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Top Kasich aide named new superintendent of public instruction

Dr. **Richard A. Ross**, director of the Governor's Office of 21st Century Education, was named Ohio's 37th superintendent of public instruction on March 12. He replaces Acting Superintendent of Public Instruction **Michael L. Sawyers**, who was one of two finalists for the post. Ross has had a long, distinguished career in public education. He served 20 years as **Reynoldsburg City Schools** superintendent before retiring in 2008. He previously served as superintendent at **Bryan City** and **Ottawa-Glandorf Local (Putnam)**, and was an instructor at Bowling Green State University and a high school principal at **Jonathan Alder Local (Madison)**. OSBA looks forward to working with Ross as the new state superintendent of public instruction.

State Board of Education Hardin member dies at 58

State Board of Education member **Jeff Hardin** died on March 13. Hardin died of a heart attack shortly after attending a State Board meeting to cast his vote for Dr. **Richard A. Ross** as the next state superintendent of public instruction. First elected in 2008, he was in his second term representing State Board District 10 in south central Ohio. Gov. **John Kasich** will appoint a replacement to fulfill the rest of Hardin's term.

Board Leadership Institute just a few weeks away

The 12th annual OSBA Board Leadership Institute (BLI) is set for April 26-27 in Columbus. The event, which is open only to public school board members, features outstanding keynote speakers, 16 breakout sessions and plenty of opportunities to network. For details, watch your mailbox for the BLI brochure, see the flier in this *Briefcase* issue or visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/board-leadership-institute.

Diane Ravitch unveils new initiative to support public education

Diane Ravitch has launched a network devoted to the improvement and defense of American public education. The Network for Public Education will bring together grassroots activists and organizations from around the country to back policymakers who support public schools. Ravitch — an education historian, author and staunch supporter of public education — was a keynote speaker at the 2012 OSBA Capital Conference. Learn more about the network at www.networkforpubliceducation.org.

OSBA Black Caucus hosting free urban district workshop

The OSBA Black Caucus is presenting a free urban school district workshop and dinner on April 5 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the OSBA office in Columbus. The Excellence and Equity Workshop will be led by **Phillip C. Schlechty** of the Schlechty Center, which specializes in providing education leaders strategic consultation and

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Route workshop information to:

- ☐ Administrative assistants
- ☐ Administrators
- ☐ Assistant treasurers
- ☐ Principals
- ☐ Special education instructors

targeted advice. Schlechty will share ways to identify, develop and nurture talent in your schools. To register, contact OSBA's **Laurie Miller** at (614) 540-4000; or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org.

Black Caucus extends scholarship deadline

The application deadline for the OSBA Black Caucus Leo Lucas Stipend has been extended to April 12. The program provides African-Americans graduating from high school funds to help them attend college. Applications are available at www.ohioschoolboards.org/ohio-black-caucus.

Key nonrenewal deadline changing this year

The deadline for districts and ESCs to notify administrators their contracts will not be renewed is June 1. Senate Bill 316, which went into effect on Sept. 24, moved the deadline from March 31 to June 1

for assistant superintendents, principals, assistant principals, business managers, internal auditors, supervisors and other administrators. Districts should check individual administrator contracts to ensure that they have not maintained the March 31 deadline. The deadline to notify

superintendents and treasurers of nonrenewal remains March 1. Contact OSBA's legal division with questions.

Southeast Region offering free open house in April

The OSBA Southeast Region is hosting a free open house April 9 at **Trimble Local's (Athens)** Trimble High School in Glouster. The event runs from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Don't miss this chance to enjoy light refreshments and share ideas with fellow board members and administrators. To register, contact Southeast Region Manager **Paul D. Mock** at (740) 385-5240 or pmock@ohioschoolboards.org.

OSBA online

● www.ohioschoolboards.org

Nominate your district's outstanding programs for the 2013 OSBA Student Achievement Fair. Visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/saf-nominations for details and to make nominations.

Akron City time capsule found 63 years too early

A time capsule buried decades ago was recently discovered at a former **Akron City** elementary school, but school leaders have decided to wait 63 years to open it.

The time capsule, marked "To the Future 1976-2076," was found during the demolition of the 1930 school building. The object is sealed and weighs about 200 pounds.

Voris Community Learning Center Principal **Ione McIntosh** said the time capsule will be reburied at the school's new location to respect the wishes of students who buried it. She hopes to honor the old school building and its history with a public ceremony.

"There was never really that formal closure of (Voriss Elementary)," McIntosh told a local newspaper.

Source: *Akron Beacon Journal*



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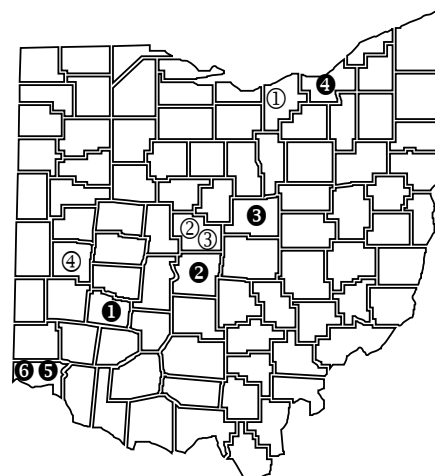
OSBA executive searches

Superintendent

District	Deadline	Contact
① Cedar Cliff Local (Greene)	March 29	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
② Ohio School for the Deaf	April 1	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
③ Mount Vernon City	April 4	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
④ North Olmsted City	April 8	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
⑤ Lockland Local (Hamilton)	April 12	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
⑥ Winton Woods City	TBD	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000

Treasurer

District	Deadline	Contact
① Oberlin City	April 5	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
② Olentangy Local (Delaware)	April 16	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
③ Buckeye Valley Local (Delaware)	April 19	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
④ Tipp City EV	April 25	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000



① = Superintendent
① = Treasurer

Other searches

Position	District	Deadline	Contact
Superintendent	Dawson-Bryant Local (Lawrence)	April 5	Bradley Miller, treasurer, Dawson-Bryant Local, (740) 533-0330
Superintendent	Caldwell EV	April 30	Dr. Dora Jean Bumgarner, superintendent, Caldwell EV, (740) 732-5637
Assistant superintendent	Northmont City	April 5	Amy Sipes, human resources director, Northmont City, (937) 832-5000
Special education director/ federal programs coordinator/ curriculum coordinator	Caldwell EV	April 30	Dr. Dora Jean Bumgarner, superintendent, Caldwell EV, (740) 732-5637
Elementary principal	Caldwell EV	April 30	Dr. Dora Jean Bumgarner, superintendent, Caldwell EV, (740) 732-5637

Editor's note

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

Position	District	Deadline	Contact
Secondary assistant principal	Hamilton City	Until filled	Kathleen A. Leist , assistant superintendent for human resources, Hamilton City, (513) 868-4447

National searches

Position	District	Deadline	Contact
Director of special education	Portland, Ind.	April 1	Dr. Tim Long , superintendent, tlong@jayschools.k12.oh.us

Board changes


Akron City Board of Education member **Ginger Baylor** announced her resignation effective immediately. She has taken a position with U.S. Rep. **Marcia Fudge**. ●●● **Medina City** Board of Education member **Dr. Robert B. Wilder** announced his resignation effective Feb. 28. ●●● **Niles City** Board of Education member **Eric J. Lanham** announced his resignation effective immediately. ●●● **Whitehall City** Board of Education members **Brandon R. Howard** and **Ronda Howard** announced their resignations effective Feb. 28.

Administrative changes

Superintendents

Butler Tech hired Interim Superintendent **Bill Miller** as superintendent effective immediately. ●●● **Campbell City**

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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 fresh, 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 May 24, 2013.



MDS #2: Bring your own technology — possibilities and challenges

Thursday, April 18
OSBA office, Columbus

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Cost is \$90

Bring-your-own-technology (BYOT) programs are in the forefront of many conversations on education trends. There are many considerations when deciding if a BYOT program is right for your district or school. Whether your district has a BYOT program in place or is considering starting one, this workshop is for you.

Oak Hills Local (Hamilton) Schools, a nationally recognized leader in BYOT programs, will provide practical training for districts that want to implement a BYOT program. The workshop will cover general program development and implementation, infrastructure concerns, policies and procedures, and challenges and how they can be addressed. We also will discuss what a BYOT program looks like on a daily basis for students and staff. Bring your own iPad, tablet or other personal device and be prepared to learn during this interactive workshop.

Agenda

9:30 a.m. Registration
10 a.m. Welcome and overview
10:10 a.m. Planning a BYOT program
11:30 a.m. Addressing infrastructure concerns

Noon Lunch (provided)
12:30 p.m. Policies and procedures
1:15 p.m. Digital passports
2 p.m. Questions and final thoughts

Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. Cost for the workshop is \$90 per attendee, and includes lunch and materials. To register, contact **Laurie Miller**, senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org. You can register online at www.ohioschoolboards.org/event_listing.

Mastering media relations: How to tell your story

Wednesday, April 3, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. • Cost is \$90

OSBA office, 8050 N. High St., Columbus • (614) 540-4000

Developed especially for administrative assistants and district support staff, this new workshop provides tactics for promoting your district via traditional media. OSBA communications staff will share highly effective and innovative ways to tell the story of your district's successes to the media and public.

The cost of the workshop is \$90, which includes registration, a box lunch and materials. Register by contacting **Laurie Miller**, senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000, ext. 284; (800) 589-OSBA, ext. 284; or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org.

Agenda

9:30 a.m. Registration and coffee

10 a.m. Introductions and welcome

10:15 a.m. Press release basic training

Discover how to write attention-grabbing press releases that will make the media clamor to cover your district's news. We'll also discuss the benefits of ghost-writing stories about your district.

10:45 a.m. Press release drills

Break into groups and gain hands-on experience writing press releases using the basic training tips you've learned.

Noon

12:30 p.m.

1:30 p.m.

2 p.m.

Lunch and networking

Proactive promotion tactics

Learn how to build relationships with the media to increase your success in gaining news coverage that positively promotes your district. We'll also discuss ways to control media interviews to ensure that your message is delivered the way you want it to be.

Q&A

Adjourn



Board Leadership Institute

Organizational leadership for tomorrow's schools

April 26-27, 2013 • Hilton Columbus/Polaris, north Columbus

Benefits:

- ◆ Participate in a program designed exclusively for and by board members
- ◆ Experience a comprehensive two-day training event
- ◆ Hear nationally acclaimed speakers

- ◆ Strengthen board governance skills
- ◆ Choose from 16 breakout sessions
- ◆ Network with other board members
- ◆ Receive a CD with all of the handouts from this board member-only event

Good decisions require informed decision makers

As a member of your school district's governing body, you are called at every meeting to make decisions. Some decisions are easy; others complicated. So, what can be done to improve board member development?

Almost all board members agree they could use more training in tackling school district problems. When asked how, board members say they want training that is highly task-oriented, takes a short period of time and is done in small groups led by outstanding instructors.

To meet these requests, OSBA worked with board members across the state to develop the 12th annual Board Leadership Institute. The two-day workshop is specifically designed for board members and will focus on a wide range of topics. Participants will have the opportunity to hear keynote speakers, choose from among 18 breakout sessions and network with each other.

Twenty points will be awarded for attendance at the institute, which may be applied toward receiving OSBA's Award of Achievement and Master Board Member award.

Keynote speakers set the tone for BLI

OSBA has invited Ohio Attorney General **Mike DeWine** to kick off on Friday, April 26. A former U.S. representative, U.S. senator and Ohio lieutenant governor, DeWine recently created the Attorney General's School Safety Task Force, made up of educators, school associations and local law enforcement and first responders. OSBA is part of the task force, which will make recommendations on school safety policy.

State Board of Education President **Debe Terhar** will close BLI on Saturday, April 27. Hear an update on state education reform efforts and what they mean to local school boards.



DeWine



Terhar

Registration and hotel details

BLI will be held in Columbus on April 26 and 27. Cost for the institute is \$240, and includes continental breakfast and lunch on both days and materials. To register, contact **Laurie Miller**, senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000; (800) 589-OSBA; or lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org.

The Hilton Columbus/Polaris will be the site of the 2013 Board Leadership Institute. The Hilton is in north Columbus

and is easily accessible from I-71, offers free parking and is close to many dining opportunities. OSBA secured a reduced hotel rate for BLI attendees: just \$123 per night if the room is booked by April 5. To reserve your hotel room, contact the Hilton Columbus/Polaris at (614) 885-1600.

For more details, visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/board-leadership-institute.



ESC Workshop

Monday, May 13

9 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

OSBA office, 8050 N.
High St., Columbus

Cost is \$150

Board members and
administrators are
invited

Plan to attend this annual event. This year's program will include topics and information that you need in these challenging times, including:

- Budget and resources — challenges, opportunities and legislative issues.
- ESC sustainability through program and process assessment, collaboration and best practices.

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

Criminal records checks: Who needs to be checked and when

Thursday, May 9
Cost is \$35

1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
webinar



Due to popular demand, the OSBA Division of Legal Services is repeating this webinar that was originally held on Feb. 27.

In 2008, House Bill 190 required districts to conduct criminal records checks for job applicants and employees. Subsequent criminal records checks are required every five years for certain school employees. This year marks the first time these checks must be updated. But which employees are subject to criminal records checks, what checks do they need, when should they occur and how are they accomplished? This webinar will review the answers to these questions and include practical resources to help districts comply with the law.

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



WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

**Mastering media relations:
How to tell your story**
☐ April 3, Columbus, \$90

**Excellence and Equity
workshop (OSBA Black
Caucus event)**
☐ April 5, Columbus, free

**Management Development
Series #2: Bring Your Own
Technology**
☐ April 18, Columbus, \$90

Board Leadership Institute
☐ April 26-27, Columbus,
\$240

**Criminal records checks:
Who needs to be checked and
when webinar**
☐ May 9, \$35

ESC workshop
☐ May 13, Columbus, \$150

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 Web page 24 hours a day.

Award of Achievement/LPDC

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



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**Phone
or fax**

OSBA Registration Hotline,
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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.

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.

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hired **Matthew L. Bowen** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace **Thomas Robey**, who is retiring. Bowen is currently an elementary principal at **West Branch Local (Mahoning)**. ●●● **Dublin City** hired Dr. **Todd F. Hoadley** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace Dr. **David Axner**, who is resigning. Hoadley is currently superintendent at **Olmsted Falls City**. ●●● **Harrison Hills City** hired **Dana Snider** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. She will replace Dr. **George Ash**, who took the superintendent position at **Jefferson County ESC**. Snider is currently the assistant superintendent for the district. ●●● **Hilliard City** hired **John C. Marschhausen** as superintendent effective July 1. He will replace **Dale McVey**, who is retiring. Marschhausen is currently superintendent at **Loveland City**. ●●● **Paulding EV** hired **William Hanak** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace Interim Superintendent **John Basinger**. Hanak is currently the high school principal at **Wauseon EV**. ●●● **Ripley-Union-Lewis-Huntington Local (Brown)** hired Dr. **Linda Naylor** as superintendent effective in July. She will replace retiring superintendent **Charles P. Kimble**. Naylor is currently a high school principal at **Adams County/Ohio Valley Local (Adams)**.

Treasurers

Dayton City hired **Craig A. Jones** as treasurer. He replaces Interim Treasurer **Hiwot Abraha**. Jones was previously treasurer at **Troy City**. ●●● **Green Local (Scioto)** hired **Brodie Merrill** as treasurer effective immediately. He replaced **John Walsh**, who resigned. Merrill previously was the treasurer at **Symmes Valley Local (Lawrence)**.

Sympathies

D. Russell Forsythe, a member of the former **Belle Center School Board** in Logan County, died Feb. 25. He was 89. ●●● Former **Finneytown Local (Hamilton)** Superintendent **Harry Mack Hannum** died Feb. 23. He was 91. ●●● **Rollin B. Combs**, a member of the former **Guernsey County School Board**, died Feb. 28. He was 94. ●●● Former **Hillsdale Local (Ashland)** Board of Education member **Catherine Myrene Tugend** died Feb. 28. She was 81. ●●● Former **Mad River Local (Montgomery)** Board of Education member **Robert L. Rice** died Feb. 27. He was 67. ●●● Former **Miamisburg City Board of Education** member **Raymond P. Raytay** died March 6. He was 77.

Learn how you can save time and money with these webinars



BoardDocs is the exclusive eGovernance partner of OSBA. Join OSBA for any of the free informational webinar demonstrations on the dates and times listed below. The webinars will showcase BoardDocs's cloud-based solutions and demonstrate why it is the eGovernance leader, not only in Ohio, but across the nation. Participants will learn how to save money, time and be more effective with BoardDocs.

Want to learn more? Join OSBA and BoardDocs for an informative webinar. It's quick and easy to register — just choose the date and time you wish to view the webinar:

Information for current users

Tuesday, April 9, from 9 a.m.–10 a.m.

<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/347116017>

Information for districts considering paperless board meetings

Tuesday, May 21, from 1 p.m.–2 p.m.

<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/426197360>

Once registered, you will receive an email confirming your registration with the information you need to view the webinar. For questions about these webinars, contact **Amanda Finney**, OSBA senior marketing coordinator, at (800) 589-OSBA; (614) 540-4000; or afinney@ohioschoolboards.org. For more information about BoardDocs, visit www.boarddocs.com.



LEGISLATIVE REPORT

by Michelle Francis, deputy director of legislative services

New school legislation moves through the Senate

Though the Ohio House is primarily focused on budget deliberations on House Bill (HB) 59, Gov. **John Kasich's** biennial budget proposal, other education-related legislation is starting to move through the Statehouse.

SB 42 — School security levy

Senate Bill (SB) 42, co-sponsored by Sen. **Randy Gardner** (R-Bowling Green) and Sen. **Gayle Manning** (R-North Ridgeville), would authorize school districts to levy a property tax exclusively for school safety and security purposes.

OSBA, along with the Buckeye Association of School Administrators and Ohio Association of School Business Officials, sent a joint letter to

members of the Ohio Senate in support of SB 42.

Following the recent tragedy in Newtown, Conn., Ohio school districts have reassessed their school safety plans and looked at additional measures for securing their school buildings and learning environments. The possibilities range from additional school resource officers to security equipment.

SB 42 would allow fiscally challenged Ohio school districts and local communities to decide the best way to ensure the safety and security of their students. In essence, this would be another tool that school districts and voters can use to target specific resources to improve student safety in their

schools.

In addition to expressing support for SB 42, the letter urged legislators to consider providing additional state resources for school safety purposes. The letter is available on the OSBA BillTracker Web page; visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/billtracker and search "SB 42."

SB 42 is currently being heard in the Senate Ways and Means Committee and is expected to be voted out of committee soon. It will then move to the Senate floor for a vote of the full Senate.

SB 21 — Third-grade reading guarantee

SB 21, sponsored by Sen. **Peggy Lehner** (R-Kettering), would make

Board members needed for OSBA's SALT Team

The Ohio School Boards Association is seeking board members to serve on the association's Student Achievement Leadership Team (SALT). The team directs OSBA's efforts to help school boards emphasize and improve student achievement. Team responsibilities include distributing information, research and ideas to assist student achievement efforts by local school boards; seeking the cooperation and partnership of other organizations and individuals whose efforts are aimed at providing a high-quality education for all students; and providing training programs for school board members on how to build community support for educational programs; and encouraging community participation in education to help students improve academic results. Team members participate in SALT activities and encourage other board members to do so, as well. SALT members will attend three meetings per year in Columbus and serve a four-year term.

If interested, please contact Terri Shaw, executive assistant, at the Ohio School Boards Association, 8050 N. High Street, St. 100, Columbus, OH 43235. The application deadline is April 19.



PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Bryan Bullock, assistant editor

Students, robots perform in New Albany High School theater

Students perform alongside robots in a high-tech, annual theater production in **New Albany-Plain Local (Franklin)**.

One New Albany High School class is writing the script for the May performance and another class is programming the robot.

"This cross-curricular collaboration between my honors actors studio course and **(David) Herman's** Robotics II course is a perfect example of the authentic and innovative learning

experiences the New Albany-Plain Local School District has been promoting in its annual goals and mission statement," theater teacher **Elliott Lemberg** told a local newspaper.

The students are programming a robot, Henry, that can speak eight languages and recognize faces and objects. Henry can be programmed to respond to keywords and answer questions. The robot also is capable of getting back up if it falls during the

performance.

"The characters will be able to interact with (Henry) and we'll be able to flesh out his story," senior **Jeannette Newton** told the newspaper.

The students are learning from a professional robot theater troupe this year. The high school's robot theater gained national attention last year after being featured in *The New York Times*.

Source: *ThisWeek Community News*

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several changes to Ohio's third-grade reading guarantee.

Lehner, who also serves as the chair of the Senate Education Committee, introduced SB 21 to clarify and correct several issues related to the third-grade reading guarantee as passed by the legislature last summer in SB 316 and amended in HB 555 during the lame duck session.

SB 21 includes the following:

- Exempts students with significant cognitive disabilities from the annual diagnostic assessment.
- Removes the requirement that reading teachers under the third-grade reading guarantee must have been actively engaged in the reading instruction of students for

the previous three years.

- Adds flexibility to the criteria for qualifying as a teacher to provide services under the third-grade reading guarantee.
- Removes the requirement that a waiver from the third-grade reading guarantee teacher qualification criteria for the 2013-14 school year is subject to approval by the Ohio Department of Education.

In addition, the bill includes an emergency clause, which means that enacted, it would become effective immediately upon the governor's signature and would not require the traditional 90-day waiting period to become law. The emergency clause is important

because school districts are making personnel decisions now and planning for the 2013-14 school year as it relates to the third-grade reading guarantee.

SB 21 has already been passed by the Senate and is currently being considered by the House Education Committee. OSBA supports the bill and believes it adds clarification to some questions raised during the deliberations on the third-grade reading guarantee.

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

Editor's note: All information in this article was current as of March 18.

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- 5 OSBA Excellence and Equity workshop (OSBA Black Caucus event)... Columbus
- 8 *Last day for voter registration for May election — RC 3503.01, 3503.19(A) (30 days prior to the election).*
- 9 BoardDocs webinar: Information for non-users
- 13-15 NSBA Annual Conference San Diego

- 15 *Last day for certain board members and administrators to file financial disclosure forms with the Ohio Ethics Commission — RC 102.02.*
- 18 OSBA Management Development Series #2: Bring Your Own Technology — possibilities and challenges workshop Columbus
- 26-27 OSBA Board Leadership Institute Columbus
- 28 OSBA Southeast Region Executive Committee Meeting Zanesville
- 29 *Last day to submit certification for August income tax levy to Ohio Department of Taxation — RC 5748.02(A) (100 days prior to the election).*
- 30 *Last day to take action on and give written notice of intent not to re-employ teachers — RC 3319.11(D)(1); and nonteaching employees — RC 4141.29(I)(1)(e).*

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- 3 *Last day to submit August emergency or current operating expenses levy to county auditor for August election — RC 5705.194, 5705.213 (95 days prior to the election).*
- 7 BoardDocs webinar: Information for current users
- 7 *Primary/Special Election Day — RC 3501.01 (first Tuesday after the first*

- Monday).
- 8 OSBA Northeast Region Executive Committee Meeting TBD
- 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 August election — RC 133.18(D); last day for county auditor to certify school district bond levy terms for August election — RC 133.18(C); last day to submit continuing replacement, permanent improvement or operating levy for August election to board of elections — RC 5705.192, 5705.21, 5705.25; last day to certify resolution for school district income tax levy for August election to board of elections — RC 5748.02(C); last day to submit emergency levy for August election to board of elections — RC 5705.195; last day to submit phased-in levy or current operating expenses levy for August election to board of elections — RC 5705.251(A) (90 days prior to the election).*
- 9 Criminal records checks: Who needs to be checked and when webinar
- 13 OSBA ESC Workshop Columbus
- 17 OSBA Capital Conference Planning Task Force Meeting Columbus
- 17 OSBA Executive Committee Meeting Columbus