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High school graduation rate climbs to highest point in 40 years

Education Week's 2013 "Diplomas Count" report shows the national graduation rate posting a solid gain for the third straight year, following a period of stagnation and declines. Amid this continuing turnaround, the graduation rate has reached the highest level since 1973. The report defines graduates as those earning a standard diploma or better in four years. Although one million students did not graduate with the class of 2013, the report shows public schools generating 96,000 fewer dropouts than the previous year. Improvements were driven by strong gains among Latino and black students. Read the report at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/90635>.

OSBA releases school safety and security white paper

OSBA recently developed a white paper, "Protecting Ohio Schoolchildren: An OSBA Guide to School Safety and Security." The paper addresses such topics as core safety and security components; school safety plans; student welfare; and arming school staff, including policy and employee issues surrounding armed staff. The white paper is available at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/95061>.

Attorney general unveils school safety recommendations

Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine's School Safety Task Force — of which OSBA is a part — has released its recommendations. They include state funding for school resource officers; counselors and other mental health services; and building security upgrades. The report also provides a recommended School Safety / Emergency Operations Plan that schools can customize to meet their unique circumstances and resources. The report is posted at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/57141>. Many other resources, including a School Safety / Emergency Operations Plan template, are available at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/35153>.

Chief Justice: Ohio school-funding system still unconstitutional

Ohio Supreme Court Justice Maureen O'Connor said the state legislature has not fixed the state's school-funding system since Ohio's highest court declared the system unconstitutional for the fourth time in 2002. O'Connor's remarks were made in a meeting with *The Columbus Dispatch* editorial board and reported in the newspaper on June 4. "I don't think it's changed ... I'm waiting like everyone else to see what the legislature and the governor are going to do about it," she told the paper.

Pulitzer finalist headlining Capital Conference General Session

Acclaimed author, journalist, Pulitzer Prize finalist and Ohio native Wil Haygood will be the keynote speaker at the OSBA Capital Conference's First General Session. A

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Washington Post journalist, Haygood grew up in a Columbus housing project where going to college was only a remote dream. He went on to graduate from Ohio's Miami University and earn a number of honors, including a National Association of Black Journalists Award. His *Washington Post* story about longtime White House butler **Eugene Allen** is the inspiration for the feature film "The Butler," due out in August.

Student Achievement Fair deadline just days away

Time is growing short to nominate one of your district's innovative student programs or student performing groups for the 2013 OSBA Student Achievement Fair, set for Nov. 12 during the Capital Conference in Columbus. The deadline is June 28. The fair highlights 100 booths of exemplary student programs and five performing groups from around

Military dad 'attends' daughter's graduation via Skype

A military father deployed overseas recently used videoconferencing to witness his daughter's graduation ceremony at **Washington Local's (Lucas)** Greenwood Elementary School.

Principal **Bill Colon** said the school came up with the idea to use the video-sharing program Skype so **Doug Harris** could experience the special occasion with his daughter, **Lillian Harris**.

"Sixth-grade graduation is a pretty big deal at Greenwood," he told a local newspaper. "By the time the ceremony's over, there's not a dry eye in the house."

Lillian said it was great having her father "attend" the event.

"It made me very happy that he was able to be there with me," she said. "I'm very thankful."

Source: *The (Toledo) Blade*

the state, and offers a great way to showcase some of your district's many achievements. To submit nominations, visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/saf-nominations. For program details, contact **Kathy LaSota** at (800) 589-OSBA, (614) 540-4000 or kLasota@ohioschoolboards.org.

ODE launches newly redesigned website

The Ohio Department of Education has unveiled its redesigned website at <http://education.ohio.gov>. The redesign was guided by ideas from some of the more than three million people who use the website each year. Additional suggestions for the site can be sent to WebCommSupport@education.ohio.gov.

OSBA online

• www.ohioschoolboards.org

Did you know that the *Journal* magazine — OSBA's flagship publication — is available digitally at www.ohioschoolboards.org/Journal? The bimonthly magazine features student achievement stories, association news, innovative articles and reports of interest to Ohio's education management teams. The *Journal* also is archived on the site, giving readers access to past magazines, starting with the 2012 issues.



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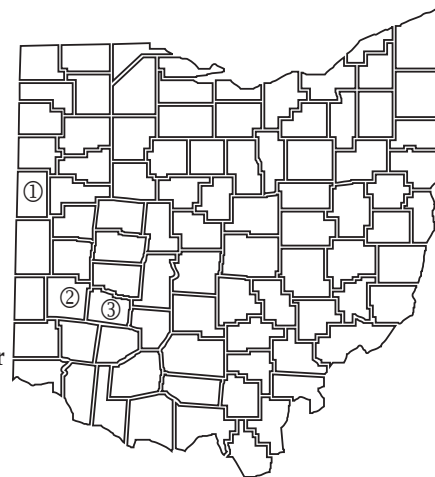
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OSBA executive searches

Treasurer

District	Deadline	Contact
① Celina City	July 3	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
② New Lebanon Local (Montgomery)	TBD	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
③ Xenia Community City	TBD	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000

① = Treasurer



Other searches

Position	District	Deadline	Contact
Elementary principal	Rossford EV	June 30	Dan Creps , superintendent, Rossford EV, 601 Superior St., Rossford, Ohio 43460

Board changes

Manchester Local (Summit) appointed **Kelly Dolan** to the board effective May 21. She replaced **LeAnn Nichols**, who resigned due to moving out of the district. ●●● **Marion City** appointed **Ted McKinniss** to the board effective June 1. He replaced **Frank Volenik**, who resigned due to moving out of state.

Administrative changes

Superintendents

Alliance City hired **Jeffery Talbert** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace **Peter Basil**, who is retiring. Talbert is currently the assistant superintendent at **Cleveland Heights-University Heights City**. ●●● **Buckeye Valley Local (Delaware)** hired Interim Superintendent **Mark S. Tingley** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. ●●● **Carey EV** Superintendent **Karl Mark Vehre** announced his retirement effective July 1. ●●● **Chippewa Local (Wayne)** hired **Sandy Stebly** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. She will replace **David Fischer**, who took the superintendent position at **Sandy Valley Local (Stark)**. Stebly is currently the district's middle school principal. ●●● **Field Local (Portage)** hired **David O. Heflinger** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace **Beth Coleman**, who resigned in February. Heflinger is currently the superintendent at **Crestline EV**. ●●● **Fredericktown Local (Knox)** hired **Patrick Drouhard** as interim

Editor's note

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

superintendent effective immediately. He replaced **James P. Peterson**, who took the superintendent position at **River Valley Local (Marion)**. ●●● **Jefferson Area Local (Ashtabula)** hired **John C. Montanaro** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace **Douglas Hladik**, who is retiring. Montanaro is currently the district's high school principal. ●●● **Louisville City** hired **Stephen Milano** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will serve as interim superintendent through July. Milano will replace **David A. Redd**, who is retiring. Milano is currently the district's high school principal. ●●● **Mansfield City Superintendent Dan Freund** announced his retirement effective July 1. ●●● **McComb Local (Hancock)** hired **Meri Skilliter** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. She will replace **Michael Lamb**, who took the superintendent position at **Shawnee Local (Allen)**. Skilliter is an elementary principal at **Gibsonburg EV**. ●●● **Walnut Township Local (Fairfield)** hired **Randall Cotner** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace **Dale Dickson**, who is retiring effective July 31. Cotner is the district's dean of students and athletic director. ●●● **Western Brown Local (Brown)** hired Interim Superintendent **Peggy McKinney** as superintendent. ●●● **Brunswick City** hired **Tracy Wheeler** as assistant superintendent effective immediately. She replaced **Joelle M. Magyar**, who took an administrative position at **Mayfield City**. Wheeler was previously the district's high school principal.

Treasurers

Oberlin City hired **Angela Dotson** as treasurer effective Aug. 1. She will replace **Diane Wolf**, who is retiring effective July 30. Dotson is currently the treasurer at Breakthrough Charter Schools in Cleveland. ●●● **Tipp City EV** hired **Regina M. Gagliano** as treasurer effective Aug. 1. She will replace **Joseph E. Smith**, who is retiring. Gagliano is currently the assistant treasurer at **Beavercreek City**.



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. Held Saturday, July 20, from 10 a.m. to noon at the OSBA office in Columbus, this workshop will be led by two veteran OSBA staff members and allow 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 please 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 Web page, www.ohioschoolboards.org/candidate-for-school-boards. Learn more about this and other board candidate workshops at www.ohioschoolboards.org/event_listing.

Sympathies

Former **Eastern Local (Brown)** Board of Education member **Charles W. Grimes** died May 20. He was 80. ●●● **Madison Local (Butler)** and former **Butler Tech** Board of Education member **Michael Lee Miller** died May 25. He was 44. ●●● **Roy P. Roller**, a member of the former **New Carlisle-Bethel** Board of Education in Clark County, died May 22. He was 82. ●●● Former **Put-In-Bay Local (Ottawa)** Board of Education member **Bill Massie** died May 22. He was 91. ●●● **Clyde Graves**, a member of the former **Vinton County** Board of Education, died May 26. He was 90. ●●● Former **Waterloo Local (Portage)** Board of Education member **Fred Trautman** died May 25. He was 75.



Improving your school safety plans at minimal costs

Tuesday, Aug. 6 and Wednesday, Aug. 7

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Cost: \$195

OSBA office, Columbus

The Ohio School Boards Association will present two-day workshops on Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED). Improve your required school emergency plans by assessing and taking steps to mitigate possible safety risks in and outside school facilities. Significant improvements to school facilities can be achieved at little or no financial cost if CPTED principles are applied properly.

Workshop participants will learn how to examine structural and environmental elements in and around school buildings, including windows, doors, parking areas, landscaping and lighting. A certified CPTED trainer will facilitate the seminar.

During the first day, attendees will learn the four key elements of CPTED. These elements are:

- Natural access control – using doors, fences and gates to control access to your business or property;
- Natural surveillance – arranging the property for maximum visibility;
- Territorial reinforcement – features that define property lines and distinguish private spaces from public spaces, including signs and fences;
- Maintenance – a well-maintained area sends the message that people notice and care about what happens.

During the second day, attendees will be “in the field,” conducting an actual team assessment. Following lunch, participants will reconvene and each group will present its findings and recommendations.

The workshop will be offered at the OSBA office in Columbus. Participants completing the two-day seminar will receive a certificate of completion validating their abilities to apply CPTED principles in their own school districts.

The fee for the two-day workshop is \$195, and will include training, materials, transportation to and from the field assessment, certificate of completion and breakfast, lunch and coffee breaks both days.

To register, contact **Laurie Miller**, senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000, ext. 284; (800) 589-OSBA; or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org.

Attendance, Tuition and Custody Law Workshop

Friday, Aug. 2

9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

NorthPointe Hotel and Conference Center, Lewis Center

Cost: \$150, includes registration, continental breakfast, lunch and materials.

The law addressing attendance and tuition matters is complex and changes frequently. How your district handles these matters affects your district's bottom line. Learn the latest legal developments at this information-packed seminar.

AGENDA

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

9 a.m. Legislative update

The workshop kicks off with an update on recent legislation that impacts attendance, tuition and other education laws. Get up to speed on the latest developments.

Damon Asbury, director of legislative services, OSBA

9:30 a.m. Insight from the bench: truancy, kinship placements, and more

A juvenile court magistrate will provide practical suggestions for working with the courts, including strategies for addressing truancy, prosecuting educational neglect, kinship care and other informal placement situations, and more.

Edith M. Hough, magistrate, Ashtabula County Juvenile Court

10:30 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. 30 tips in 60 minutes

Join two EMIS coordinators and an ESC administrator for a fast-paced session that packs a lot of information into a short time frame. Join the fun and participate in an open Q&A during the last 15 minutes.

Jennifer Schmidt, EMIS director, Tri-Rivers Educational Computer Association; Tammy Hrosch, EMIS coordinator, Beavercreek City; and Janie Gildersleeve, Ashtabula County ESC

Noon Lunch (provided)

12:45 p.m. Nontraditional students

This session focuses on homeless and foreign exchange students, with an emphasis on the responsibilities of school districts and district homeless liaisons.

Sean Cooke, Esq., Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan & Aronoff LLP, Columbus

1:30 p.m. Enrollment and attendance records: who can view, who can sue?

When a transfer student owes fees and his or her prior school refuses to release the records, what can you do? How long should enrollment and attendance records be kept? Who has access to these records?

Rhonda Porter, Esq., general counsel, Akron City

2:15 p.m. Break

2:30 p.m. Nontraditional parents

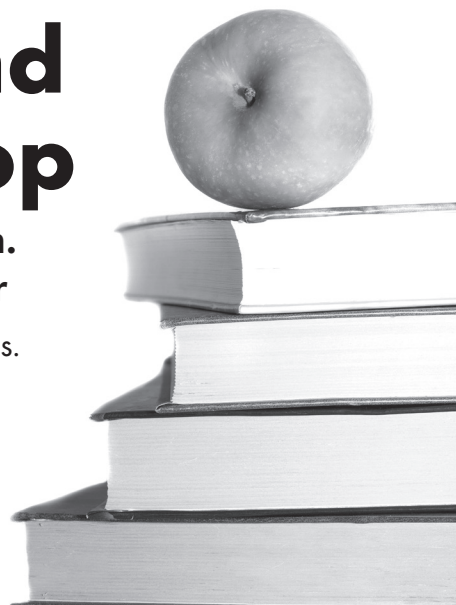
The unusual has become usual. How do child custody matters affect decisions about attendance and tuition, especially when relatives or non-family members share parenting and custody responsibilities? Bring your questions.

Hollie F. Reedy, Esq., chief legal counsel, OSBA

3:30 p.m. Adjourn

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Budget Analysis and Discussion (BAD) Seminar



**Monday, Aug. 12, Hyatt Regency, Columbus
9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; registration begins at 8:30 a.m.**

Attend the Budget Analysis and Discussion (BAD) Seminar for the most in-depth analysis on the fiscal year 2014-2015 state budget, Amended Substitute House Bill (AM. Sub. HB) 59.

This comprehensive seminar, hosted by the Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA), Ohio Association of School Business Officials (OASBO) and Buckeye Association of School Administrators (BASA), will provide insights and answers on the budget process and final version of the legislation.

Am. Sub. HB 59 contains more than 5,000 pages, including a new school-funding formula and many new policy provisions. Attend the BAD Seminar and hear from legislative experts and lawmakers on what was included and the impact this legislation will have on Ohio school districts.

This workshop is \$195 per person for OSBA, OASBO and BASA member school district representatives. The fee covers workshop registration, materials, lunch and refreshments. Visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/25055 for registration information and directions.

OSBA webinar

Learning delivered to your computer



Learn about issues relevant to public education through OSBA's webinars. All you need is a telephone and computer to participate. To register for this webinar, contact Senior Events Manager **Laurie Miller** at (800) 589-OSBA, (614) 540-4000 or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org. You also can register by visiting www.ohioschoolboards.org/event_listing. Once registered, you will receive a link to view the webinar, so if you can't view the webinar live, you can watch the recorded version later.

Trick or tweet — legal concerns with the use of social media

Thursday, Aug. 15, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. • Cost is \$35

The district's use of social media comes with many responsibilities. This webinar will help you identify your legal responsibilities in an area where the law is dynamic and, quite honestly, behind the times. Join two OSBA attorneys for a look at social media as a public record, the district's ability to regulate comments and feedback on social media, the records management challenges associated with using social media and more!



WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

Pre-Board Candidate Workshop

☐ July 20, Columbus, free

Attendance, Tuition and Custody Law Workshop

☐ Aug. 2, Lewis Center, \$150

Improving your school safety plans at minimal costs

☐ Aug. 6 & 7, Columbus, \$195

Budget Analysis and Discussion Seminar

☐ Aug. 12, Columbus, \$195

Trick or tweet — legal concerns with the use of social media

☐ Aug. 15, webinar, \$35

OSBA Workshop Registration Form

Workshop name _____ Workshop date _____

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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.



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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.

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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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Email registrations can be
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Please include a purchase
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You may register on our website at
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

State budget now in conference committee

The Ohio Senate put its mark on the state budget bill, House Bill (HB) 59, and adopted its version on June 6. The House followed with a procedural vote to not concur with the Senate changes to the bill.

That triggered the need to appoint a conference committee to work out the differences between the two versions. A comparison document from the Legislative Service Commission showing the differences between the versions

can be found at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/95625>.

House Speaker **William G. Batchelder** (R-Medina) named the following House representatives to serve on the conference committee: Rep. **Ron Amstutz** (R-Wooster), Rep. **Jeff McClain** (R-Upper Sandusky) and Rep. **Vernon Sykes** (D-Akron). The Senate conferees are Sen. **Scott Oelslager** (R-Canton), Sen. **Bill Coley** (R-Middletown) and Sen. **Tom Sawyer** (D-Akron).

The House and the Senate have targeted the week of June 24 for a final vote on the budget. Depending on when the conference committee finalizes its report, the House, which requires a layover for budget bills, could wrap up as late as June 27. The biennial budget bill for fiscal years 2014 and 2015 must be adopted before the current fiscal year ends on June 30.

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Celebrate the stars in your district at the

OSBA Student Achievement Fair

Nov. 12, 2013 • Greater Columbus Convention Center

The OSBA Capital Conference Student Achievement Fair highlights outstanding initiatives from school districts across the state. OSBA is seeking innovative programs or practices your district is willing to share with thousands of Ohio school district representatives. One hundred programs and practices will be selected based on creativity and impact on student achievement. The fair will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 12, during the OSBA Capital Conference.

Five performing groups from across Ohio will be selected to entertain attendees during the Student Achievement Fair. To be considered, you must submit an audio or video recording of the performing group. DVDs or CDs can be mailed to OSBA, or a video or MP3 can be submitted with the online application.

OSBA is now accepting nominations for district programs and performing groups. While multiple programs may be submitted for consideration, no more than two per district will be selected, so districts should prioritize their submissions.

Nominate your district at www.ohioschoolboards.org/saf-nominations. The nomination deadline is June 28.

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Association (OSBA), Buckeye Association of School Administrators (BASA) and Ohio Association of School Business Officials (OASBO) sent a joint letter to all General Assembly members detailing requested changes to HB 59 that the associations would like the conference committee to address. The letter is posted in the “HB 59” section of the OSBA BillTracker Web page, www.ohioschoolboards.org/billtracker.

Following is an overview of the associations’ requests and supporting arguments. Feel free to use this information when talking with your legislators.

Governance

Restore JVSD governance provisions to current law.

OSBA, BASA and OASBO are extremely concerned about a major change to school district governance that appeared in the bill late in the budget process. Such a dramatic change in public policy should be thoroughly vetted and debated through separate legislation and public hearings.

HB 59 would replace JVSD school board members — who are publicly elected and appointed from JVSD feeder school districts’ boards of education — with appointed representatives from the private sector. OSBA, BASA and OASBO adamantly oppose this move to privatize the oversight of these local taxing districts, which are spending public taxpayer dollars.

While the intent of the provision may be to mandate the involvement of the business community, JVSDs are currently served by strong business advisory councils that are industry- or trade-specific for each career program. Based on data OSBA collects on board member occupations, more than half of all JVSD board members have backgrounds or experience in business.

The current JVSD governance structure works and does *not* need to be changed. Ohio’s JVSD system is envied by other states, because it offers students high-quality education “choice” options and successfully prepares them for the workplace under the current

governance structure.

Funding formula

Restore the House funding levels and methodology for disadvantaged students.

The challenges faced by economically disadvantaged students and the districts that serve them require additional resources that may not be available through local funding or other components of the funding formula. Restoring these additional funds will help level the playing field for these districts, allowing students to succeed no matter what ZIP code they live in.

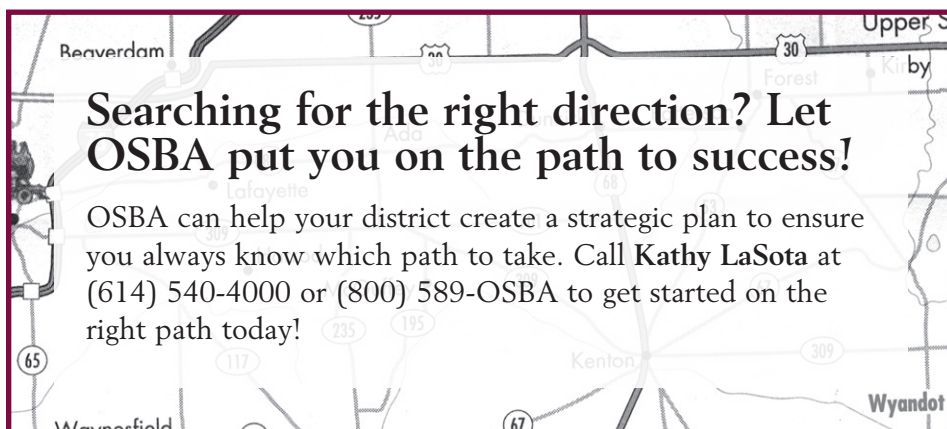
Replace weighted funding dollar amounts with “weighted indexes.”

Per-pupil funding amounts for categorical services such as special education and other components of the formula are expressed in the current bill language as specific dollar amounts. In previous budgets, weights were derived by determining the relationship of the additional costs for these special services to the per-pupil base cost amount.

The advantage of using weights for these categorical programs is that they are indexed, or tied, to the per-pupil base-cost for each biennium. This prevents having to recalculate the appropriate funding levels for these services every two years during the budget process.

By designating the specific per-pupil amount in the Ohio Revised Code for each category, as in the

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Searching for the right direction? Let OSBA put you on the path to success!

OSBA can help your district create a strategic plan to ensure you always know which path to take. Call **Kathy LaSota** at (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA to get started on the right path today!



PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Bryan Bullock, assistant editor

Ohio schools chief praises Mansfield City immersion program

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. **Richard A. Ross** recently visited **Mansfield City's** Spanish Immersion School and walked away impressed.

"This is a success story we need to be talking about," Ross told a local newspaper. "Kudos to Mansfield."

The elementary school students learn reading, writing, math, science and other core subjects, but instruction is in Spanish. The school opened in 2007. It is the

fifth immersion program in Ohio, and the only one outside of a major metropolitan area.

Superintendent **Dan Freund** said the district hopes to expand the program up to eighth grade. "We're very proud of the school," he said.

The goal of the immersion program is to help students learn a second language during the formative years of their young lives. Immersion schools are growing in number across the U.S.

Principal **Jody Nash** said Mansfield's immersion school challenges students academically and boasts a rapidly growing gifted program.

Ross said the school could serve as a model for other Ohio districts to follow.

"We're really interested in alternate pathways to learning," Ross said. "It's good to see the students so engaged in their learning."

Source: (Mansfield) *News Journal*

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current version of the bill, there will be no link to actual costs for these services in the future, making the budget process more difficult. OSBA, BASA and OASBO urge the legislature to replace these amounts in the bill with the appropriate indexed weights. Also, since the base-aid methodology has been returned to a per-pupil calculation, there is no need to include the predetermined dollar amounts in permanent law.

Fund the supplemental transportation component outside the guarantee and gain caps.

The current version of the bill includes a supplemental transportation component for low-

density, high-mileage school districts. In many of these districts, transportation costs represent a relatively high percentage of their budgets. The associations support the supplemental provision as a way to recognize the challenges these district face. However, the supplemental component is restricted by the guarantee and gain caps. By moving this component outside the funding formula as originally intended, the districts desperately needing these funds will actually be able to realize the provision's benefit.

Vouchers

Remove provisions that would expand vouchers.

At each step in the budget process, OSBA, BASA and OASBO have requested the provisions that would drastically expand Ohio's private school voucher subsidies be removed from the bill. The associations strongly oppose the expansion. They also oppose the significant shift in public policy the income-based vouchers would create by making these subsidies available to all qualifying students — even those in high-performing school districts and buildings.

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 June 14.

June 2013

30 2012-2013 school year ends — RC 3313.62.

July 2013

- 1 2013-2014 school year begins — RC 3313.62; last day for board to notify teaching and nonteaching employees of succeeding year salaries — RC 3319.082, 3319.12; board may adopt appropriation measure, which may be temporary — RC 5705.38(B); treasurer must certify available revenue in funds to county auditor — RC 5705.36(A)(1).
- 8 Last day for voter registration for August election — RC 3503.01, 3503.19 (30 days prior to the election).
- 10 Last day for termination of teaching contract by a teacher without consent of the board of education — RC 3319.15.
- 10 Central Region Executive Committee Meeting Columbus
- 15 Last day to adopt school library district tax budget on behalf of a library district — RC 5705.28(B)(1).
- 20 Pre-Board Candidate Workshop Columbus
- 31 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.) (last business day of July) detailing contributions and expenditures through June 30, 2013 — RC 3517.10.

August 2013

- 1 Last day to file statistical report with Ohio Department of Education — RC 3319.33.
- 2 Attendance, Tuition and Custody Law Workshop Lewis Center
- 2 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).
- 6 Special Election Day — RC 3501.01 (first Tuesday after the first Monday).
- 6-7 Improving your school safety plans at minimal costs Columbus
- 7 Northeast Region Executive Committee Meeting Wadsworth
- 7 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 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); 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 file (by 4 p.m.) nominating petitions for board of education and ESC governing board with board of elections — RC 3513.254, 3513.255 (90 days prior to the election).
- 8 Southeast Region Executive Committee Meeting Logan
- 10 OSBA Legislative Platform Committee Meeting Columbus
- 12 Budget Analysis and Discussion Workshop Columbus
- 15 Trick or tweet — legal concerns with the use of social media webinar
- 20 Board Candidate Workshop Athens
- 22 Board Candidate Workshop ..Perryburg