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Education community mourns loss of former OSBA leader John Brandt

Retired OSBA Executive Director **John M. Brandt** died June 12. He was 65. Brandt, the association's fifth executive director, led OSBA from 1994 until his 2006 retirement. He was known throughout his career — and especially around the Statehouse — for his unwavering advocacy for Ohio's public school boards and the children they serve. Starting at OSBA in 1976 as the association's first labor relations negotiator, he went on to serve as labor relations director, chief lobbyist, legislative director and deputy executive director. Brandt also represented OSBA on scores of statewide and national committees and spoke at numerous education events across Ohio and the nation.

Powerful public education advocate Ravitch set for Capital Conference

Renowned public schools advocate **Diane Ravitch** will address the second General Session at the 2012 OSBA Capital Conference. A former U.S. assistant secretary of education, Ravitch was once a strong supporter of the No Child Left Behind Act. But, after seeing NCLB's true impact, she now speaks out against standardized testing, charter schools and vouchers. Also an author, the New York University professor's most recent book is *The Death and Life of the Great American School System: How Testing and Choice Are Undermining Education*. The conference is Nov. 11-14 in Columbus. For details, visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/2012-capital-conference.

State Board of Education member Dennis Reardon resigns

State Board of Education member **Dennis Reardon** resigned from the board on June 8. Reardon, former executive director of the Ohio Education Association, cited scheduling conflicts with other commitments as the reason for his resignation. Former Gov. **Ted Strickland** appointed Reardon to an at-large State Board seat in 2009.

OSBA, state agencies hosting free safe schools training event

OSBA is collaborating with the Ohio Department of Education and other state agencies to present the 2012 Safe Schools Summit on July 24 in Columbus. The free school safety training event will focus on prevention and mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery, and include practical, small group exercises. For more information and to register, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/69262>.

Report: Almost 25% of Ohio public schoolchildren have disabilities

Nearly one-fourth of all Ohio public school students have learning and other disabilities, three experts told the State Board of Education at its May meeting. The Hannah News Service reported that the experts said the problem is toughest in urban areas, where more than 80% of those students live in poverty. They called for state

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- Athletic directors
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support of better and earlier interventions to help disabled children learn.

ODOT awarding \$16 million for Safe Routes to Schools

The Ohio Department of Transportation has announced plans to award a record \$16 million in anticipated federal transportation funds for 68 projects through the Safe Routes to School program. The awards will fund infrastructure improvements that enable children to safely walk or bicycle to and from their neighborhood schools. For more information on the program, visit www.dot.state.oh.us/SafeRoutes.

OSBA executive searches have nationwide reach

Did you know that OSBA's search service recruits superintendent, treasurer and other administrative candidates from across the country? Did you

West Liberty-Salem runner helps competitor, inspires many

Track star **Meghan Vogel** is receiving national attention for her last-place finish at a state championship in June.

The **West Liberty-Salem Local (Champaign)** junior gave up running a 1,600-meter race to help a competitor cross the finish line. **Upper Arlington City** sophomore **Arden McMath** collapsed during the race. Rather than run by her, Vogel helped McMath to her feet, put her arm around her and helped her finish the race. The crowd rose to its feet and roared as they finished.

"Helping her across the finish line was a lot more satisfying than winning the state championship," Vogel told a local newspaper.

Video of the race has gone viral on YouTube and the inspirational story has been reported across the country.

Source: *Springfield News-Sun*

know that so far this year, OSBA has successfully placed eight top administrators and is currently working with nine school districts? To learn more about how OSBA can help your district find successful candidates for key positions, visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/administrative-searches.

Only one week left to apply for Student Achievement Fair

There is still time to nominate one of your school district's innovative student programs for the 2012 Student Achievement Fair, held on Nov. 13 during the Capital Conference. But, you must act fast; July 2 is the deadline. Submit your nominations online at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/83521>. For further information, contact OSBA Director of School Board Services **Kathy LaSota** at (800) 589-OSBA, (614) 540-4000 or kLasota@ohioschoolboards.org.

OSBA online

● www.ohioschoolboards.org
OSBA maintains a database of school levy and bond issue results. To see how districts around the state fared in the most recent election, visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/special%20election%20results. That site also lets you search for information on previous elections.



Briefcase

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BULLETIN BOARD

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OSBA executive searches

Superintendent

District

① Celina City

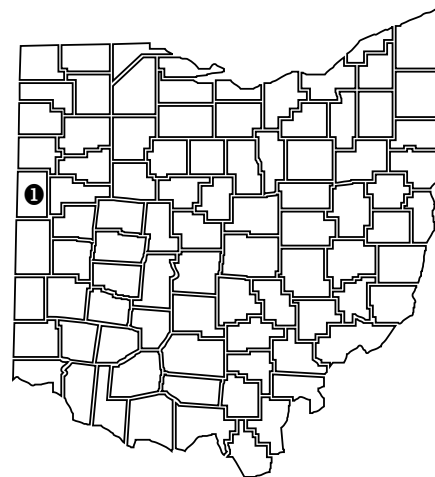
Deadline

July 20

Contact

OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000

① = Superintendent



Other searches

Position

Director of human resources

Elementary principal K-6

District

Mentor EV

Millcreek-West Unity Local
(Williams)

Deadline

until filled

July 9

Contact

www.mentorschools.net

Jana Griffith, administrative assistant,
Millcreek-West Unity Local, (419) 924-
2366, option 4

Board changes

Chagrin Falls EV Board of Education member **Karen Penler** announced her resignation effective June 30. She is moving out of the district. ●●● Cuyahoga Falls City Board of Education member **Curtis L. Grimes** announced his resignation effective May 31. ●●● Louisville City appointed **Brenda Ramsey-L'Amoreaux** to the board effective June 5. She replaced **Todd Michael Brahler**, who resigned. ●●● Wyoming City Board of Education member **Terry Marty** announced his resignation effective immediately.

Administrative changes

Superintendents

Deer Park Community City hired **Jeff Langdon** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace **Kimberlee A. Gray**, who is retiring. Langdon is currently the director of curriculum and instruction at **Oak Hills Local (Hamilton)**. ●●● Firelands Local (Lorain) hired Dr. **Robert F. Hill** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace **Gregory D. Ring**, who took the superintendent position at **Lorain County ESC**. Hill is currently a principal at **Olmsted Falls City**. ●●● Huber Heights City hired **Sue Gunnell** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. She will replace **William E. Kirby**, who is

Editor's note

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

retiring. Gunnell is currently the district's assistant superintendent of administrative services. ●●● **Miami Valley Career Technology Center** hired Dr. **Nicholas Weldy** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace Dr. **John Boggess**, who is retiring. Weldy is currently the district's academics supervisor. ●●● **North Canton City** hired **Michael Hartenstein** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace **Michael Gallina**, who is retiring. Hartenstein is currently chief operating officer at **Parma City**. ●●● **Paint Valley Local (Ross)** hired **Tim Winland** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace **Gary E. Uhrig**, who is retiring. Winland is the middle school principal and transportation supervisor at **Heath City**. ●●● **Strongsville City** hired **John Krupinski** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace **Jeffrey R. Lampert**, who is retiring. Krupinski is currently the district's assistant superintendent for human resources. ●●● **Marion City** Assistant Superintendent **Roger D. George** announced his retirement effective immediately.

Treasurers

Chardon Local (Geauga) hired **Kevin M. Staller** as treasurer effective Aug. 1. He will replace **Stephanie C. Swain**, who is retiring. Staller is the treasurer at **Nordonia Hills City**. ●●● **Marlington Local (Stark)** hired **Derek L. Nottingham** as treasurer effective June 4. He replaced **Sandra J. Meoglin**, who took the treasurer position at **Massillon City** effective Aug. 1. Nottingham was the treasurer at **Brown Local (Carroll)** and will serve as Brown Local's interim treasurer until a new treasurer is hired. ●●● **Northridge Local (Licking)** hired Interim Treasurer **Britt R. Lewis** as treasurer effective July 31. ●●● **Salem City** hired **Dawn Altman** as treasurer effective Aug. 1. She will replace **Jill A. Rowe**, who took the treasurer position at **Crestwood Local (Portage)**. Altman is currently treasurer at **Windham EV**.

OSBA webinars

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 these webinars, contact **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 at a later time.

Sticks and stones: bullying at school and online

Tuesday, July 17, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. ● Cost is \$35

Bullying continues to be a hot topic in education, as school districts are frequently asked to intervene and address bullying that occurs both in school settings and online. This webinar will focus on the legal and policy issues relating to bullying and provide a suggested framework that districts may follow when they receive a bullying complaint.

Annual in-service requirements

Monday, July 23, 1:30 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. ● Cost is \$35

Get the information you need on in-service requirements, all in one place. The OSBA legal services staff will walk you through the requirements and offer helpful handouts.

School safety and security assessment

Tuesday, Aug. 7, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. ● Free webinar

Assessment is critical in educating children. It is no less critical in the practices we implement to protect our students, staff and facilities. This webinar will focus on the critical considerations necessary for any safety assessment.

Sympathies

Former **Field Local (Portage)** Board of Education member **John T. Rasnick** died May 26. He was 81. ●●● Former **Franklin City** Board of Education member **Gene Bonny Sr.** died May 24. He was 80. ●●● Former **Fredericktown Local (Knox)** Board of Education member **Paul Seymour** died May 26. He was 74. ●●● Former **Joseph Badger Local (Trumbull)** Treasurer **Norman F. Taylor** died June 5. He was 79. ●●● Former **Lebanon City** Board of Education member **John Simpson Buchanan** died June 2. He was 91. ●●● Former **Morgan Local (Morgan)** Superintendent **James D. McKinney** died May 29. He was 82. ●●● **Darl E. Wall**, a member of the former **Scipio-Republic** Board of Education in Seneca County, died June 5. He was 91. ●●● Former **West Holmes Local (Holmes)** Board of Education member **William R. Steimel** died June 2. He was 83. ●●● **Westfall Local (Pickaway)** Treasurer **Scott Charles Hiles** died May 24. He was 52.



2012 Student Achievement Fair

OSBA Capital Conference

Nov. 13, 2012



OSBA invites your school district to:

- *Showcase exemplary programs that are improving student achievement in your district!*
- *Show us your best programs and tell us about your best practices!*

The OSBA Capital Conference Student Achievement Fair highlights outstanding initiatives from school districts across the state. OSBA is seeking another round of fresh, innovative programs or practices your district is willing to share with thousands of Ohio school representatives. Programs and practices will be selected based on creativity and impact on student achievement. While multiple programs may be submitted for consideration, no more than two per district will be selected, so districts should prioritize their submissions.

Student Achievement Fair application

Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2012 ● 11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

____ Enclosed is a concise title and description of our **student achievement program** in 25 words or less, including what we think others will learn from our booth. (You may submit additional material that describes your program.)

Will you need electricity? Yes No

Title of program or performing group: _____

Description (please limit description to 25 words): _____

Submitted by: _____

(Please inform the contact person as to your submission.)

Daytime phone: () _____

Contact person: _____

Daytime phone: () _____

Superintendent: _____

School district: _____

City: _____ Ohio

Title: _____

Email: _____

(Please print)

Title: _____

Email: _____

(Please print)

Email: _____

(Please print)

Address: _____

ZIP: _____

If selected, your district's program will be showcased in a 10x10-foot booth that can accommodate up to five people. (More details to follow.) Applications may be submitted online at www.ohioschoolboards.org, or mail **student achievement program** applications to **Debbly Hoopes**, administrative associate of search services, OSBA, 8050 N. High St., Suite 100, Columbus, OH 43235. Visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/SAF for specific details regarding the Student Achievement Fair. **Application deadline is Monday, July 2, 2012.**

New board members: Trying to maneuver the maze of boardmanship?

Find your way at the New Board Member Workshop

- **Designed for new board members**
- **Intensive, one-day workshop**
- **Saturday, July 21**
- **OSBA office, Columbus**



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 or appointed official as soon as possible. High-quality board member education, designed specifically for new board members, can help you become a more effective educational leader in your community.

Cost for this workshop is \$155 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, including an agenda, can be found at www.ohioschoolboards.org/event_listing.

Attendance, Tuition and Custody Law Workshop

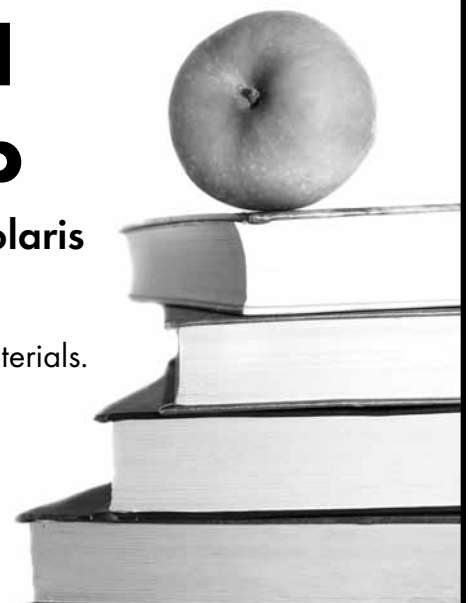
**Friday, Aug. 3
9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

Hilton Columbus/Polaris

Cost: \$145, 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.

To register, contact **Laurie Miller**, OSBA senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org. More information can be found at www.ohioschoolboards.org/event_listing.



Become a PR Rock Star for Your District

Wednesday, Aug. 8, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

OSBA office, 8050 N. High St., Columbus

(614) 540-4000

Cost is \$85

Don't miss your chance to practice handling tough media interviews on videotape while being coached by a 12-year TV news veteran! OSBA's Deputy Director of Communication Services **Crystal Davis Hutchins** is a former news reporter who will teach you what reporters are looking for so that you can control your next media interview. You'll learn how to twist negative interview questions into positive news about your district, as well as some techniques to convince the media to cover positive news about your district more often.

The cost is \$85, which includes registration, materials, lunch and light refreshments.

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



Agenda

9:30 a.m. Registration opens

10 a.m. School of rock — Learn to rock before you talk

The skills required to artfully craft and deliver a story to the media filled with positive key messages are similar to those used by legendary rock stars and songwriters. Learn how to control and totally rock out your next media interview by delivering powerful, concise and credible statements to the press.

10:30 a.m. Opening act — Turning sour notes into sweet songs

Hear ways to change the tone of negative, tough media interviews (and questions from community members) to positive news about your district.

11 a.m. Main act — Tough media interview on tape role-playing activity

It's time to rock! Your group will be given a scenario and then we'll push the video record button, ask tough questions and analyze your responses. This will be an excellent opportunity to hone your spokesperson skills, receive expert feedback and gain the confidence needed to wow the masses.

1:30 p.m. Encore — Invite the media to play in your PR band

Knowing key news personnel and the best way to contact them can help you generate positive press encores. Learn about newsroom operations, local news VIPs you should get to know and how to partner with them to rise to the top.

2 p.m. Adjourn



WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

Sticks and stones: bullying at school and online webinar

July 17, \$35

Annual in-service requirements webinar

July 23, \$35

School safety and security assessment webinar

Aug. 7, free

New Board Member Workshop

July 21, Columbus, \$155, includes books

Attendance, Tuition and Custody Law Workshop

Aug. 3, Columbus, \$145

Become a PR Rock Star for your District Workshop

Aug. 8, Columbus, \$85

OSBA Workshop Registration Form

Workshop name _____ Workshop date _____
 Attendee name _____ Title _____
 Daytime phone _____ Email _____
 District/firm _____ County _____

Enclosed is a check for \$ _____ or P.O.# _____ to cover _____ registration(s). Make checks payable to OSBA and mail to 8050 N. High St., Suite 100, Columbus, OH 43235-6481; fax to (614) 540-4100; or email Laurie Miller at Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org. Include a purchase order number with fax or email.



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

Please photocopy this form for each person

OSBA workshop registration procedures

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

Award of Achievement/LPDC

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



Mail

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Suite 100, Columbus, OH
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Phone
or fax

OSBA Registration Hotline,
(614) 540-4000, ext. 300;
toll free (800) 589-OSBA,
ext. 300; or fax us at
(614) 540-4100.



Email registrations can be sent to Laurie Miller at Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org. Please include a purchase order number.

You may register on our website at www.ohioschoolboards.org. 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 wraps up work, leaves for summer recess

The General Assembly recently returned to finalize work on a number of bills before adjourning for an extended summer recess. However, House Speaker **William Batchelder** (R-Medina) has indicated there might be hearings on pension reform in July and the full House could return around Labor Day to act on the measures.

The two education bills commanding attention in the final days were Senate Bill (SB) 316, the education mid-biennial review (MBR) legislation, and House Bill (HB) 525, the Cleveland Plan. In addition, the governor signed HB 487, the general MBR bill, and exercised his authority to line-item veto certain provisions in the spending bill. Below is more information on each of these issues.

SB 316 (Education MBR)

SB 316 was referred back to the House Education Committee to allow for adoption of a new substitute version of the bill. For the past two weeks, members of the House, Senate and the governor's office have been negotiating behind the scenes to work out their differences and avoid sending the bill to a conference committee. A new version of the bill emerged this

week, was reported out of the House Education Committee and passed by both chambers. The House passed the measure by a vote of 56-35, with some Democrats joining the majority in support and some Republicans dissenting. The Senate concurred with the House's changes by a vote of 23-8.

Legislators responded to your calls, letters and emails on some issues in SB 316, but not others. Following is a summary.

Gifted mandates: Legislators removed the controversial provisions that would have created 16 regional charter schools for gifted students. This provision would have impacted all school districts. In addition, legislators reinstated current law allowing districts the flexibility to use qualified principals or other qualified people to serve as gifted coordinators for the school district.

Please thank legislators for listening to their school districts and making these changes to the bill.

School choice mandates: Unfortunately, the final version of SB 316 still contains school choice mandates. The bill requires districts to notify parents of individualized education program (IEP) students about the Autism

Scholarship Program and the Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship Program, even though the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) already provides this information. In addition, the General Assembly chose *not* to remove provisions that require public school districts to verify charter school enrollment monthly — using charter schools' verification policy.

Please remind legislators that OSBA considers both of these provisions to be unfunded school choice mandates.

Third-grade reading guarantee: The final bill makes some changes to the third-grade reading guarantee. The State Board of Education is charged with determining the "cut score," which dictates when to retain a student in the third grade. The bill states that the initial cut score must be no less than "limited," and subsequently be adjusted upward until it arrives at the "proficient" level. Exemptions from retention include students with limited English proficiency, certain special education students and those who demonstrate an acceptable level of performance on an alternative assessment. To be retained, students must have

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received intensive reading remediation during at least two school years.

A separate line item creating a \$13 million grant program for the reading guarantee was included in HB 487, the general MBR signed by Gov. **John Kasich** on June 11. In addition, ODE is expected to redirect federal funding allocated for the Title I supplemental services tutoring program that was recently eliminated.

School district report cards:

Provisions related to the changes in report cards were removed from SB 316 and will be taken up separately in HB 555. This will allow the issue to be deliberated more thoroughly. OSBA supported the delay in passing report card legislation.

It is important to note that OSBA is *not* opposed to accountability or raising Ohio's standards. However, a delay will allow districts an opportunity to educate their communities on the new Common Core standards and changes to the report card system. The original proposal would have changed the rules at the end of the school year and held districts accountable for a new system that wasn't even in place.

Let your legislators know that OSBA and its members appreciate the delay and look forward to working with them on HB 555 this fall.

HB 525 (The Cleveland Plan)

Both the House and Senate approved the Cleveland Plan this week and chose HB 525 as the vehicle for the legislation. It passed the House by a vote of 77-16 and the Senate by a margin of 27-4.

The final version of HB 525 includes details negotiated by interested parties, including charter school stakeholders concerned with the accountability and oversight proposed through the Cleveland Transformation Alliance. That objection was addressed by providing an appeal process through the State Board of Education.

The bill includes language permitting charter schools to share local tax levy proceeds. OSBA continues to believe tax levies should be preserved for political subdivisions, like school districts, that are accountable to taxpayers. Districts already have the authority to enter into contracts for services with charter school providers without the necessity of levy approval.

Access a summary of the final bill by visiting OSBA's BillTracker page at www.ohioschoolboards.org/129th-general-assembly and searching "HB 525."

HB 487 (General MBR)

The governor exercised his veto authority 13 times before signing HB 487, the general MBR appropriations bill. One item vetoed was language related to the local share for school districts participating in the Ohio School Facilities Commission Expedited

Local Partnership Program. The provisions would have changed the calculation for certain districts highly impacted by the tangible personal property (TPP) tax. This is the third time a governor has vetoed this proposal, and the second time for Kasich.

OSBA, the Ohio Association of School Business Officials (OASBO) and the Buckeye Association of School Administrators (BASA) have scheduled a series of regional MBR seminars in July to provide greater detail on the specifics of the education provisions in SB 316 and other MBR-related bills. Please visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/event_listing for the dates and locations of these half-day seminars.

Shared services report released

The long-awaited shared services report by the Ohio Office of Budget and Management (OBM) was officially released on June 14. The biennial budget bill, HB 153, directed OBM and the Governor's Office of 21st Century Learning to perform a study of shared services, conduct a survey of Ohio schools and local governments regarding current shared service activity and issue a report on the findings.

The report, "Beyond Boundaries: A Shared Services Action Plan for Ohio Schools and Governments," includes 10 recommendations and a summary

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PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Bryan Bullock, communication coordinator

Ohio students make strong showing at national spelling bee

Ohio students shined brightly under the spotlight of the Scripps National Spelling Bee in May.

Eighteen Ohio students competed in the event held in Maryland. Five Ohioans were among the 50 best spellers nationwide who advanced to the semifinals: **Indian Creek Local (Jefferson)** eighth-grader **Dharani Kotekal**; **Canfield Local (Mahoning)** seventh-grader **Max Lee**; **Medina City** eighth-grader **Sunny Levine**; **Mentor EV** eighth-

grader **Vishnu Nistala**; and **Pickerington Local (Franklin)** eighth-grader **Nicholas Rushlow**.

The semifinals were broadcast on ESPN2 and the finals were shown on ESPN.

Rushlow advanced to the finals and finished fourth in the competition. He advanced by spellings words such as kanaima, monocotyledon and theophylline.

"My dad would've killed me if I missed theophylline," Rushlow joked after the bee.

Rushlow said he devoted about 600 hours to studying the dictionary last summer. The Lakeview Junior High School student was one of two participants in the 2012 bee with five consecutive appearances, making him well known on the national stage. He received a \$3,000 prize for his recent finish.

"I'm among the top 10 in the nation," he said. "That's not bad."

Source: *The Columbus Dispatch*; spellingbee.com

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of the survey results. While some of the recommendations were already considered by the General Assembly in MBR legislation — HB 487 and HB 509 — others may be included in next year's biennial budget.

OSBA is pleased that the report recognizes the many shared service activities school districts are involved with. It also cites some examples of pooled purchasing services OSBA offers to school districts. We hope the report will inform schools and other local governments of opportunities that currently exist and encourage their continued search for excellence through efficiencies and sharing

governmental services.

However, OSBA was disappointed to see references in the report to previous studies like the Greater Ohio Policy Center/ Brookings Institution Metropolitan Policy Program 2010 report, "Restoring Prosperity: Transforming Ohio's Communities for the Next Economy," and the Education Matters benchmarking study. OSBA, BASA and OASBO published analyses prepared by the consultants for the Education Tax Policy Institute (ETPI) that challenged the data, assumptions and conclusions found in these studies. We submitted the various ETPI analyses to OBM as part of

the shared services study process. Generally, we support the recommendations in the shared services report, but believe the references and quotes from these flawed studies detract from the report's effectiveness.

A list of the recommendations and a full copy of the report is available on the "Beyond Boundaries" website at www.beyondboundaries.ohio.gov.

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

Editor's note: All information in this article was current as of June 15.

June 2012

30 2011-2012 school year ends — RC 3313.62.

July 2012

1 2012-2013 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).

9 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.

11 OSBA 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).

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24 Last day to submit certification for November conversion levy to tax commissioner — RC 5705.219(B) (105 days before election).

30 Last day to submit certification for November income tax levy to Ohio Department of Taxation — RC 5748.02(A) (100 days prior to the election).

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, 2012 — RC 3517.10.

August 2012

1 Last day to file statistical report with Ohio Department of Education — RC 3319.33.

3 OSBA Attendance, Custody and Tuition Law Workshop Columbus

3 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 before election).

7 School safety and security assessment webinar

7 OSBA Southwest Region Executive Committee Meeting and subcommittees Piqua

7 Special Election Day — RC 3501.01 (first Tuesday after the first Monday).

8 OSBA Become a PR Rock Star for your District Workshop Columbus

8 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 or conversion levy for November election to board of elections — RC 5705.195, 5705.219(G), 5748.02(C); 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).