●●● Former **Dublin City Board of Education** member **Joan L. Alford** died May 14. She was 91. ●●● Former **Eaton City Board of Education** member **Harold Geeting** died May 11. He was 84. ●●● Former **Elyria City Board of Education** member **Robert Joseph Repas** died May 17. He was 83. ●●● Former **Greenville City Board of Education** member **William Funderburg** died May 8. He was 78. ●●● Former **Holgate Local (Henry) Superintendent Wesley A. Ritchey** died May 21. He was 84. ●●● Former **Mariemont City Board of Education** member **Walter Dunlop Johann** died May 8. He was 89. ●●●

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

Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2017 • 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. • Greater Columbus Convention Center

The OSBA Capital Conference Student Achievement Fair highlights outstanding student performance groups and fresh, innovative initiatives from school districts across the state.

Student Achievement Fair performing groups

OSBA will choose one school district performing group from each of the association's five regions to perform during the Student Achievement Fair. Past performing groups have included choirs, bands, orchestras, percussion ensembles and cheerleaders. Each group will perform for 20 minutes. To nominate a performing group, submit a nomination at <http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org/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. Only electronic recordings will be accepted. The nomination deadline is Friday, June 23.



Student Achievement Fair district programs

OSBA is accepting nominations for district programs. These programs showcase exemplary programs that improve student achievement. Examples of district programs in the Student Achievement Fair include one-to-one technology programs, STEM for middle grades, workforce exchange programs and career center culinary arts programs. For more ideas, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/60021> to view the list of 2016 Student Achievement Fair district programs.

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

District programs will be showcased in a 10-by-10-foot booth, which can accommodate up to five people. Nominations will be accepted until all booths have been filled. **Please note: Internet access IS NOT provided with your booth. If you need internet access, you can purchase it from the convention center. The 2016 daily rate for Wi-Fi was \$99 per device. You will need a credit card to make the purchase.**



Have questions?

If you have questions about nominating a student performing group or district program, contact **Gwen Samet** (gsamet@ohioschoolboards.org) or **Teri Morgan** (tmorgan@ohioschoolboards.org) at (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA.

Visit <http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org/saf-nominations> to nominate a student performing group or district program today!



THE 40TH ANNUAL OHIO COUNCIL OF SCHOOL BOARD ATTORNEYS
SCHOOL ATTORNEY WORKSHOP

FRIDAY, JUNE 16

TUITION IS \$210

NATIONWIDE HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER, LEWIS CENTER

Agenda

- 8:30 a.m. Registration and continental breakfast**
- 9 a.m. The view from Washington, D.C.: A federal update**
A National School Boards Association (NSBA) attorney provides a national perspective on the key decisions, legislation and guidance documents coming from the federal government.
Sonja Trainor, program director, NSBA Council of School Attorneys
- 10 a.m. Ask the arbitrator**
Back by popular demand, an experienced panel of arbitrators provide their thoughts on the just cause standard, strict compliance with timelines and deadlines, and more.
Sandra Furman, Esq., Mitchell Goldberg, Esq. and David Stanton, Esq.
- 10:45 a.m. Break**
- 11 a.m. Understanding digital forensics**
Digital evidence, including email, internet activity and other electronic files, are crucial in internal investigations, civil matters and cybersecurity cases. Learn where to look for this evidence, how attorneys can use it to their advantage and what really goes on beyond what is visible.
Adam Blevins, director of technology, Hamilton Clermont Cooperative; Damon Hacker, president and CEO, Vestige Digital Investigations; and Ryan LaFlamme, Esq., Ennis Britton Co. LPA
- Noon OCSBA Annual Business Meeting**
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch (provided)**
- 1:15 p.m. English learners in K-12 schools**
This session provides a comprehensive look at educating students whose native or home language is not English and equips school attorneys with the information and resources they need to provide competent counsel in this area of the law.
Jennifer A. Hardin, deputy director of legal services, OSBA; Wanda Lillis, Esq., associate legal counsel, Columbus City Schools; and Donna Villareal, education consultant, Office of Curriculum and Assessment, Ohio Department of Education (ODE)
- 2 p.m. Break**
- 2:15 p.m. ODE, Ohio Ethics Commission and Ohio auditor of state's office panel**
Representatives from state agencies will be on hand to answer some of your most frequently asked questions, including those on licensure, employee misconduct, findings for recovery, conflicts of interest and more.
Mark Altier, chief legal counsel, Ohio auditor of state's office; Karen King, advisory attorney, Ohio Ethics Commission; and Lori Kelly, director, Office for Professional Conduct, and Immy Singh, director, Office of Licensure, ODE
Moderator: Sara C. Clark, director of legal services, OSBA
- 3:30 p.m. Dealing with difficult attorneys**
Disciplinary counsel from the Ohio Supreme Court will provide an overview of the attorney disciplinary process, including recognizing the difference between difficult or uncivil behavior and a disciplinary rule violation. *This session has been approved for 1.0 hour of professional conduct credit hours.*
Scott Drexel, disciplinary counsel, Office of Disciplinary Counsel, Ohio Supreme Court
- 4:30 p.m. Adjourn**

This program has been approved by the Supreme Court of Ohio Commission on Continuing Legal Education for 5.75 hours of CLE Credit, with 1.0 hour of attorney professional conduct instruction. **This workshop is open to OCSBA members, and school board members and in-house counsel of school districts that are members of OSBA.** Unauthorized audio recording or videotaping of any session is strictly prohibited.

The workshop will be held at the Nationwide Hotel and Conference Center, 100 Green Meadows Drive South, Lewis Center, OH 43035. The phone number is (614) 880-4300. Register online at www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops or contact **Laurie Miller**, OSBA senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org.

Sports Law Workshop

Friday, June 23
9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Embassy Suites, Columbus
Cost is \$165



AGENDA

8:30 a.m. Registration and continental breakfast (provided)

9 a.m. OHSAA legal update
The workshop kicks off with a discussion with the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) about new initiatives. Hear OHSAA's thoughts, recommendations and the potential repercussions associated with recruitment of student athletes.
Dr. Daniel B. Ross, commissioner, and Steve Craig, Esq., legal counsel, OHSAA

10:15 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. Top 10 legal issues impacting athletic programs
Learn the top 10 legal issues all school districts need to address to run effective, efficient and legally compliant athletic programs. Two school attorneys will review a number of issues that impact athletic programs, including risk and liability management, Title IX compliance and more.
Pamela A. Leist, Esq., and William M. Deters II, Esq., Ennis Britton Co. LPA, Cincinnati

11:30 a.m. Lunch

12:15 p.m. Hazing and bullying: Practical solutions
Learn practical solutions for dealing with hazing and bullying investigations, including allegations of "coach bullying" and anonymous complaints.
Donna M. Andrew, Esq., Pepple & Waggoner Ltd., Cleveland

1:15 p.m. Break

1:30 p.m. Booster best practices
Booster groups are an essential part of funding athletic and extracurricular programs. Join OSBA's director of legal services for a discussion of booster group best practices, ranging from building and maintaining relationships with your district's booster groups to appropriate money management procedures, booster risk and liability management and more.
Sara C. Clark, director of legal services, OSBA

2:15 p.m. Coaches: Contracts, compensation and evaluation
Hiring coaches can be a complicated process. Renewal and nonrenewal for licensed and unlicensed staff can create several difficult situations. Learn how to stay compliant with state law and negotiated agreements. Topics discussed will include hiring, evaluating and compensating coaches.
Margaret Lockhart, Esq., Marshall & Melhorn LLC, Toledo

3:15 p.m. Adjourn

This program has been approved by the Supreme Court of Ohio Commission on Continuing Legal Education for 5.0 hours of CLE Credit.

This workshop is open to school board members, administrators, athletic directors and staff of districts that are members of OSBA. Unauthorized audio recording or videotaping of any session is strictly prohibited.

The workshop will be held at the Embassy Suites Columbus, 2700 Corporate Exchange Drive, Columbus, OH, 43231. The phone number is (614) 890-8600. Register online at www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops or contact **Laurie Miller**, OSBA senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org.



WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

OCSBA School Attorney Workshop
 June 16, Columbus, \$210

Sports Law Workshop
 June 23, Columbus, \$165

Pre-Board Candidate Workshop
 July 15, 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**, senior events manager, at Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org. Include a purchase order number with fax or email.



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

Please photocopy this form for each person

OSBA workshop registration procedures

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

Award of Achievement/LPDC

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

You may register on our website at www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops. You will need a username and password.



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Phone
or fax

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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.

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.

Bulletin Board, continued from page 4

Former Medina City Board of Education member Lydia Marilyn Deyell Clark died May 10. She was 90. ●●● Former Northwestern Local (Wayne) Board of Education member Dr. Robert Schulz died May 21. He was 90. ●●● Former Ohio Valley ESC Assistant Superintendent Larry Osborne died May 8. He was 82. ●●● Former Painesville City Local (Lake) Board of Education member Richard P. "Dick" Muny died May 16. He was 76. ●●● Parma City Board of Education member Rosemary Gulick died May 17. She was 75. ●●● Former Ravenna City Board of Education member Robert Vaughn Webb died May 15. He was 97. ●●● Former Rossford EV Board of Education member Michael P. McAlear died May 15. He was 56. ●●● Former Tolles Career & Technical Center Board of Education member James "Ben" Sayre died May 7. He was 90. ●●● Former Westlake City Board of Education member Dorothy Durieux Antel died May 14. She was 91.



FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

compiled by Angela Penquite, managing editor

Environmental education grants available

The Ohio Environmental Education Fund supports projects that increase public awareness and knowledge of environmental issues and provide the skills to make informed decisions and take responsible actions. The projects must target three audiences: the regulated community, the general public and preschool through university students and teachers. Applicants must submit a letter of intent by July 10.

Maximum awards: \$50,000

Eligibility: public schools

Deadline: July 17

Contact: <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/94736>

Grants for scientific education

The American Honda Foundation engages in grant-making that reflects the basic tenets, beliefs and philosophies of Honda companies, which are

characterized by the following qualities: imaginative, creative, youthful, forward-thinking, scientific, humanistic and innovative. It supports youth education, with a specific focus on STEM subjects, in addition to the environment.

Maximum award: \$675,000

Eligibility: public schools with two years of audited financial statements examined by an independent CPA for the purpose of expressing an opinion

Deadline: Aug. 1

Contact: <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/50214>

Recognizing information science teachers

The Thomson Reuters Outstanding Information Science Teacher Award recognizes the unique teaching contributions of information science teachers.

Maximum award: \$1,000

Eligibility: must be directly

engaged in teaching some aspect of information science on a continuing basis

Deadline: Aug. 1

Contact: <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/17124>

STEM grants for schools using FirstEnergy Corp. companies

FirstEnergy Corp. is offering STEM Education Grants for educators in schools served by its electric operating companies. The grants are for any upcoming creative classroom projects related to science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

Maximum awards: \$1,000

Eligibility: pre-K-12 educators in a school using a FirstEnergy Corp. electric operating company (Ohio Edison; The Illuminating Co.; Toledo Edison)

Deadline: Sept. 22

Contact: <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/83118>



LEGISLATIVE REPORT

by Jay Smith, deputy director of legislative services

Bill seeks content standards for computer science; budget update

House Bill (HB) 170, introduced by Reps. **Rick Carfagna** (R-Genoa Township) and **Mike Duffey** (R-Worthington), seeks to define “computer science” in the Ohio Revised Code and aims to become part of the K-12 education curriculum. Sponsors of the bill feel this legislation is necessary to ensure students are better prepared for challenges in today’s science and technology fields.



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 **Van D. Keating** at (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA for more information.

“Increasingly, automation is eliminating jobs in Ohio’s most historically reliant industries such as automotive manufacturing,” Duffey stated in a press release. “We need to encourage students to pursue career paths that are more likely to exist and provide a living wage well into the future.”

“Computer science ... is underrepresented in Ohio, in part because we have mandates for graduation requirements such as algebra 2. What we are doing now is providing flexibility to Ohio students and school districts to increase their offering of computer science and, in doing so, better preparing Ohio’s workforce for the jobs that realistically will exist. By building a culture much more supportive of computer science, Ohio will also increase the likelihood that we will attract some of the fastest growing companies in the world or create one ourselves as an Ohio startup.”

The bill would require the State Board of Education to adopt academic content standards and a model curriculum for computer science for grades K-12 by Dec. 31, 2018. This requirement does not make it mandatory for local school districts to use or adopt these new standards and model curriculum.

In addition, the bill would add

computer science instruction as an option to other prescribed subjects that meet the high school curriculum requirements. For districts choosing to add computer science instruction, students would have the opportunity to replace one of four required courses in math, one of three required courses in science or one of five required elective courses. Students could substitute more than one computer science course; however, the course must be sequential and progressively more difficult or cover different subject areas in computer science. Students could not substitute computer science for any life sciences or biology courses.

Districts that choose to offer computer science education under this bill must employ an individual who is licensed in computer science or holds a license endorsement in the computer science field. Licensed individuals would be permitted to qualify for a supplemental teaching license but would have to pass a computer science content exam before obtaining the supplemental license. After two or more years of teaching under a supplemental license, teachers would be required to advance to a standard educator license in computer science.

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PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Scott Gerfen, assistant editor

Student-run Blood Bash unites community in saving lives

What started out as a small community service project has grown into an annual event that draws hundreds of people to **Barnesville EV Schools**.

The student-run, community-supported Blood Bash, held May 5 in the high school gymnasium, collected donated blood for use in nearly 50 hospitals in Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

“We’re a small school that does really, really well with this drive,” coordinator and Barnesville High

School biology teacher **Jill Crosier** told a local newspaper. “It’s grown over the years because the students have made it bigger, and we have a community that’s willing to support giving blood.”

Students begin planning the event in January. They each recruit two donors to take part in the blood drive, which the Central Blood Bank says has collected enough blood in more than 30 years to save nearly 39,000 lives — 10 times the population of Barnesville.

The daylong Blood Bash takes on a tailgate-like atmosphere with tents and grilled food. Attendees play games, such as Cornhole, and toss Frisbees. Throughout the day, students register and welcome donors, then walk them from station to station.

The community supports the event, with local sponsors providing student-designed T-shirts for blood donors. Other businesses offer gift cards.

Source: The Daily Jeffersonian

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In order for a student to apply one unit of instruction in computer science to replace a unit of math or science under the bill, teachers must be appropriately licensed and complete a professional development program determined appropriate by the district school board prior to teaching the course.

HB 170 is expected to see a vote in the House Education and Career Readiness Committee prior to the summer recess. OSBA, the Buckeye Association of School Administrators and the Ohio Association of School Business Officials recently offered joint testimony in support of the legislation. For more information,

visit OSBA’s BillTracker page at www.ohioschoolboards.org/billtracker.

Budget update

On June 12, the Ohio Senate Finance Committee is expected to accept a substitute version of Amended Substitute House Bill (Am. Sub. HB) 49, the biennial budget. Following the introduction of the Senate version, the Senate Finance Committee is expected to host some committee hearings that most likely will include additional amendments prior to a vote out of committee and passage by the Ohio Senate on June 21.

The bill is then expected to go before a conference committee,

where appointed members from each chamber will work out the differences between the House and Senate versions of Am. Sub. HB 49. Once complete, the legislation will go before each chamber for an up-or-down vote before going to the governor’s office for signing.

School board members and administrators should continue following the budget process and communicate with legislators on the potential impacts on school districts. Please contact OSBA’s Division of Legislative Services if you have questions on the budget bill or any other legislation.

Editor’s note: Information in this article was current as of June 2, 2017.

June

- 16 OCSBA School Attorney Workshop.....Lewis Center
- 23 Sports Law Workshop Columbus
- 30 2016-2017 school year ends — RC 3313.62; end of third ADM reporting period — RC 3317.03(A)

July

- 1 2017-2018 school year begins — RC 3313.62; last day for board to notify teaching and nonteaching employees of succeeding year salaries — RC 3319.12, 3319.082; board may begin to adopt appropriation measure, which may be temporary — RC 5705.38(A) and (B); treasurer must certify available revenue in funds to county auditor — RC 5705.36(A)(1).
- 10 Last day for termination of teaching contract by a teacher without consent of the board of education — RC 3319.15; last day for voter registration for August election — RC 3503.01, 3503.19(A) (30 days prior to the election).
- 15 Pre-Board Candidate Workshop..... Columbus
- 15 Last day to adopt school library district tax budget on behalf of a library district — RC 5705.28(B)(1).
- 25 Last day to submit certification for

- November conversion levy to tax commissioner — RC 5705.219(B) (105 days prior to election).
- 31 Last day to adopt a plan to require students to access and complete online classroom lessons (“blizzard bags”) in order to make up hours for which it is necessary to close schools — RC 3313.482(A)(1); last day to submit certification for November income tax levy to Ohio Department of Taxation — RC 5748.02(A) (100 days prior to election); semiannual 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 through June 30, 2017 — RC 3517.10(A)(4).

August

- 1 Last day to file statistical report with Ohio Department of Education — RC 3319.33.
- 2 Central Region Executive Committee Meeting Columbus
- 4 Attendance, Tuition and Custody Law Workshop.....Lewis Center
- 4 Last day to submit November emergency, current operating expenses or conversion levy to county auditor for November general election — RC 5705.194, 5705.195, 5705.213, 5705.219 (95 days prior to

- election).
- 7 Southwest Region Executive Committee Meeting Yellow Springs
- 8 Special Election Day — RC 3501.01 (first Tuesday after the first Monday).
- 9 Last day to file (by 4 p.m.) a nominating petition as a board of education candidate for the November general election — RC 3513.254, 3513.255; 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 November election — RC 133.18(D); last day for county auditor to certify school district bond levy terms for November election — RC 133.18(C); last day to submit continuing replacement, permanent improvement or operating levy for November election to board of elections — RC 5705.192, 5705.21, 5705.25; last day to submit emergency levy for November election to board of elections — RC 5705.195; last day to submit phased-in levy or current operating expenses levy for November election to board of elections — RC 5705.251(A); last day to certify resolution for school district income tax levy, conversion levy or renewal of conversion levy for November election to board of elections — RC 5748.02(C), 5705.219 (C) and (G) (90 days prior to the election).