

BRIEF CASE

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State superintendent calls for eliminating some state, local testing

State Superintendent of Public Instruction **Paolo DeMaria** proposed reducing the number of student assessments during a June 12 presentation to the State Board of Education. According to the Gongwer News Service, DeMaria proposed eliminating the fourth-grade social studies exam; the WorkKeys exam used in career-technical schools; and the English language arts I and American government end-of-course exams. He also recommended that districts eliminate local assessments linked to the Ohio Teacher Evaluation System and disclose lists of all district-required tests.

Capital Conference registration materials will soon be in the mail

Registration packets and the program for the OSBA Capital Conference and Trade Show will be mailed in early July. The conference runs Nov. 12-14 in Columbus. The program is being sent to school board members, superintendents, treasurers, Ohio Council of School Board Attorneys members and sustaining members. It has information on speakers, workshops, special events, hotels and registration. Registration packets are going to superintendents and treasurers; board members should contact their treasurer to register for the conference and special events. Visit <http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org> for more information.

State Board of Education votes to recover \$60 million from ECOT

The State Board of Education has decided the Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow (ECOT) must repay \$60 million in taxpayer funds that the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) said the online school improperly received. The board moved to recover the funds after accepting a hearing officer's report that ECOT inflated its 2015-2016 school year enrollment by about 9,000 students. ODE and ECOT have been engaged in legal clashes for more than a year over the way ODE calculates online enrollment. Other legal moves by ECOT are pending, and the case is expected to end up before the Ohio Supreme Court.

Association announces more conference speakers

OSBA has confirmed speakers for the Capital Conference OSBA Black Caucus dinner and Lunch and Learn event. **Cleveland Municipal** student **Madison Reid** headlines the Nov. 12 caucus dinner. The 11-year-old's passion for books went viral in 2014 following an interview with a local TV station. Her enthusiasm for reading has made her a powerful spokesperson for the Little Free Library and the Literacy Cooperative of Cleveland. InSideOut Initiative co-founders **Joe Ehrmann** and **Jody Redman** will lead the Nov. 13 Lunch and Learn. The initiative works to redefine the role of interscholastic sports in the lives of students and their communities. For more conference information, visit <http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org>.

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Route workshop information to:

- Administrators
- EMIS coordinators
- School board candidates

OSBA partners with ODE to publicize free summer meals

OSBA is partnering with the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) to spread the word about the Summer Food Service Program. The program ensures children ages 18 and under continue to receive nutritious meals during the summer when they do not have access to school meals. Individuals with disabilities and individualized education programs may participate through age 21. It's easy to participate and no registration is required. Simply call (866) 348-6479 (toll-free), visit <http://education.ohio.gov/kidseat> or use ODE's mobile app for meal times and locations. The free ODE Mobile App is available in the Apple App Store and Google Play Store; search Ohio Department of Education. The program is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and administered by ODE.

Holocaust survivor receives honorary diploma

When the Nazis invaded Poland in 1939, soldiers forced **Paula Marks-Bolton** and her family into concentration camps. She and her siblings couldn't return to school because they were Jewish.

Nearly 80 years later, Marks-Bolton received an honorary diploma from **Lake Local's (Wood) Lake High School**.

"You know it bothered me in all the years," the 90-year-old told a local TV station.

Marks-Bolton's graduation journey began in 2013 when **Nikki Bazzoli**, an English teacher at Lake Local's Lake Middle School, took a group of eighth-graders to a Holocaust remembrance ceremony where Marks-Bolton spoke about love and forgiveness.

Students, who kept in touch, wanted her to "graduate."
Source: WNWO-TV

Student Achievement Fair booths still available

It's not too late to nominate one of your district's outstanding programs for the Student Achievement Fair, held during the OSBA Capital Conference in November. The fair, one of the most popular conference events,

features 100 displays of innovative programs that promote student achievement; student performing groups; and an art exhibit. It runs from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Nov. 14. Submit nominations at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/61034>.

OSBA online

● www.ohioschoolboards.org

Have you checked out the Information Center on the recently renovated OSBA website? The center offers many resources that can answer your questions on a range of topics. It features links to the Journal magazine, association newsletters, education research, student achievement strategies, OSBA regions and more. There's also a link to the OSBA Resource Center that provides tips on preventing bullying, working with the news media, fact sheets on hot topics in education and a disaster tool kit for schools. Access the Information Center at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/55029>.



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BULLETIN BOARD

compiled by Melanie Price, senior administrative assistant of communication services

Board changes

Antwerp Local (Paulding) appointed **Jayne Landers** to the board effective May 31. She replaced **Kipp Taylor**, who resigned. ●●● Parma City appointed **Kevin Kussmaul** to the board effective May 30. He replaced **Rosemary Gulick**, who died May 17. ●●● Springboro Community City Board of Education member **Dr. Darin Lunt** announced his resignation effective May 30. ●●● Switzerland of Ohio Local (Monroe) appointed **Sarah Smith** to the board effective May 23. She replaced **Jackie Hupp**, who resigned.

Administrative changes

Superintendents

Bath Local (Allen) hired **Richard Dackin** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace **Dale E. Lewellen**, who took the superintendent position at Licking County ESC. Dackin currently is the district's assistant middle school principal and athletic director. ●●● Bloom-Carroll Local (Fairfield) hired **Shawn P. Haughn** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace **Dr. Lynn P. Landis**, who is retiring. Haughn currently is the district's high school principal. ●●● Lakota Local (Sandusky) hired **Dr. Chad Coffman** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace **Jon C. Detwiler**, who took the superintendent position at Fremont City. Coffman currently is the director of research and staff at Parma City. ●●● Mentor EV hired Assistant Superintendent **William Porter** as interim superintendent effective June 15. He replaced **Matthew J. Miller**, who took the superintendent position at Lakota Local (Butler). ●●● New Bremen Local (Auglaize) hired **Jason Schrader** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace **Dr. Andrea J. Townsend**, who took the superintendent position at West Carrollton City. Schrader currently the district's middle school principal. ●●● Paulding EV hired **Kenneth D. Amstutz** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace **William D. Hanak**, who took the superintendent position at North Central Local (Williams). Amstutz currently is the superintendent at Van Wert City. ●●● Perry Local (Allen) hired **Alison Van Gorder** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. She will replace **Omer I. Schroeder**, who is retiring. Van Gorder currently is the high school principal at Lima City. ●●● Sylvania City hired **Adam Fineske** as interim superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace **Scott Nelson**, who is resigning effective July 31. Fineske currently is the district's executive director of curriculum and instruction. ●●● Westfall Local (Pickaway) Superintendent **Cara S. Riddel** announced her retirement effective Dec. 31.

Treasurers

Newark City hired **Julio Valladares** as treasurer effective July 1. He will replace **Jeffrey A. Anderson**, who died March 7. Valladares currently is the treasurer at Gahanna-Jefferson City.

Sympathies

Richard Shell, superintendent of the former Amity School District in Knox County, died May 16. He was 94. ●●● Former

Editor's note

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

Beachwood City Superintendent **John Kenyon Payton** died May 11. He was 81. ●●● Former Edgewood City Board of Education member **Kenneth Charles Zeigler** died June 5. He was 71. ●●● **David John Forgatsch**, a former member of the Fremont City and the former Vanguard Joint Vocational School boards of education, died June 1. He was 88. ●●● Former Perry Local (Allen) Board of Education member **John Edward Gerstner** died June 6. He was 85. ●●● Former Oregon City Board of Education member **Raymond V. Walendzak** died June 7. He was 75. ●●● Former Southern Local (Perry) Board of Education member **Louis A. Altier** died May 31. He was 81. ●●● **Robert A. Buster**, assistant superintendent of the former Sycamore Township School District in Hamilton County, died May 7. He was 84.



FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

compiled by Angela Penquite, managing editor

Funds to promote pre-K-12 STEM education

The National Science Foundation will award up to 18 multiyear grants to fund program

proposals aimed at promoting STEM to prekindergarten through high school students. The program — Innovative Technology Experiences for Students and

Teachers (ITEST) — is aimed at increasing awareness of STEM occupations among students, motivating them to pursue STEM careers and helping them develop disciplinary-based knowledge and practices and promote critical-thinking, reasoning and communication skills needed for entering STEM workforce sectors. The proposals can be designed for engaging students in or out of the classroom or a combination of the two. Partnerships with colleges, universities and other organizations are encouraged.

Maximum awards: \$400,000

Eligibility: pre-K-12 schools

Deadline: Sept. 5

Contact: <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/35471>

Honoring outstanding librarians

The American Library Association and Carnegie Corp. of New York/The New York Times are calling for nominations of K-16 and public librarians for the I Love

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Buried under your district's policy manuals?

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Save the date

Mark your calendar for these important workshops.

- July 15**
Pre-Board Candidate Workshop
OSBA office, Columbus
free, mini workshop
- Aug. 4**
Attendance, Tuition and Custody Law Workshop
Nationwide Hotel and Conference Center, Lewis Center
\$165, full day
- Aug. 14**
Budget Analysis and Discussion (BAD) Seminar
Nationwide Hotel and Conference Center, Lewis Center
\$205, full day
- Aug. 30**
Board Candidate Workshop
Northeast Ohio Medical University, Rootstown
\$95, evening workshop
- Sept. 7**
Board Candidate Workshop
Hilton Garden Inn Dayton South, Miamisburg
\$95, evening workshop
- Sept. 11**
Board Candidate Workshop
Hilton Garden Inn, Findlay
\$95, evening workshop
- Sept. 12**
Board Candidate Workshop
Ohio University Inn and Conference Center, Athens
\$95, evening workshop
- Sept. 13**
OSBA Master of Transportation Administration
Program: Routing and Technology
OSBA office, Columbus
\$95, half day
- Sept. 15**
Treasurers Clinic
Hilton Garden Inn Dayton South, Miamisburg
\$120, full day
- Sept. 16**
Board Candidate Workshop
OSBA office, Columbus
\$95, mini-workshop
- Sept. 19**
Management Development Series #4: Safety and security
OSBA office, Columbus
\$95, half day
- Sept. 20**
OSBA Master of Transportation Administration
Program: Routing and Technology
OSBA office, Columbus
\$95, half day
- Sept. 21**
Board Candidate Webinar
\$50, webinar
- Sept. 22**
Diversity and Inclusion in the Law Workshop
OSBA office, Columbus
\$155, full day
- Sept. 26**
Treasurers Clinic
Northeast Ohio Medical University, Rootstown
\$120, full day
- Sept. 28**
Treasurers Clinic
Hilton Garden Inn, Findlay
\$120, full day
- Oct. 3**
Treasurers Clinic
Ohio University Inn and Conference Center, Athens
\$120, full day
- Oct. 5**
Treasurers Clinic
Kent State University Tuscarawas, New Philadelphia
\$120, full day
- Oct. 5**
OSBA/OHSPRA Communication Workshop
OSBA office, Columbus
\$155, full day
- Oct. 5**
Hot Topics in School Law Webinar
\$100, webinar
- Oct. 10**
Treasurers Clinic
OSBA office, Columbus
\$120, full day
- Oct. 13**
Administrative Professionals Workshop
OSBA office, Columbus
\$95, half day
- Oct. 18**
OSBA Master of Transportation Administration
Program: Personnel management
OSBA office, Columbus
\$95, half day
- Oct. 19**
Management Development Series #5: policy and legislation
OSBA office, Columbus
\$95, half day
- Oct. 25**
OSBA Master of Transportation Administration
Program: Personnel management
OSBA office, Columbus
\$95, half day
- Nov. 12-14**
OSBA Capital Conference and Trade Show
Greater Columbus Convention Center, Columbus
\$295, three days
- Nov. 29**
OSBA Master of Transportation Administration
Program: Transportation rules and regulations
OSBA office, Columbus
\$95, half day
- Dec. 6**
OSBA Master of Transportation Administration
Program: Transportation rules and regulations
OSBA office, Columbus
\$95, half day
- Dec. 6**
Professional Conduct for OCSBA Attorneys
Webinar
\$50, webinar

Attendance, Tuition and Custody Law Workshop

Friday, Aug. 4

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Nationwide Hotel and Conference Center, Lewis Center

Cost: \$165, 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 and continental breakfast (provided)

8:50 a.m. Welcome

9 a.m. Truancy and withdrawal

House Bill 410 changed the landscape for school districts when dealing with student truancy and withdrawal. Learn about recent changes and how districts can comply with new requirements.

Susan Geary, Esq., Bricker & Eckler LLP

10 a.m. Break

10:15 a.m. The view from the bench: Understanding court orders

Join two experienced domestic relations magistrates as they discuss key issues school districts need to be aware of regarding custody court orders. Bring your questions.

Rosalind C. Florez, magistrate, Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas, Domestic Relations Division; and Stephanie Gibson, magistrate, Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, Domestic Relations Division, Juvenile Custody

11:30 p.m. Lunch (provided)

12:30 p.m. Hypothetical custody, enrollment and tuition scenarios

You submitted your toughest questions and our panel of experts have the answers. In this session, a school law attorney and three seasoned EMIS professionals will present hypothetical situations based on pre-submitted attendee questions and discuss the most appropriate resolutions. Be prepared to take notes.

Moderator: Julie Martin, Esq., Scott Scriven LLP

Panelists: Janie Gildersleeve, truant officer/home school coordinator, Ashtabula County ESC; Larry Grooms, area coordinator, Ohio Department of Education; and Tammy Hrosch, EMIS manager, META Solutions

2 p.m. Break

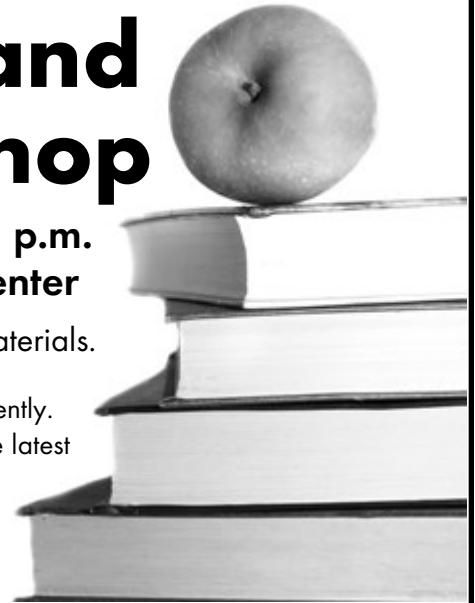
2:15 p.m. Nontraditional students: Meeting your legal obligations

The Every Student Succeeds Act, McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act and Ohio law contain multiple requirements for school districts on educating nontraditional students, including adults, emancipated minors, homeless students and those in foster care. Review these requirements and their effect on vulnerable student populations.

Hollie F. Reedy, Esq., Ennis Britton Co. LPA

3 p.m. Adjourn

The workshop will be held at Nationwide Hotel and Conference Center, 100 Green Meadows Drive South, Lewis Center, 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.





Budget Analysis and Discussion Seminar

Monday, Aug. 14 • Nationwide Hotel and Conference Center, Lewis Center
9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. • Registration begins at 8:15 a.m. • Cost is \$205

Attend the Budget Analysis and Discussion (BAD) Seminar on Monday, Aug. 14, for the most in-depth analysis on the fiscal years 2018-19 state budget. This comprehensive seminar will provide insights on the budget process and final version of the legislation.

8:15 a.m.	Registration	11 a.m.	The latest on the latest — school funding formula and TPP issues and concerns
8:55 a.m.	Welcome and overview <i>Damon Asbury, director of legislative services, OSBA</i>		<i>Dr. Howard Fleeter</i>
9 a.m.	A legislative perspective <i>Rep. Ryan Smith, House Finance Committee chair, Ohio House of Representatives; and Sen. Scott Oelslager (invited), Senate Finance Committee chair, Ohio Senate</i>	11:45 a.m.	Lunch
10 a.m.	Overview of state resources and economic outlook <i>Dr. Howard Fleeter, consultant, Ohio Education Policy Institute</i>	1 p.m.	ODE directives/implementations <i>Aaron Rausch, director of the Office of Budget and School Funding Foundation Program, Ohio Department of Education (ODE)</i>
10:45 a.m.	Break	2 p.m.	Policy issues in HB 49 and other legislative proposals <i>OSBA, Buckeye Association of School Administrators and Ohio Association of School Business Officials lobbyists</i>
		3:15 p.m.	Wrap up

This workshop is \$205 per person for OSBA, OASBO and BASA member school district representatives. The fee covers workshop registration, materials, lunch and refreshments. Visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/bad-workshop for more information, directions and to register.



WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

Pre-Board Candidate Workshop

July 15, Columbus, free

Attendance, Tuition and Custody Law Workshop

Aug. 4, Lewis Center, \$165

Budget Analysis and Discussion Seminar

Aug. 14, Lewis Center, \$205

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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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.

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My Librarian Award. The award recognizes the public service contributions that librarians make in transforming lives and communities through education and lifelong learning. Library users can nominate a librarian by answering five questions about how the individual has had an impact on them or their community. **Maximum awards:** \$5,000

Eligibility: school or community librarians
Deadline: Sept. 18
Contact: www.ilovelibraries.org/lovemylibrarian

National educator grants
 The P. Buckley Moss Foundation for Children’s Education offers grants for new or evolving programs that integrate the arts

into educational programs and serve all children. The purpose is to support teachers who wish to establish or maintain an effective learning tool using the visual arts within the school day.
Maximum award: \$1,000
Eligibility: pre-K-12 schools
Deadline: Sept. 30
Contact: <http://mossfoundation.org/teacher-art-grants>



LEGISLATIVE REPORT

by Jay Smith, deputy director of legislative services

State legislature wrapping up biennial budget work

The state biennial budget process is nearing completion. Over the last several months, many issues and ideas have been discussed before various legislative committees with hope for improved funding for K-12 education and less restrictive mandates placed on public school districts.

Most recently, the Senate introduced its version of the budget — Amended Substitute House Bill 49 — adding some new items into the legislation along with many revisions to the House-passed version. The following is a list of funding-related items added or modified in the Senate’s version:

In the school-funding formula, the Senate version changes per-pupil core opportunity aid to \$6,010 in fiscal year (FY) 2018 while retaining the House’s

proposal of \$6,020 in that category for FY 2019. The substitute bill also maintains the executive and House versions for the transportation funding formula: 37.5% minimum state share in FY 2018 and 25% in FY 2019. However, a new provision eliminates state funding for payment in lieu of transportation.

For districts on the transitional aid guarantee, the substitute bill keeps the executive and House proposal to reduce funding for school districts experiencing declining enrollment. However, the “look-back” period is narrowed to two years, rather than the five years called for in the executive and House proposals.

Reductions are based on the percentage change in total average daily membership between FY

2014 and FY 2016. The same thresholds for reductions that were included in the House-passed version still apply. Enrollment losses between 5% and 10% will receive a scaled guarantee amount between 95% and 100%.

The transitional aid guarantee includes amounts for career-technical education, career-technical associated services, the third-grade reading bonus and the graduation bonus.

For districts with capped funding, the Senate version changes the gain cap percentage to 3%. Districts with enrollment increases greater than 3% between FY 2014 and FY 2016 will be allowed to see greater growth, up to 5.5% in FY 2018 and 6% in FY 2019. The percentage growth is a

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scaled amount, corresponding with the district's percentage change in total enrollment between 3% and 5.5% in FY 2018 and between 3% and 6% in FY 2019. The increase in each year is based on the previous year's state aid.

A cap offset payment was established in the House version and retained by the Senate. If a district is subject to the gain cap and experiencing a net decrease in combined state aid (formula aid

plus tangible personal property (TPP)/public utility tangible personal property (PUTPP) tax reimbursements), the district will be guaranteed at FY 2017 levels, not to exceed the capped amount for FY 2018.

Funding provisions for JVSs are essentially the same as for traditional districts for per-pupil amounts, gain cap percentage and reductions for enrollment loss. However, the Senate removed a

provision of current law that requires JVSs to spend at least 75% of the state career-technical funding it receives on costs directly associated with career-technical educational programs and not more than 25% on personnel expenditures.

For districts affected by the devaluation of electricity generation facilities, the Senate version retains House language by allowing the state-funding formula to help them sooner. This provision is expected to be updated or modified in the final Senate version or through the conference committee process.

The Senate substitute bill includes provisions from Senate Bill 36, legislation that reduces current agricultural use values, which the Ohio Education Policy Institute estimates would result in a statewide 30% reduction. In Senate testimony on June 15, OSBA highlighted the impact this would have on districts around the state and the increases residential taxpayers likely will see as a result of this shift.

For districts receiving TPP and PUTPP replacement payments, the phase-down schedule will be modified in FY 2018 to allow them to receive the greater of the following:

- The district's TPP replacement payment for FY 2017, including the TPP supplement, minus 3.5% of the district's FY 2017 total resources, consisting of combined local tax revenue, state aid and

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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. You can view a prerecorded one-hour webinar of this workshop at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/54563>.

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.



PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Scott Gerfen, assistant editor

Student inventors' mobile kit pinpoints food allergens

As a preschooler, **Evan Garner** had a life-threatening allergic reaction after tasting an egg.

Now 11, Evan and a fellow **New Albany-Plain Local (Franklin)** student hope their mobile kit will save others from reactions to food allergens.

Evan, a fifth-grader, and 13-year-old **Will Underhill**, a seventh-grader, invented AllerGo!, a portable kit with allergen test strips for eggs or milk.

The pair was among 300

students invited to compete in the National Invention Convention and Entrepreneurship Expo in June at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in Alexandria, Va.

Evan and Will worked with a biochemist from Columbus State Community College and the food safety company, Neogen Corp., which donated test strips for the allergen kits.

Each test strip contains monoclonal antibodies, which

cause an allergic reaction.

"That's the cell that reacts to (the allergen)," Will told a local newspaper.

The food is safe to eat if two lines appear and match the lines already on the test strip.

Additional lines indicate the degree to which the allergen is present in the food. One additional line means the food contains a small amount of the allergen.

Source: ThisWeek Community News

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TPP reimbursement.

- The district's TPP/PUTPP FY 2017 reimbursement payments, excluding the TPP supplement, minus 5/8 mill of the district's three-year average property valuation for tax years 2014-16, which is the phase-down in current law. Beginning in FY 2018, TPP/PUTPP reimbursement payments for JVSDs would phase down at a rate of 3.5% of the district's total resources rather than the current 5/8-mill rate in current law.

For ESCs, the Senate version increases the per-pupil state payment amount in each fiscal year to \$26 for high-performing ESCs and \$24 for other ESCs. These amounts are \$1 per pupil

higher than the House proposal.

The Senate removed the House proposal for the College Credit Plus (CCP) program that would have required a C grade or better in a CCP course before credit could be awarded. The Senate also modified language making it permissive for the chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education to approve agreements that go below the funding floor amounts rather than requiring approval as is the case under current law. The substitute bill also removes the House provision that divided the responsibility for CCP textbooks equally between school districts and institutions of higher education.

In addition, the Senate substitute version eliminates the Straight A Fund program.

The Senate Finance Committee will consider additional amendments the week of June 19, with a scheduled floor vote by the Senate on June 21. A conference committee is likely to decide between the differences in the House and Senate versions prior to presenting the final legislation to the governor on June 30.

Continue to watch for OSBA communications with updated information as the budget process comes to an end.

Editor's note: Information in this article was current as of June 15, 2017.

June

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).

14 Budget Analysis and Discussion (BAD) Seminar Lewis Center