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Study: Majority of nation's public school students now living in poverty

Low-income students are now a majority of the children attending U.S. public schools, the Southern Education Foundation reports. The latest National Center for Education Statistics data show 51% of the students in the nation's public schools were low income in 2013; Ohio's rate was 39%. Most low-income students are in the South and West; Mississippi had the highest rate at 71%. The study warned that: "Without improving the educational support that the nation provides its low-income students — students with the largest needs and usually with the least support — the trends of the last decade will be prologue for a nation not at risk, but a nation in decline."

OSBA's 2015 school board candidate campaign under way

This is a school board election year, and OSBA is encouraging qualified citizens to seek a seat on their local school board. OSBA has sent packets to all county boards of elections and school district superintendents with information on board elections, board member roles and responsibilities, candidate training and candidate tool kits. OSBA also is offering Pre-Board Candidate and Board Candidate workshops. For details, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/12354>.

Ohio public school district earns national Green Ribbon Schools honor

The U.S. Department of Education's Green Ribbon Schools program has honored Berea City Schools for its comprehensive approaches to being green in learning and operations. The program recognizes schools and districts for their efforts to reduce environmental impact and costs; improve the health and wellness of schools, students and staff; and provide environmental education covering many disciplines, especially STEM education, civic skills and green career pathways.

New federal guidance reminds schools to designate Title IX coordinator

The U.S. Department of Education has released a guidance package emphasizing the responsibility of school districts, colleges and universities to designate a Title IX coordinator. The package also contains an overview of the law's requirements in several key areas, including athletics, single-sex education, sex-based harassment and discipline. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in all education programs or activities that receive federal financial assistance. The guidance is posted at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/75861>.

Safer Schools Ohio offers range of key safety resources

The Center for P-20 Safety and Security, a collaboration of the Ohio Department of Education and Ohio Board of Regents, is designed to support schools in ensuring the

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safety of students, staff and visitors through effective policies and procedures, training, and community and interagency involvement. The center's website — Safer Schools Ohio — offers numerous resources on prevention, preparedness, mitigation, response and recovery. Learn more at <https://saferschools.ohio.gov>.

OSBA provides tools for student achievement liaisons

OSBA student achievement liaisons serve as links between their districts and OSBA's Student Achievement Leadership Team (SALT). If you are your district's liaison, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/37462> for resources to help you in your role. Liaisons are appointed by their fellow school board members at the January organizational meeting. Their duties include sharing ways to improve and focus on student achievement with their

Mason City student accepted to five Ivy League colleges

A **Mason City** student who recently presented his research at the White House has been accepted into all 11 colleges he applied to, including some of the most prestigious in the nation.

Mason High School senior **Bluyé DeMessie** was accepted into Ivy League schools Harvard, Yale, Columbia, Cornell and Princeton universities, among others.

DeMessie presented his water purification system design to the president and education leaders at the White House Science Fair in March. He developed the device after visiting relatives in Ethiopia and discovering their lack of access to clean water. "We are incredibly proud of Bluyé, and inspired by his dedication to improving the world," said Principal **Mindy McCarty-Stewart**.

Source: Mason City Schools

board colleagues; establishing and maintaining relationships with academic booster groups; sending information on successful district programs to SALT; nominating programs for the OSBA Student Achievement Fair; and taking part in SALT activities, as well as encouraging others to do so.

ODE issues updated pre-K through 16 student statistics

The Ohio Department of Education has released an update of facts and figures on Ohio students, from prekindergarten through college. The infographic looks at the number of schools, universities and community colleges; enrollment figures; financial information; and more. The document is available at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/78151>.

OSBA online

● www.ohioschoolboards.org

OSBA Division of Legal Services attorneys have posted a new question of the week on the "Legal Ledger" Web page. This week's question: "What is required in order to opt out of the new career-technical education program requirements for seventh- and eighth-grade students?" Find the answer here: <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/84481>.



Briefcase

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BULLETIN BOARD

compiled by Melanie Price, administrative assistant of communication services

OSBA executive searches

Superintendent

| District | Deadline | Contact |
|------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------------|
| ① Olentangy Local (Delaware) | May 27 | OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000 |



Other searches

| Position | District | Deadline | Contact |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|----------|--|
| Treasurer | Johnstown-Monroe Local (Licking) | May 18 | Debbie Lowe , district administrative assistant, Johnstown-Monroe Local, (740) 967-6846 |
| Director of communications | Olentangy Local (Delaware) | May 31 | Gale S. Marsh , executive director of human resources/operations, Olentangy Local, (740) 657-4016 |
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Board changes

Akron City appointed **Jason Haas** to the board effective April 13. He replaced **Dave Lombardi**, who was appointed an Akron Municipal Court judge. ●●● **London City** appointed **Melissa Canney** to the board effective April 21. She replaced Dr. **Martha Geib**, who died in April. ●●● **Monroe Local (Butler)** appointed **David Grant** to the board effective April 20. He replaced **Tom Birdwell**, who resigned in March. ●●● **South Range Local (Mahoning)** appointed **Amy White** to the board effective April 24. She replaced **Bruce Zinz**, who resigned in February. ●●● **Toledo City** Board of Education member Dr. **Cecelia Adams** announced her resignation effective April 15. She accepted an appointment on the Toledo City

Editor's note

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

Council. The board named **Randall Parker III** to replace her.

Administrative changes

Superintendents

Aurora City hired **Pat Ciccantelli** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace **Russ Bennett**, who is taking a position with the **ESC of Cuyahoga County**. Ciccantelli currently is the district's assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction. The district also hired **Mike Roberto** as assistant superintendent effective Aug. 1. He currently is the district's high school principal. ●●● **Covington EV** hired **Gene Gooding** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He currently is a middle school principal at **Indian Lake Local (Logan)**. ●●● **Dover City** Superintendent **Bob Hamm** announced his retirement effective Aug. 1. ●●● **Gahanna-Jefferson City** hired **Scott Schmidt** as interim superintendent effective June 1. He will replace **Francis R. Scruci**, who is taking the superintendent position at **Bowling Green City**. Schmidt currently is the district's executive director of elementary education. ●●● **Hopewell-Loudon Local (Seneca)** Superintendent **Nichole Jiran** announced her resignation effective May 29. She has taken the director of teaching and learning position at **Marion City**. ●●● **Mount Healthy City** hired Dr. **Reva C. Cosby** as superintendent effective July 1. He will replace **Lori L. Handler**, who is retiring. Cosby currently is the high school principal at **Huber Heights City**. ●●● **Perry Local (Stark)** hired **Scott Beatty** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace **Marty Bowe**, who is resigning. Beatty currently is the superintendent at **Dalton Local (Wayne)**. ●●● **Springfield Local (Mahoning)** hired Assistant Superintendent **Thomas Yazvac** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace **Debra Mettee**, who is retiring. ●●● **Warrensville Heights City** hired **Donald J. Jolly II** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He replaces Interim Superintendent Dr. **Gary Zoldesy**. Jolly currently is an academic superintendent at **Cleveland Municipal**. ●●● **Youngstown City** Superintendent Dr. **Connie Hathorn** announced his resignation effective June 30. He has taken a superintendent position in Pine Bluff, Ark.

Treasurers

Clear Fork Valley Local (Richland) hired **Bradd Stevens** as treasurer effective Aug. 1. He will replace **Larry W. Lifer**, who took the treasurer position at **Crestview Local (Richland)**. Stevens currently is the treasurer at **Crestline EV**. ●●●

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*You really can make
a difference ...
because kids count!*

Children are our future and there is no greater investment than a child's education. By joining OSBA's political action committee, *Kids PAC*, you are helping to ensure all children in Ohio receive the quality education they deserve!

You can donate online at www.kidspac.org. To learn more about *Kids PAC*, contact **Marcella Gonzalez** at mgonzalez@ohioschoolboards.org or call (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA.





Thursday, May 14 1 p.m.-3 p.m.
OSBA office, Columbus Free

OSBA has exclusive rights to the Achiever, a candidate assessment tool used during the executive search process. The Achiever measures six cognitive learning skills with 10 personality dimensions to create a comprehensive candidate profile.

OSBA and Personnel Profiles of Columbus Inc. (PPI) are offering a workshop on how to interpret and use the Achiever assessment results to effectively select superintendent, treasurer and other administrative candidates and bring them successfully on board.

In the workshop, PPI President **Fred Crum** will challenge you to look at how to select the right person for the job. Are you interviewing a good employee that matches the job requirements or an applicant that simply interviews well? How do you make the distinction? A lot is riding on your ability to discern the difference.

This complimentary workshop will better acquaint you with the information contained in the Achiever report so you can make the distinction between a good applicant and a good employee. Workshop attendees will be offered an opportunity to receive one Achiever assessment at a reduced cost.

Register online at www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops or contact **Laurie Miller**, senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org

Administrative salary analysis

Need help determining how to compensate your administrators? It's more complicated than most people think, and OSBA has considerable experience in this area. We are able to assist school districts with a variety of important initiatives, including:

- compensation/classification system design
- job description creation/modification
- performance evaluation system design

For more information, contact **Van D. Keating**, director of management services, at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or vkeating@ohioschoolboards.org.



THE 38TH ANNUAL OHIO COUNCIL OF SCHOOL BOARD ATTORNEYS

SPRING SEMINAR

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

TUITION IS \$200

NATIONWIDE HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER, LEWIS CENTER

(FORMERLY NORTHPOINTE HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER)

Agenda

- 8:30 a.m. Registration and continental breakfast**
- 8:50 a.m. OSBA welcome and overview**
- 9 a.m. What to do when the police come knockin'**
Have you ever received a call that the police were on school property to conduct an investigation? Experts share their perspectives on best practices when dealing with criminal investigations involving students and employees, in loco parentis and much more.
Jeff Furbee, Esq., police legal adviser, Columbus City attorney's office; Wanda T. Lillis, Esq., associate legal counsel, Columbus City Schools; Officer Ron Burkitt, Hilliard Division of Police and Hilliard Bradley High School resource officer
- 10 a.m. Gender identity in schools: legal and practical issues related to transgender students**
Join a candid and practical discussion of the legal rights of transgender students, including school district obligations and practical tips for working with students, parents and communities.
Sara C. Clark, director of legal services, OSBA; and Joan M. Burda, Esq., attorney at law, Lakewood
- 11 a.m. Break**
- 11:15 a.m. Legislative and case law update: what's happening in 2015**
Learn about the latest case law and legislative developments — and how they will impact your clients.
Edmund F. Brown, Esq., FisherBroyles LLP, Columbus
- Noon Lunch (provided) and OCSBA Annual Business Meeting**
- 1 p.m. The year in special education**
Hear the latest updates and hot topics in the area of special education law. Find out what's trending and what you need to know now.
Susan C. Hastings, Esq., Squire Patton Boggs (US) LLP, Cleveland
- 1:45 p.m. Break**
- 2 p.m. The do's and don'ts of arbitration from an arbitrator's perspective**
Two arbitrators share effective and ineffective practices in school district arbitration. Bring your questions and learn strategies on what you should and shouldn't do during arbitration.
Daniel G. Zeiser, Esq., Cleveland; and William C. Heekin, Esq., Cincinnati
- 3 p.m. Professional conduct: mental health issues in the legal profession**
Join us as we review mental health cases, rules governing mental illness and actions taken when attorneys are the subject of grievances because of mental health issues.
D. Allan Asbury, Esq., senior counsel, Supreme Court of Ohio Board of Professional Conduct
- 4 p.m. Adjourn**

This course has been approved by the Supreme Court of Ohio Commission on Continuing Legal Education for 5.50 total CLE hour(s), with 1.00 hours of professional conduct.

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

Sports Law Workshop

Friday, June 19
9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Embassy Suites Columbus
Cost is \$160



AGENDA

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

8:50 a.m. Welcome

9 a.m. Sportsnation 2.0: dealing with coaching issues

Coaches are an integral part of your sports team, but issues and conflicts — such as students not getting enough playing time or contract disputes — may arise among parents or administrators and the coach. Learn how to make these relationships work to create a successful athletic program.

Brian L. Wildermuth, Esq., Subashi & Wildermuth LPA, Dayton

10 a.m. Break

10:15 a.m. OHSA 2015 legal update: what your district needs to know now

Learn the latest developments and initiatives of the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSA), including policy and bylaw changes, outlook for 2015 and more.

Dr. Daniel B. Ross, commissioner, OHSA

11:30 a.m. Lunch (provided)

12:30 p.m. Friday night lights and student athletes

Hear about common issues that keep student athletes from participating in athletic events, such as drug testing and violating the student code of conduct. Learn what your district can do to combat these issues.

Sarah E. Kutscher, Esq., Smith Peters Kalail Co. LPA, Cleveland

1:30 p.m. Break

1:45 p.m. Working with booster groups: what's your liability?

Booster groups provide great support to athletic teams, but what happens if someone is injured at a fundraising event on district property? Learn what your district needs to know when it comes to liability issues that arise from booster groups.

Sandra R. McIntosh, Esq., Freund, Freeze & Arnold LPA, Columbus

2:30 p.m. Keeping it equal

Equality among sports continues to be a hot topic. What does your district need to do to comply with Title IX? What happens when players of the opposite gender want to participate on an athletic team? Bring your questions and learn what your district needs to know.

Melissa M. Carleton, Esq., Bricker & Eckler LLP, Columbus

3:15 p.m. Adjourn

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

Unauthorized audio recording or videotaping of any session is strictly prohibited.



WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

Achiever 101 workshop

☐ May 14, Columbus, free

OCSBA Spring Seminar

☐ June 12, Lewis Center, \$200

Sports Law Workshop

☐ June 19, Columbus, \$160

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.

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



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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.

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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Columbiana EV hired **Kathy L. Davies** as treasurer effective Aug. 1. She will replace **Lori Posey**, who is retiring. Davies currently is the treasurer at **United Local (Columbiana)**. ●●● **Fremont City** hired **Amelia R. Gioffredo** as treasurer effective May 11. She replaced **James E. Estle**. Gioffredo previously was the assistant treasurer at **Strongsville City**. Estle will remain with the district as a financial consultant through Dec. 31. ●●● **Put-In-Bay Local (Ottawa)** hired **Joy Cooper** as treasurer effective Aug. 1. She will replace **Kathryn Knaser**, who is retiring. Cooper currently is the fiscal officer for the village of Put-In-Bay. ●●● **Versailles EV Treasurer Alan Barga** announced his retirement effective April 30.

Sympathies

Former **Canton Local (Stark)** Treasurer **Donna Ruth Neisel** died April 23. She was 88. ●●● Former **Fairless Local (Stark)** Board of Education member **Roger Leighley** died April 11. He was 81. ●●● **Ralph U. Roof**, a member of the former **Hamilton Township Local School Board** in Franklin County, died April 20. He was 97. ●●● Former **Madison Local (Richland)** Board of Education member **Howard Raymond Miller** died April 10. He was 91. ●●● Former **Ottawa Hills Local (Lucas)** Board of Education member **Maurice D. O'Connell** died April 20. He was 85. ●●● Former **Perkins Local (Erie)** Board of Education member **Jerry B. Baumgardner** died April 16. He was 69. ●●● **Perry Local (Stark)** Board of Education member **Marlene G. Capuano** died April 20. She was 71. ●●● Former **Piqua City Board of Education** member **Merlin R. Funderburg** died April 13. He was 69.



NEWS

by Amanda Finney, senior marketing coordinator

OSBA welcomes new deputy director of legal services

Shadya Yazback recently joined OSBA as deputy director of legal services in the association's legal division. In her new role, Yazback consults with board members and school administrators on legal matters. She also works with the legal staff to prepare and present training programs on legal issues, writes for various OSBA publications and develops publications on legal topics. In addition, Yazback participates in the evaluation and preparation of OSBA Legal Assistance Fund requests.

A graduate of the University of Toledo, University of Michigan

and Case Western Reserve School of Law, Yazback has served as a policy and economic analyst for the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, an associate in the Public Finance group at Bricker & Eckler LLP and an associate general counsel at the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation.

In 2011, Yazback was recognized by *Columbus Business First's* Forty Under 40 program. The program honors young central Ohioans for outstanding accomplishments in professional endeavors and community service.

She was a member of the Franklin County Children Services Board of Trustees from 2009 to 2015, serving as finance chair before becoming board chair. She currently volunteers as chair of the Hilltop YMCA Advisory Board in Columbus and as a member of the United Way of Central Ohio Diversity and Inclusion Committee.

Yazback is originally from South Bend, Ind., and graduated from Marian High School in Mishawaka, Ind.

She can be reached at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or syazback@ohioschoolboards.org.



LEGISLATIVE REPORT

by Jay Smith, deputy director of legislative services

Senators introduce new bipartisan charter school reform bill

Sen. **Peggy Lehner** (R-Kettering) and Sen. **Tom Sawyer** (D-Akron) recently introduced bipartisan charter school reform legislation. Senate Bill (SB) 148 seeks to increase accountability and transparency for charter school sponsors and management companies in Ohio.

This legislation goes further than House Bill (HB) 2, which provides some enhanced accountability for charter school sponsors, but does not provide additional provisions for management companies. SB 148 is currently undergoing committee hearings in the

Education Subcommittee of the Senate Finance Committee, chaired by Sen. **Cliff Hite** (R-Findlay).

Rep. **Kristina Roegner** (R-Hudson), who sponsored HB 2, has joined with Rep. **John Patterson** (D-Novelty) to introduce new charter school reform legislation (HB 156) in the House of Representatives after seeing the legislative proposal put forward by her Senate colleagues.

Both bills, SB 148 and HB 156, include the following provisions:

Accountability

The legislation would:

- Require a management company that receives more than 20% of the annual gross revenues of a charter school to provide a detailed accounting, including the nature and costs of the goods and services it provides to the school, using the accounting principles and standards set forth in all applicable pronouncements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.
- Mandate that all contracts between the governing authority of a charter school and an operator include criteria to be used for early termination, notification procedures and a stipulation of which entity owns all facilities and property.
- Require all new and renewed

agreements between the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) and a sponsor to contain specific language addressing the parameters under which ODE can intervene and revoke sponsorship authority, and permit modification of the agreement under circumstances of poor fiscal management and lack of academic progress.

- Prohibit a person who has engaged in an act that would otherwise result in refusal, limitation or revocation of a license to teach from serving on the governing authority of a charter school.
- Ban a person who has been charged with or pleaded guilty to certain theft offenses from serving on the governing authority of a charter school.
- Prevent a person from serving on the governing authority or engaging in the financial management of the charter school unless that person has submitted to a criminal records check.
- Require the fiscal officer of a charter school to execute a bond in an amount and with surety to be approved by the governing authority of the charter schools, and permit the sponsoring entity to compel delivery of all financial and enrollment records and seek

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OSBA Contract Analysis Service

OSBA provides a cost-effective professional analysis of both certified and classified collective bargaining agreements. These written reviews serve as a critique of current contract provisions, suggest potential pitfalls regarding legal compliance and provide specific recommendations as you go into your next round of collective bargaining.

Contact **Van D. Keating**, director of management services, at (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA for more information.



PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Bryan Bullock, assistant editor

Van Buren Local students give toddler a helping hand

Van Buren Local (Hancock) students recently used their design skills to give back and create a prosthetic hand for a young girl.

Twenty-month-old **Addy Johnson** was born with a rare congenital condition called symbrachydactyly and her right hand never fully developed. Her mother, **Tiffany Johnson**, approached Van Buren High School about making a prosthetic hand for her daughter.

Nine seniors in teacher **Mike**

Daniels' advanced design class took on the project at no cost to the parent. They took measurements of Addy's left hand, printed a three-dimensional plastic version of a right hand and assembled it. The hand attaches to Addy's arm with a Velcro band; she can pick up objects by flexing her elbow.

"It's something to be proud of, watching your kids do something that you didn't know they were capable of," Daniels told a local newspaper.

With the success of the prototype, students are working to make a smaller hand that has even more flexibility. Addy also asked that the next version be pink, which the students plan to do.

The project has been a real-world educational experience for students, but it's also personal.

"She's a sweet little girl, and knowing that we can make a difference means a lot to us," said senior **Issac Sexton**.

Source: *The Courier*

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recovery of funds.

- Remove all references to the charter school attendance policy requiring automatic withdrawal of a student if the student fails to participate in 105 consecutive hours of learning, and clarify that a charter school must adhere to the same attendance standard as traditional school districts.
- Mandate that each e-school keep an accurate record of and report the number of hours each individual student is actively participating in learning opportunities in each period of 24 consecutive hours.
- Require that if the academic performance of a student declines during the student's enrollment in an e-school, the student's parents,

teachers and principal must confer to evaluate the student's continued enrollment.

Transparency

SB 148 and HB 156 would:

- Require ODE to annually publish a directory of the names and identifying information of all operators.
- Mandate that ODE annually obtain a copy of each contract between a governing authority and its operator.
- Require the governing authority of each charter school to adopt an annual budget by Oct. 31 of each year, and specify what information must be included (administrative costs, instructional services costs

and other expenses).

- Mandate that each charter school sponsor annually verify that a finding for recovery has not been issued by the auditor against any member of the governing authority of that charter school.
- Require ODE to annually publish the criteria and requirements used to approve or deny an application.
- Order ODE to make and update annually a historical document showing every charter school that has closed; applications to sponsor schools and whether applications were approved or denied; and other relevant data.

Editor's note: All information in this article was current as of April 29, 2015.

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June 2015

- 1 Last day to take action to nonrenew contracts of administrators other than superintendent and treasurer — RC 3319.02; last day to take action on and give written notice of intent not to re-employ teachers — RC 3319.11(D); last day to take action on and give written notice of intent not to re-employ nonteaching employees (Note: this requirement does not apply to municipal school district employees as defined in RC 3311.71) — RC 4141.29(I)(1)(f).
- 7 Northwest Region Executive Committee meeting.....Bowling Green
- 12 OCSBA Spring Seminar.....Lewis Center
- 19 Sports Law Workshop..... Columbus
- 30 2014-2015 school year ends — RC 3313.62; end of third ADM reporting period — RC 3317.03(A).

July 2015

- 1 2015-2016 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(B); treasurer must certify available revenue in funds to county auditor — RC 5705.36(A)(1).
- 6 Last day for voter registration for August election — RC 3503.01, 3503.19(A) (30 days prior to the election).
- 8 Central Region Executive Committee meeting..... Columbus
- 10 Last day for termination of teaching contract by a teacher without consent of the board of education — RC 3319.15.
- 14 BoardDocs webinar
- 15 Last day to adopt school library district tax budget on behalf of a library district — RC 5705.28(B)(1).
- 21 Last day to submit certification for November conversion levy to tax commissioner — RC 5705.219(B) (105 days prior to election).
- 25 Pre-Board Candidate Workshop Columbus
- 27* Last day to submit certification for November income tax levy to Ohio Department of Taxation — RC 5748.02(A)

- 31 (100 days prior to election). Beyond Surveys and Focus Groups: Engagement as a Partnership workshop..... Columbus
- 31 Semiannual campaign finance reports must be filed by certain candidates, political action committees, caucus committees (legislative campaign funds) and political parties (by 4 p.m.) detailing contributions and expenditures through June 30, 2015 — RC 3517.10(A)(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).

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- 1 Last day to submit to the Ohio Department of Education a plan to require students to access and complete online classroom lessons ("blizzard bags") in order to make up hours for which it was necessary to close schools — RC 3313.482; last day to file statistical report with Ohio Department of Education — RC 3319.33.
- 3 Southwest Region Executive Committee meeting..... TBD
- 4 Special Election Day — RC 3501.01 (first Tuesday after the first Monday).