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Two Southwest Ohio high schools ranked among top 100 in the nation

Cincinnati City's Walnut Hills High School and Wyoming City's Wyoming High School placed 87th and 98th, respectively, in the 2013 *U.S. News & World Report* Best High Schools rankings. Seventeen other Ohio schools ranked in the top 500. The magazine evaluated more than 21,000 U.S. public high schools and ranked them based on state proficiency standards, how well they prepare students for college and other key criteria. Visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/94181> to view the evaluation methodology. For more details on the Best High Schools program and the complete rankings, go to <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/92620>.

DeWine sending all districts school shooting training video

Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine is sending a training video to every school district in Ohio to help prepare administrators, teachers and school staff to respond to a school shooting incident. The video — "School Shootings: How to be Aware, Prepare and be a First Responder in a Crisis" — is an extension of in-person training that's being offered to educators through the attorney general's Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy. DeWine discussed his office's training efforts during his recent keynote session at the OSBA Board Leadership Institute. For more information, including excerpts from the video, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/72933>.

Share innovative school initiatives at the OSBA Student Achievement Fair

Nominate your district's innovative programs or talented performance groups to be showcased before thousands of Ohio school district representatives. Nominations for the Student Achievement Fair at the 2013 OSBA Capital Conference are being accepted online at www.ohioschoolboards.org/safnominations. The deadline is May 24 and space is limited, so act soon. The conference is Nov. 10-13 in Columbus.

Kenston Local boasts a 2013 National Green Ribbon School

The U.S. Department of Education has named Kenston Local's (Geauga) Kenston High School a 2013 National Green Ribbon School. It was one of 64 schools honored nationwide. The program recognizes schools that reduce environmental impact and utility costs, promote good health and provide an effective environmental education.

OSBA plays a major role at NSBA Annual Conference

OSBA staff members presented 12 workshops last month at the National School Boards Association's (NSBA) 73rd annual conference in San Diego. During the conference, OSBA President Charlie Wilson, Worthington City, was re-elected to a two-year term as a director of the National School Boards Action Center. Tawana

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- ☐ Administrators
- ☐ Assistant treasurers
- ☐ Principals

Lynn Keels, Princeton City and Great Oaks ITCD, began a two-year term as an ex officio member of the NSBA Board of Directors, representing the National Black Caucus of School Board Members. Keels, OSBA's 2009 president, is chair of the national black caucus. OSBA members also participated in the NSBA Delegate Assembly and other key sessions. Conference keynote speakers included **Geena Davis**, **Dr. Neil deGrasse Tyson** and **Diane Ravitch**. Photos from the conference can be viewed and downloaded at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/29421>.

Ohio school hosts naturalization ceremony as civics lesson

Worthington City students recently received a front row seat to a naturalization ceremony for 70 people seeking U.S. citizenship.

Worthington Kilbourne High School hosted the event in its auditorium as a hands-on civics lesson for students. The ceremony, which is typically held in a federal courtroom, is the final step immigrants take before becoming U.S. citizens.

"Most people don't know what they really have here in the United States, so we wanted the senior class to witness that," Assistant Principal **Kevin Johnson** told a local newspaper.

Some in the audience were moved to tears when the new citizens briefly shared their appreciation for America. Four students told the audience how their families become U.S. citizens.

Source: *The Columbus Dispatch*

SW Region seeks excellent student programs to honor

The OSBA Southwest Region is accepting nominations for outstanding student programs to be recognized at the region's annual fall conference on Oct. 10. Program categories are: multidistrict impact; ongoing; new;

volunteer; and special recognition. Details and nomination forms are posted at www.ohioschoolboards.org/sw-region; the nomination deadline is June 30. For further information, contact Southwest Regional Manager **Ronald J. Diver** at (937) 746-7641 or rdiver@ohioschoolboards.org.

New ODE portal increases access to data resources

The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) has launched the Data Tools portal. The portal provides data on student progress and school improvement topics, including student achievement, school finance, career-technical education and early childhood and K-12 assessments. It offers data targeted to three different groups: parents, teachers and administrators. Explore the portal at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/92592>.

OSBA online

● www.ohioschoolboards.org

Photos from the 2013 OSBA Board Leadership Institute are now available for viewing and downloading at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/84003>. More than 200 school board members participated in the professional development event, held April 26 and 27 in Columbus.



Briefcase

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BULLETIN BOARD

compiled by Melanie Price, administrative assistant of communication services

Administrator searches

Position	District	Deadline	Contact
Superintendent	Alliance City	May 14	Larry L. Morgan , superintendent, Stark County ESC , (330) 492-8136, ext. 1350
Treasurer	Lake County ESC	May 20	Deb Burke , director of human resources/operations, Lake County ESC dburke@lakeesc.org
Treasurer	Waynesfield-Goshen Local (Auglaize)	May 24	David Pepple , board president, Waynesfield-Goshen Local, UlreyD@wgschools.org
High school principal	Caldwell EV	May 24	Dr. Dora Jean Bumgarner , interim superintendent, Caldwell EV, (740) 732-5637

Board changes

Jackson City Board of Education member **Ancil B. Cross** announced his resignation effective April 15. ●●● **Johnstown-Monroe Local (Licking)** appointed **Alan Benton** to the board effective April 1. He replaced **Roger Montgomery**, who resigned. ●●● **Medina City** appointed **Doug Adamczyk** to the board effective April 10. He replaced **Charley Freeman**, who resigned. ●●● **North Royalton City** Board of Education member **Daniel R. Langshaw** resigned effective March 28 due to being appointed to the North Royalton City Council.

Administrative changes

Superintendents

Alliance City Superintendent **Peter Basil** announced his retirement effective July 27. ●●● **Crestwood Local (Portage)** hired **David M. Toth** as superintendent effective July 1. He will replace **Joseph J. Iacano**, who is retiring. Toth is currently the high school principal at **West Geauga Local (Gauga)**. ●●● **Dawson-Bryant Local (Lawrence)** Superintendent **Dennis L. DeCamp** announced his retirement effective June 30. ●●● **Delphos City** hired **Kevin Wolfe** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace Interim Superintendent **Frank Sukup**. Wolfe is currently the high school principal at **Ayersville Local (Defiance)**. ●●● **Galion City** Superintendent **Dr. Kathleen S. Jenney** announced her resignation effective July 31. She has taken the executive director of personnel position at **Upper Arlington City**. ●●● **Green Local (Summit)** Superintendent **Mike Nutter** announced his resignation effective July 31. ●●● **Hillsdale Local (Ashland)** hired **Steven E. Dickerson** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace **Joel Roscoe**, who is retiring. Dickerson is currently the superintendent at **Lucas Local (Richland)**. ●●● **Mariemont City** hired **Steven E. Estep** as superintendent effective Aug.

Editor's note

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

1. He will replace **Paul Imhoff**, who took the superintendent position at **Upper Arlington City**. Estepp is currently the executive director of K-12 curriculum and instruction at **Hilliard City**. ●●● **Medina City** hired **Dave Knight** as interim superintendent effective April 24. He will continue as **Mapleton Local's (Ashland)** director of special education. ●●● **Miami Trace Local (Fayette)** hired **David L. Lewis** as superintendent effective July 1. He will replace **Daniel Roberts**, who is retiring. Lewis is currently the high school principal at **St. Marys City**. ●●● **Middletown City** hired Senior Director of Instructional Leadership **Sam Ison** as superintendent effective July 1. He will replace **Greg Rasmussen**, who has taken a job out of state. ●●● **Midview Local (Lorain)** hired Director of Education **Scott E. Goggin** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace **John Kuhn**, who is retiring July 31. ●●● **North Royalton City** hired Director of Personnel **Greg Gurka** as interim superintendent effective July 1. He will replace **Ed Vattardi**, who is retiring. ●●● **Olmsted Falls City** hired Assistant Superintendent Dr. **James L. Lloyd** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace **Todd F. Hoadley**, who took the superintendent position at **Dublin City**. ●●● **South Point Local (Lawrence)** Superintendent **Kenneth Cook** announced his retirement effective in May. ●●● **Toledo City** hired Assistant Superintendent Dr. **Romules Durant** as interim superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace Dr. **Jerome Pecko**, who is retiring. ●●● **Vandalia-Butler City** hired **Bradley C. Neavin** as superintendent effective July 1. He will replace **Christy Donnelly**, who is retiring. Neavin is currently the superintendent at **Eaton Community City**. ●●● **Brunswick City** Assistant Superintendent **Joelle Magyar** announced her resignation effective June 30. She has taken an administrative position with **Mayfield City**.

Sympathies

Former **Athens City** Board of Education member **Blanche Viola Baker Dohn** died April 24. She was 93. ●●● Former **Bettsville Local (Seneca)** Board of Education member **Eddmond Sisco Sr.** died April 15. He was 77. ●●● Former **Chardon Local (Geauga)** Board of Education member **John Austin Cravens** died April 14. He was 80. ●●● Former **Fairfield Local (Highland)** Board of Education member **Carroll V. McKinney** died April 8. He was 85. ●●● Former **Hopewell-Loudon Local (Seneca)** Board of Education member **Oliver Junior King** died April 16. He was 91. ●●● **Indian Lake Local (Logan)** Assistant Treasurer **M. Darlene Lenko** died April 9. She was 57. ●●● Former **Ledgemont Local (Geauga)** Superintendent **Bernard A. Taylor** died Dec. 7. He was 85. ●●● Former **Perrysburg EV** Board of Education member **Wayne M. Leatherman** died April 26. He was 91. ●●● Former **Western Reserve Local (Huron)** Board of Education member **Theodore "Ted" N. Keck** died April 6. He was 89. ●●● Former **Wooster City** Board of Education member **Merle H. Niehaus** died April 11. He was 80.

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, ext. 241; or (800) 589-OSBA; or vkeating@ohioschoolboards.org.



Save the date

Mark your calendar for these important workshops and webinars.

May 13

ESC workshop

OSBA office, Columbus
\$150, full day

May 30

OSBA Transportation Workshop: Putting You in the Driver's Seat

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Columbus-Worthington, Columbus
\$150, full day

June 14

OCSBA Spring Seminar

NorthPointe Hotel and Conference Center, Lewis Center
\$185, full day

June 18-19

Improving your school safety plans at minimal costs

OSBA office, Columbus
\$195, two days

June 21

Sports Law Workshop

Columbus Airport Marriott, Columbus
\$150, full day

July 20

Pre-Board Candidate Workshop

OSBA office, Columbus
free, half day

August 2

Attendance, Tuition and Custody Law Workshop

NorthPointe Hotel and Conference Center, Lewis Center
\$150, full day

August 6-7

Improving your school safety plans at minimal costs

OSBA office, Columbus
\$195, two days

August 12

Budget Analysis and Discussion (BAD) Workshop

Hyatt Regency, Columbus
\$195, full day

August 20

Board Candidate Workshop

Ohio University Inn and Conference Center, Athens
\$90, mini workshop

August 22

Board Candidate Workshop

Hilton Garden Inn, Perrysburg
\$90, mini workshop

August 27

Board Candidate Workshop

Dayton Marriott, Dayton
\$90, mini workshop

September 5

Board Candidate Workshop

Northeast Ohio Medical University, Rootstown
\$90, mini workshop

September 6

Treasurers' Clinic

Northeast Ohio Medical University, Rootstown
\$150, full day

September 7

Board Candidate Workshop

OSBA office, Columbus
\$90, mini workshop

September 10

Treasurers' Clinic

Ohio University Inn and Conference Center, Athens
\$150, full day

September 18

Treasurers' Clinic

Savannah Center, West Chester
\$150, full day

September 20

Treasurers' Clinic

Embassy Suites, Columbus
\$150, full day

September 24

Treasurers' Clinic

Hilton Garden Inn, Perrysburg
\$150, full day

October 18

School Law for Treasurers Workshop

Embassy Suites, Columbus
\$150, full day

October 23

Intensive Legal Workshop

OSBA office, Columbus
\$150, full day



ESC Workshop

Monday, May 13

9 a.m. to 3:30 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 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.

Tentative agenda

8:30 a.m. **Registration and continental breakfast** **1:15 p.m.**

9 a.m. **Welcome and opening remarks**
Kathy LaSota, director of school board services, OSBA; and *Craig Burford*, executive director, Ohio ESC Association

9:15 a.m. **Legislative update and state budget discussion** **2 p.m.**
OSBA lobbyis

10:15 a.m. **Break**

11 a.m. **Connecting the dots: Ohio reform initiatives**
Tom Reed, executive director, Center for Achievement and Leadership Services, ESC of Central Ohio; and *Teresa Dempsey*, director of professional development, ESC of Central Ohio

12:30 p.m. **Lunch and networking**

ESC accreditation

Dr. Sharon Zimmers, director, ESC accreditation, AdvancEd

Five-star ESA benchmarking study
Craig Burford

Shared services and collaboration
David Distel, superintendent, Hamilton County ESC; *David N. Branch*, superintendent, Muskingum Valley ESC; *Brian Bontempo*, superintendent, Lake County ESC; and *Craig Burford* (moderator)

Lean Six Sigma

David N. Branch and *Dr. Mike Fuller*, data services director, Muskingum Valley ESC

2:45 p.m.

3:30 p.m.

Adjourn

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

OSBA Transportation Workshop

Putting you in the driver's seat

Date and location: Thursday, May 30
DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Columbus-Worthington,
Columbus

Time: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Cost: \$150, includes lunch



This seminar will focus on three specific aspects of Ohio school transportation — school bus purchase and leasing (installment purchase) options, computerized routing and on-board recording technology.

Transportation vendors will explain the options and technology in an interactive presentation and review the advantages for Ohio schools. They also will be available for one-on-one discussions about their specific products.

Join OSBA to learn how you can afford to buy a new bus (or buses), successfully implement a high-tech routing solution and place recording devices where they can see the occupants of your buses, as well as the motorists passing them. This workshop meets the administration training requirement in Ohio Administrative Code 3301-83-06.

Tentative agenda:

8:30 a.m.	Registration	12:30 p.m.	Routing software and technology
9 a.m.	Bus leasing vs. purchase	1:30 p.m.	Networking break
10 a.m.	Networking break	1:45 p.m.	Lighting innovations
10:15 a.m.	On-board and out-board recording technology	2:30 p.m.	How do we know what we need, buy what we need and buy what is best?
11:15 a.m.	Networking break	3 p.m.	Table-top demos, meet and greet, and sales opportunities
11:30 a.m.	Buffet lunch		

This event will include displays by participating vendors and opportunities to meet with them and ask questions. Three buses will be on-site for attendees to walk through. Participating vendors include:

School bus manufacturers

Cardinal Bus Sales, Blue Bird School Buses
Rush Bus Centers, International School Buses
Edwin Davis and Son, Thomas Built School Buses
Myers Equipment, Thomas Built School Buses

On-board recording

Rosco
Angeltrax
REI

Routing

Edulog Logistics
Transfinder
Tyler Technologies/Versatrans

Event sponsors

Cardinal Bus Sales, Blue Bird School Buses
Rush Bus Centers, International School Buses
Edwin Davis and Son, Thomas Built School Buses
Myers Equipment, Thomas Built School Buses

Lighting

Weldon, a division of Akron Brass

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



THE 36TH ANNUAL OHIO COUNCIL OF SCHOOL BOARD ATTORNEYS

SPRING SEMINAR

FRIDAY, JUNE 14

TUITION IS \$185

NORTHPOINTE HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER, LEWIS CENTER

Agenda

- 8:30 a.m. Registration and continental breakfast**
- 8:50 a.m. OSBA welcome and introductions**
- 9 a.m. OTES and collective bargaining — current issues**
We will start with specific examples of policy areas that impact collective bargaining related to OTES, then focus on the unilateral implementation and effects bargaining issues of OTES.
- 10 a.m. If it don't make dollars, it don't make sense — when to file property valuation complaints and counter-complaints**
Explore current issues on this important topic, including case law and legislative developments that may adversely affect this area, and hear lessons learned from a practitioner in the area.
- 11 a.m. Break**
- 11:10 a.m. Case law update —reloaded**
In a new spin on the update, three attorneys practicing in specific areas will give you a concentrated synopsis of case law developments.
- 11:40 a.m. Lunch (provided) and OCSBA Annual Meeting and election of officers**
- 12:40 p.m. Guns in schools — legal issues**
Review the legal issues involved as clients request advice on guns in schools, and get practical information on school safety plans, policy, training, insurance and implementation.
- 1:30 p.m. Break**
- 1:40 p.m. Forensic computer investigation and effective representation during misconduct and audit investigations**
Education Management Information System (EMIS) audits, investigations and misconduct present legal issues. Learn effective investigation strategies and computer forensics information that you can use.
- 2:40 p.m. Professionalism and your practice**
Review the requirements of the Code of Professional Responsibility as it relates to the practice of a school attorney in an engaging format.
- 3:40 p.m. Adjourn**

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



Improving your school safety plans at minimal costs

Choose from the following dates for this two-day workshop:

Tuesday, June 18 and Wednesday, June 19 or Tuesday, Aug. 6 and Wednesday, Aug. 7

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Cost: \$195

OSBA office, Columbus

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

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

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

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

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

The workshop will be offered twice this summer at the OSBA office in Columbus. Workshop dates are June 18-19 and August 6-7. Participants completing the two-day seminar will receive a certificate of completion validating their abilities to apply CPTED principles in their own school districts.

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

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

Sports Law Workshop

Friday, June 21
9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Columbus Airport Marriott
Cost is \$150



AGENDA

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

9 a.m. Concussions and head injuries: what you need to know now

Learn what districts need to know about handling concussions and head injuries that may occur during a practice or competition. Find out what your district must do to comply with the law.

Donna M. Andrew, Esq., Pepple & Waggoner Ltd., Cleveland; and Jeffrey Cassella, athletic director, Mentor EV

10 a.m. Break

10:15 a.m. OHSA 2013 legal update

Hear the latest news and developments from the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSA), including policy and bylaw changes, out-of-season coaching, recruiting athletes and more.

Dr. Daniel B. Ross, commissioner, and Jeffrey M. Jordan, chief financial officer; OHSA

11:30 a.m. Lunch (provided)

12:30 p.m. Get with the program, kid! Athletes and discipline

Get answers about disciplining student athletes, learn practical suggestions for investigating alleged misconduct that occurs on and off campus and more.

Edmund F. Brown, Esq., Ulmer & Berne LLP, Columbus

1:30 p.m. Break

1:45 p.m. Boosters and your team: the do's and don'ts

A district treasurer and a seasoned school law attorney partner to examine the steps districts should take to manage and work effectively with booster groups that support the district.

Matthew L. Stout, Esq., Bricker & Eckler LLP, Columbus; and a district treasurer

2:30 p.m. Disabled athletes and sports

Learn more about disabled students' equal access to sports and hear about the latest legal developments and the new guidance from the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights.

Chandra S. Bowling, Esq., Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education

3:15 p.m. Adjourn

The workshop will be held at the Columbus Airport Marriott, 1375 N. Cassady Ave., Columbus, OH 43219. The phone number is (614) 475-7551. To register, contact **Laurie Miller**, OSBA senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000, ext. 284; (800) 589-OSBA; or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org.

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



OSBA Pre-Board Candidate Workshop


Know someone who is thinking of running for your school board or someone who would be an asset to your board? Encourage them to attend this workshop to learn the responsibilities of boardmanship!

This free workshop describes the roles and responsibilities of school board service and requirements for running for a seat on a local board of education. Held Saturday, July 20, from 10 a.m. to noon at the OSBA office, this workshop will be led by two veteran OSBA staff members and allow time for questions.

This session is for people who are thinking about running for their school board and current board of education members appointed to office.

Space is limited, so please contact OSBA Senior Events Manager **Laurie Miller** at (614) 540-4000; (800) 589-OSBA; or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org to register.

For more information on running for a board of education seat, visit OSBA's board candidate Web page, www.ohioschoolboards.org/candidate-for-school-boards. Learn more about this and other board candidate workshops at www.ohioschoolboards.org/event_listing.



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.



WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

ESC Workshop

☐ May 13, Columbus, \$150

OCSBA Spring Seminar

☐ June 14, Lewis Center, \$185

Sports Law Workshop

☐ June 21, Columbus, \$150

OSBA Transportation Workshop

☐ May 30, Columbus, \$150

Improving your school safety plans at minimal costs

☐ June 18 & 19, Columbus, \$195

☐ Aug. 6 & 7, Columbus, \$195

Pre-Board Candidate Workshop

☐ July 20, Columbus, free

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.



Mail



Phone
or fax



OSBA
8050 N. High St.,
Suite 100, Columbus, OH
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OSBA Registration Hotline,
(614) 540-4000, ext. 300;
toll free (800) 589-OSBA,
ext. 300; or fax us at
(614) 540-4100.

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

You may register on our website at
www.ohioschoolboards.org. Events are listed at
the bottom of the page. You will need a username
and password.

Cancellation and refund policy

- Cancellations received by OSBA at least five workdays before the date of the workshop will receive a full refund or no charge to the district.
- Cancellations received less than five workdays before the date of the workshop will be charged half of the registration fee.
- No-shows and cancellations the day of the workshop will be charged the full registration amount.



LEGISLATIVE REPORT

by Michelle Francis, deputy director of legislative services

State budget hearings under way in the Senate

The Senate Education Finance Subcommittee is conducting hearings on Amended Substitute House Bill (HB) 59, the state biennial budget.

OSBA presented joint testimony with the Buckeye Association of School Administrators (BASA) and Ohio Association of School Business Officials (OASBO) on April 24 before the committee. The testimony primarily focused on the school-funding formula, as well as changes made to the bill by the House.

Following the associations' testimony, Dr. **Howard Fleeter**, consultant for the Education Tax Policy Institute, presented his analysis of the governor's original

budget proposal. He also offered his preliminary review of the changes made by the House. Copies of the associations' and Fleeter's testimony can be viewed by searching "HB 59" on the OSBA BillTracker Web page, www.ohio-schoolboards.org/billtracker.

OSBA, BASA and OASBO also testified before the committee on May 2, and were asked to comment on provisions in the budget bill that would increase costs for school districts. They also discussed issues that create costs for districts under current law that haven't been adequately addressed from a funding perspective, as well as ideas for alleviating some

of those costs.

The testimony touched on three general areas of concern: changes to student transportation funding in HB 59; increased costs to comply with Ohio Teacher Evaluation System requirements; and the expansion of school choice. This testimony also is available at the OSBA BillTracker Web address previously listed.

Voucher expansion in budget bill

OSBA continues to have serious concerns about the proposed expansion of vouchers through the income-based voucher program

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and the K-3 literacy voucher in the biennial budget bill. Ohio currently has a number of “choice” options for students, including some high-quality options within the traditional public school system. However, HB 59 includes provisions that would dramatically expand the number of options that would divert precious public education funds to private providers. Meanwhile, funding increases for many school districts would be capped at 6%, leaving fewer dollars for public school students.

Legislators have told OSBA they are not hearing from their school districts about the budget’s voucher provisions. OSBA strongly urges its members to tell legislators to remove the voucher provisions from the bill. Below are specific talking points to get across to legislators.

Income-based voucher

- Similar to HB 136, this voucher would be available to students whose family income is at or below 200% of the federal poverty level, including students currently attending private schools.

- This program would be a major public policy change from previous vouchers. Both the original Cleveland and the EdChoice voucher programs are based on providing an alternative opportunity for students attending a public school that is not meeting certain standards. The income-based voucher breaks with that policy by making the vouchers

available to *any* income-qualified student *regardless of the performance of his or her school of attendance*. It would apply to every school in the state, no matter what its academic rating.

- It also removes oversight by elected public officials for the taxpayer dollars spent. Private schools accepting vouchers are not held accountable for how they spend the public dollars they receive.

- The program would begin with kindergartners this fall and expand to first-graders next year. It would expand over time, add additional grades as students progress and eventually allow the vouchers to be renewed through the 12th grade. This will significantly increase the cost over time.

- The costs for the income-based voucher, when fully implemented, will easily reach hundreds of millions of dollars. Even though the funds are to come from the Lottery Profits Education Fund during the upcoming biennium and not be deducted from local districts, this restricts the funds available to school districts across the state. It will continue to divert public tax dollars away from public education, with no accountability for how the money will be spent or the quality of education students will receive with their “choice.”

K-three literacy voucher/third-grade reading guarantee

- The K-three literacy voucher expands eligibility for the EdChoice voucher program to

students enrolled in school buildings receiving a grade of D or F on the new K-3 literacy component of the new state report card for two of the previous three years.

- The new requirements for the third-grade reading guarantee include many elements, such as early and ongoing assessment and intervention for struggling readers. Many school districts need additional support to offer these necessary programs.

- Unfortunately, the proposed voucher program would apply to any child attending a school that fails to meet the third-grade reading guarantee. The proposal also would extend vouchers through the 12th grade, greatly diminishing the funds available to educate students remaining in public schools.

- Funding for the K-three literacy voucher would be deducted from the resident school district. This would siphon off even more tax dollars from public schools — with no accountability for how the money will be spent — and allow private schools to choose whom they educate.

- It’s important to note that under the K-three literacy voucher proposal, private schools participating in the program are not subject to the third-grade reading guarantee requirements.

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

Editor’s note: All information in this article was current as of May 3.



PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Bryan Bullock, assistant editor

Milford EV students pay it forward with community service

Milford EV students had their minds put to the test on the Ohio Achievement Assessments (OAA). After the state tests, Milford Junior High School students gave their bodies a workout by performing community service.

More than 400 students, teachers and volunteers visited local preschools, retirement communities and homes to help out wherever needed. The volunteer work was performed in conjunction with Pay it Forward

Day on April 25, an international effort to give back and help others.

"The kids are really excited. We talked to them all about what pay it forward means and they just couldn't wait to volunteer," Superintendent Dr. **Robert B. Farrell** told a local TV station.

Milford students performed a variety of community service activities. "Some of it's interacting with young kids, some of it's interacting with older people, some of it's doing yard work, some

of it's painting a barn," Farrell said.

Student **Sarah McLoughlin** chose to clean up around the Milford Korean War Memorial. "This was one of my top three choices because of the war memorial; we learned a lot about it in social studies," she said.

Student **Megan Cannon** said it felt good to help others. "Even though it's a school trip, if I had the option on my own, I probably would come out here," she said.

Source: WLWT-TV



FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

by Angela Penquite, senior communication design manager

Grants for school libraries

The Lois Lenski Covey Foundation Inc. awards grants to rural and urban school libraries serving at-risk children. Priority is given to applications from libraries and agencies with real needs and limited book budgets. Funds are earmarked for purchasing books for young people, especially preschool through grade eight, and are not intended for administrative or operational use. Successful applicants have proposed

purchases to update their children's book collections or to expand their holdings in specific areas.

Maximum awards: \$3,000

Eligibility: school libraries

Deadline: June 15

Contact: www.loislenskicovey.org/6.html

Matching funds for federal grant

The National Education Foundation (NEF) is offering the required 10% match for federal

Qualified Zone Academy Bond (QZAB) funds. NEF can show eligible school districts how to transform the 20-year QZAB loan into a grant via guaranteed performance contracts for energy efficiency and renewable energy.

Maximum awards: 10% match of federal QZAB loans

Eligibility: must have 35% of students eligible for free and reduced-price meals

Deadline: June 15

Contact: http://www.qzab.org/?page_id=191

May 2013

- 13 OSBA ESC Workshop..... Columbus
- 17 OSBA Capital Conference Planning Task Force Meeting..... Columbus
- 17 OSBA Executive Committee Meeting Columbus
- 18 OSBA Board of Trustees Meeting Columbus
- 30 OSBA Transportation Workshop: Putting You in the Driver's Seat..... Columbus

June 2013

- 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).
- 9 Northwest Region Executive Committee Meeting Bowling Green
- 14 OSCBA Spring Seminar..... Lewis Center
- 18-19 Improving your school safety plans at minimal costs Columbus
- 21 OSBA Sports Law Workshop Columbus
- 30 2012-2013 school year ends — RC 3313.62.

July 2013

- 1 2013-2014 school year begins — RC 3313.62; last day for board to notify teaching and nonteaching employees of succeeding year salaries — RC 3319.082, 3319.12; board may adopt appropriation measure, which may be temporary — RC 5705.38(B); treasurer must certify available revenue in funds to county auditor — RC 5705.36(A)(1).
- 8 Last day for voter registration for August election — RC 3503.01, 3503.19 (30 days prior to the election).
- 10 Last day for termination of teaching contract by a teacher without consent of the board of education — RC 3319.15.
- 10 Central Region Executive Committee Meeting Columbus
- 15 Last day to adopt school library district tax budget on behalf of a library district — RC 5705.28(B)(1).
- 20 Pre-Board Candidate Workshop Columbus
- 31 Semiannual campaign finance reports must be filed by certain candidates, political action committees, caucus committees (legislative campaign funds) and political parties (by 4 p.m.) (last business day of July) detailing contributions and expenditures through June 30, 2013 — RC 3517.10.

August 2013

- 1 Last day to file statistical report with Ohio Department of Education — RC 3319.33.
- 2 Attendance, Tuition and Custody Law Workshop Lewis Center
- 2 Last day to submit November emergency, current operating expenses or conversion levy to county auditor for November general election — RC 5705.194, 5705.195, 5705.213, 5705.219 (95 days prior to election).
- 6 Special Election Day — RC 3501.01 (first Tuesday after the first Monday).
- 6-7 Improving your school safety plans at minimal costs Columbus
- 7 Northeast Region Executive Committee Meeting TBD
- 7 Last day for school district to file resolution of necessity, resolution to proceed and auditor's certification for bond levy with board of elections for November election — RC 133.18(D); last day for county auditor to certify school district bond levy terms for November election — RC 133.18(C); last day to submit continuing replacement, permanent improvement or operating levy for November election to board of elections — RC 5705.192, 5705.21.