

# BRIEF CASE

THE OHIO SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

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## OSBA Board Member Cabinet meets with top Kasich administration reps

The OSBA Board Member Cabinet met in Columbus on May 9 with Dr. **Robert Sommers**, director of the Governor's Office of 21st Century Education. The cabinet attended a separate meeting with **Randy Cole**, president of the Ohio Controlling Board, an arm of the Office of Budget and Management. The OSBA cabinet was created in 2008 to meet with key state leaders to discuss important education issues. It consists of the OSBA president, president-elect and immediate past president, and representatives from around the state. Accompanying the cabinet were OSBA Executive Director **Richard Lewis**, Deputy Executive Director **Rob Delane**, Director of Legislative Services **Damon Asbury** and Lobbyists **Michelle Francis** and **Jay Smith**.

## Study: State funding for Ohio preschool programs drops sharply

Ohio dropped from fifth in the nation in 2009 to 23rd in 2010 in state preschool funding, according to the National Institute for Early Education Research's "The State of Preschool 2010" study. The report presented data from the 40 states that provide preschool funding. Ohio now ranks 36th out of 40 states that provide preschool funding for four-year-olds and 19th out of 24 states that fund it for three-year-olds. Ohio's program serves 3- and 4-year-old children from families with incomes up to 200% of the federal poverty level.

## ODE seeking nominations for 2012 Ohio Teacher of the Year

The Ohio Department of Education is accepting nominations for the 2012 Ohio Teacher of the Year. This program was created in 1969 to honor and promote excellence in teaching and to build a network of exemplary teachers who are leaders in school improvement initiatives. Students, staff, parents and community members in local districts may nominate up to three pre-K-12 teachers. Details and nomination forms are posted at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/61974>. The deadline is Sept. 30.

## Nearly 60% of school levies pass, but new money issues largely rejected

Ohioans approved 86 of the 147 school tax issues on the May 3 primary ballot, a passage rate of 59%. Voters rejected nearly two-thirds of the new money requests, while all but four renewal issues passed. For details, see "OSBA online" on page 2 for information on accessing the OSBA levy database.

## More than 200 graduate from OSBA Board Leadership Institute

The 10th annual OSBA Board Leadership Institute (BLI) drew 209 school board members to Columbus in April for two days of top-flight board training. Headlined by keynote speakers **Neil Leist**, **Clermont Northeastern Local (Clermont)**

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### Route workshop information to:

- Administrators
- Human resource directors
- Principals

superintendent, and Dr. Ray Guarendi, BLI featured 18 breakout sessions and several networking events.

### Pocket calendars mailed to district treasurers

The 2011-2012 OSBA Pocket Calendars are being mailed to district treasurers. The calendar contains a list of important Ohio Revised Code dates and deadlines, contact information for all OSBA staff members and dates of key OSBA professional development events. Board members who don't receive their calendar should contact their treasurer.

### OSBA seeks board members for regional committees

If you would like to become more active in OSBA, look over the "Call for Region Offices and Committees" brochure, which recently was mailed to all school board members. It also can be

## Ottoville students bring the past to life

Davy Crocket, Helen Keller and Johnny Appleseed recently made an appearance at Ottoville Elementary School, thanks to a wax museum project. And, with the push of a button, they came to life to talk about themselves at the **Ottoville Local (Putnam)** school.

More than 20 third-graders dressed up as a wax museum figure of a historic person. Each student had to research, memorize and recite at least three facts and a quote from their famous person.

The living wax museum is part of the elementary's "coffee club," which invites the public to the school for coffee and to watch different groups perform for them. Teachers said that the club provides a great way for the public to see what the students are learning.

Source: WLIO-TV

downloaded at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/70256>. The brochure describes all of the OSBA committees and the time commitment each requires. To be considered, complete the nomination form, indicating which committees you are interested in, and return it to your regional

manager. Contact information for the regional managers and a map of the regions are included in the brochure. All school board members are encouraged to get more involved with OSBA. The nomination deadline is June 30.

### OSBA can design workshops specifically for your board

School boards that encourage and promote lifelong learning as a fundamental district belief should lead by example. One way to do that is to schedule an OSBA customized board development workshop. For details, contact OSBA's **Kathy LaSota** at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or [kLasota@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:kLasota@ohioschoolboards.org).

### OSBA online

● [www.ohioschoolboards.org](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org)

Need to see how other districts in the state are faring with their levy and bond issues? Just log on at the above website, open the "Databases" link and click on "Levy Database."



## Briefcase

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# BULLETIN BOARD

compiled by Melanie Price, administrative assistant of communication services

## OSBA executive searches

### Treasurer

#### District

① Middletown City	May 31	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
② Van Buren Local (Hancock)	June 30	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
③ Westerville City	TBD	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000

① = Superintendent  
② = Treasurer



## Other searches

Position	District	Deadline	Contact
Superintendent	Cuyahoga Falls City	June 1	<b>Paul Pendleton</b> , Ohio Schools Council/ Finding Leaders, (216) 447-3100
Treasurer	London City	May 27	<b>Dr. George Tombaugh</b> , assistant superintendent, ESC of Central Ohio, george.tombaugh@escoco.org

## Board changes

**Chippewa Local (Wayne)** Board of Education member **Chris Crawford** announced his resignation effective April 30. He is moving out of the district. ●●● **Fairview Park City** Board of Education member **Marcy L. Starks** announced her resignation effective April 30. ●●● **North Ridgeville City** appointed **Kelly McCarthy** to the board effective May 3. She replaced **Clyde "Bo" Truett**, who resigned last month. ●●● **Portsmouth City** appointed **Tom Smith** to the board effective April 25. He replaced **Ray Thompson**, who passed away in March.

## Administrative changes

### Superintendents

**Minster Local (Auglaize)** hired **Brenda Boeke** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. She will replace Dr. **Gayle Ray**, who is retiring effective July 31. Boeke is currently the district's elementary school principal. ●●● **Oak Hill Union Local (Jackson)** Superintendent **Carl H. McCrory** announced his resignation effective June 29. ●●● **Pleasant Local (Marion)** hired Dr. **John Bruno** as interim superintendent effective May 9. He replaces **Stephen M. Larcomb**. ●●● **Twin Valley Community Local**

### Editor's note

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

(Preble) hired Dr. **Clinton A. Moore** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace current Interim Superintendent **Paul Erslan**. Moore is currently superintendent at **National Trail Local (Preble)**. ●●● **Washington-Nile Local (Scioto)** hired **Jeff Stricklett** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace **Patricia L. Ciraso**, who is resigning. ●●● **Wickliffe City** hired Dr. **Rosemary Gornik** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. She replaces Interim Superintendent Dr. **James Costanza**. Gornick is currently the assistant superintendent at **Perry Local (Lake)**.

#### Treasurers

**Conneaut Area City** hired **Lindsey Cotton** as treasurer effective May 20. She replaced **Mary Gillespie**, who took the treasurer's position at the **Ashtabula County ESC**. Cotton was the district's assistant treasurer. ●●● **Westerville City** Treasurer **J. Scott Gooding II** announced his resignation effective May 16. He has taken a position with the **ESC of Central Ohio**.

## OSBA policy services webinar:

# Changes in administering medication



Monday, June 13, 2011

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

Beginning July 1, all school districts that administer medication to students must meet a new requirement. Under state law, only employees of the school board who are licensed health professionals or have completed a drug administration training program conducted by a licensed health professional and considered appropriate by the board can administer prescription drugs to students.

OSBA is offering a webinar to discuss the history of administering medications and changes in legal requirements to help districts find ways of training licensed health professionals and district personnel on administering medication. The Ohio Department of Health's (ODH) School and Adolescent Health School Nursing Program will discuss the requirements and talk about a new training resource titled "Medication Administration in Ohio Schools: Training for School Personnel."

The webinar will be held from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Monday, June 13. Register today by contacting **Laurie Miller** at (614) 540-4000 or [Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org). The registration fee is \$35.

#### Sympathies

Former **Calewell EV Board of Education** member **D. Ford Radcliff** died May 7. He was 93. ●●● Former **Dalton Local (Wayne)** Board of Education member **Jo-Ann G. Sommer** died April 28. She was 55. ●●● Former **Grand Valley Local (Ashtabula)** Board of Education member **Howard Kampf** died April 29. He was 88. ●●● **Guy L. Van Nostrand Jr.**, a member of the **Mount Vernon City** and former **Mount Vernon JVSD** boards of education, died May 1. He was 96. ●●● Former **New Miami Local (Butler)** and **Butler County JVSD** Board of Education member **Mary K. Wells** died April 27. She was 83. ●●● Former **Preble Shawnee Local (Preble)** Board of Education member **Burdette Allen Ehrhardt** died May 5. He was 69. ●●● Former **Stryker Local (Williams)** Board of Education member **Kenneth H. Juillard** died April 30. He was 96. ●●● Former **Warren Local (Washington)** Board of Education member **Larry Gene Baumgard** died May 1. He was 75.



# 2011 Student Achievement Fair

## OSBA Capital Conference

Nov. 15, 2011

### OSBA invites your school district to:

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

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

Performing groups also will be selected to entertain attendees during the Student Achievement Fair. To be considered, submit an audio or video recording of the performing group.

### Student Achievement Fair application

Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2011 ● 11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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

Will you need electricity?  Yes  No

\_\_\_\_ Enclosed is a title and description of the **performing group** that we would like to showcase at the Student Achievement Fair. (Include an audio or video recording of the performing group.)

Title of program or performing group: \_\_\_\_\_

Description: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Daytime phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please print)*

Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please print)*

Superintendent: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please print)*

School district: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Ohio ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

If selected, your district's program will be showcased in a 10x10-foot booth that can accommodate up to five people. (More details to follow). Applications may be submitted online at [www.ohioschoolboards.org/SAF](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/SAF), or mail **student achievement program** applications to **Kathy LaSota**, deputy director of school board services, OSBA, 8050 N. High St., Suite 100, Columbus, OH 43235. Mail your completed **performing group** application, with recording, to **Cheryl W. Ryan**, school board services consultant, at the above address. Visit [www.ohioschoolboards.org/SAF](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/SAF) for specific details regarding the Student Achievement Fair. **Application deadline is Wednesday, June 1, 2011.**



The Ohio School Boards Association and the  
Ohio Council of School Board Attorneys present the  
**34th Annual OCSBA Spring Seminar**  
Friday, June 10      Cherry Valley Lodge, Newark      workshop cost \$175

**8:15 a.m.**      **Registration and continental breakfast**

**8:45 a.m.**      **Welcome and overview**

**9 a.m.**      **Legislative update**

Join an experienced labor relations practitioner and an OSBA lobbyist for a timely legislative update and discussion on the impact and implementation of Senate Bill (SB) 5 and the status of the biennial budget.

*Jay Smith*, lobbyist, OSBA; and *Greg Scott, Esq.*, Scott, Scriven & Wahoff LLP, Columbus

**10 a.m.**      **RttT implementation/merit-based pay/creative compensation/benefits strategies**

From Race to the Top to SB 5 to the Ohio Department of Education's (ODE) licensure scheme, the emphasis has been on changing the way districts compensate educators. Join an experienced attorney and an educator in a discussion about the implementation of Race to the Top and performance pay programs for educators.

*Larry Braverman, Esq.*, Columbus City; and *Ellen McWilliams*, assistant superintendent, curriculum & instruction, Akron City

**10:45 a.m.**      **Break**

**11 a.m.**      **Breakout Session**

● **Community school law update**

This session will provide a review of the basics of community school law, with a community school case law update. ODE's assistant legal counsel also will share tips on effective community school governance and what should and should not be included in a community school sponsor contract.

*Mark A. Michael*, assistant legal counsel, ODE

● **Impact and fallout of Senate Bill 5 and budget proposals as they relate to special education**

With the budget bill's funding cuts and the tension and uncertainty of SB 5, Ohio's public schools face a future that guarantees change. One thing that will not change, however, is the obligation to provide a free appropriate public education (FAPE) to both gifted students and students with special needs. This presentation will include a dialogue on the potential challenges and opportunities ahead in providing these services.

*Donna M. Andrew, Esq.*, Peple & Waggoner Ltd., Cleveland

**Noon**      **Lunch (provided) and OCSBA Annual Meeting**

**1:15 p.m.**      **Teacher First Amendment rights**

Recent events have resulted in a new wave of union activity throughout Ohio. Teachers are on the front line, actively participating in protests and community discussions. Some have even taken these protests into the classroom. This presentation will discuss the First Amendment implications for teachers and the remedies available to boards of education in such circumstances.

*Tabitha Justice, Esq.*, Subashi & Wildermuth LPA, Dayton

**2 p.m.**      **Break**

**2:15 p.m.**      **Ins and outs of records retention and litigation holds**

Although school districts are required to maintain public records and education records, that alone will not insulate them from their legal obligation to locate and preserve all relevant records when put on notice of a lawsuit or administrative charge, including special education due process claims. This presentation will examine a district's legal obligation to retain and produce records (including electronically stored information) related to these suits and what triggers the obligation to preserve records; who at the district should search for records, including emails; and the proper procedures for implementing a "litigation hold."

*Scott C. Peters, Esq.*, Britton, Smith, Peters & Kalail Co. LPA, Cleveland

**3 p.m.**      **Professionalism**

Join an experienced attorney for a discussion of professionalism in the school law setting. Find out how to incorporate A Lawyer's Creed and A Lawyer's Aspirational Ideals into your daily practice. Discuss some of the unique challenges of working with board clients.

*Alvin E. Mathews Jr., Esq.*, Bricker & Eckler LLP, Columbus

**4 p.m.**      **Adjourn**

This course has been approved by the Supreme Court of Ohio Commission on Continuing Legal Education for 5.25 total CLE hour(s), with 1.00 of professionalism instruction.

The workshop will be held at the Cherry Valley Lodge, 2299 Cherry Valley Road, Newark, Ohio 43055. The phone number is (740) 788-1200. To register, contact **Laurie Miller**, OSBA events manager, at (614) 540-4000 or [Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org).

# Sports Law Workshop

Friday, June 24  
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Embassy Suites Airport  
Cost is \$140



## AGENDA

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

**9 a.m. OHSAA legal update**  
The workshop kicks off with a discussion on the latest initiatives of the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA), including concussion guidelines, the competitive balance proposal and more.  
*Daniel B. Ross*, commissioner, OHSAA

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

**10:25 a.m. Pardon the interruption: athletic program FAQs**  
Using the format from the ESPN show with the same name, this lively session will answer some of the more frequently asked legal questions in the areas of eligibility, transportation, discipline and more.  
*Edmund F. Brown, Esq.*, Ulmer & Berne LLP, Columbus; and *Jessica L. Spears*, staff attorney, OSBA

**10:55 a.m. Pay to play**  
Is your district considering transitioning to a pay-to-play program? Hear from four districts that recently implemented programs as they share what worked, what didn't and what steps you can take to ensure a smooth transition.  
**Panel:** *Jeff Harrison*, athletic director, Medina City; *William Lodermeier*, superintendent, Bath Local (Allen); *James Sotlar*, assistant superintendent, Pickerington Local (Fairfield); and *Jan Wilking*, athletic director, Oak Hills Local (Hamilton)

**11:30 a.m. Lunch (provided)**

**12:30 p.m. Ban a fan**  
Fans are a key component to sporting events, but they can also cause headaches for players, coaches and other spectators. This session will review some of the options available to districts for dealing with unruly, disruptive and/or disorderly parents and fans.  
*Mark Landes, Esq.*, Isaac, Brant, Ledman & Teetor LLP, Columbus

**1:30 p.m. Break**

**1:45 p.m. Dealing with sticky situations**  
Athletic programs routinely face myriad "sticky situations," including dealing with donors, boosters, meddling boards, personnel changes and community pressures. This diverse panel will provide practical suggestions and identify best practices for handling these types of situations.  
**Panel:** *R. Brent Minney, Esq.*, Pepple & Waggoner Ltd., Cleveland; *Brian Kern*, assistant treasurer, Dublin City; and *Kendall A. Lee*, education management consultant, OSBA  
**Moderator:** *Sara C. Clark*, deputy director of legal services, OSBA

**3 p.m. Adjourn**

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



# WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

## Community engagement webinar

May 25, \$35

## OCSBA Spring Seminar

June 10, Newark, \$175

## Sports Law Workshop

June 24, Columbus, \$140

## Transportation Roundtable

May 25, Columbus, \$40

## Changes in administering medicine webinar

June 13, \$35

## OSBA Workshop Registration Form

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

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



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

**Please photocopy this form for each person**

## OSBA workshop registration procedures

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

### Award of Achievement/LPDC

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



Mail

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Suite 100, Columbus, OH  
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Phone or fax

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



Email registrations can be sent to Laurie Miller at [Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org). Please include a purchase order number.

You may register on our Web page at [www.ohioschoolboards.org](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org). Events are listed at the bottom of the page.

### Cancellation and refund policy

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





## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

by Angela Penquite, communication design manager

### Rewarding young poets

The Barbara Mandigo Kelly Peace Poetry Award encourages poets to explore positive visions of peace and the human spirit. Entries can include up to three unpublished poems with a maximum length of 30 lines per poem.

**Maximum awards:** \$200

**Eligibility:** youth through age 18

**Deadline:** July 1

**Contact:** <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/76493>

### Honoring science teachers

The Institute for Scientific Information (ISI) offers the Outstanding Information Science Teacher Award to recognize the unique teaching contribution of an information science teacher.

**Maximum awards:** \$1,000

**Eligibility:** nominee must be directly engaged in teaching some aspect of information science on a continuing basis

**Deadline:** July 1

**Contact:** [www.asis.org/awards/outstandingteacher.html](http://www.asis.org/awards/outstandingteacher.html)

### Environmental education grants available

The Ohio Environmental Education Fund supports projects that increase public awareness and knowledge about environmental issues and provide the skills to make informed decisions and take

responsible actions. The projects must target three audiences: the regulated community, the general public and preschool through university students and teachers. Applicants must submit a letter of

intent by July 8.

**Maximum awards:** \$50,000

**Eligibility:** public schools

**Deadline:** July 15

**Contact:** [www.epa.ohio.gov/oef/oefoverview.aspx](http://www.epa.ohio.gov/oef/oefoverview.aspx)

## OSBA Lunch & Learn webinar



Learn about issues relevant to public education through OSBA's series of Lunch & Learn webinars. Brown bag it for the day and join the webinar in the convenience of your office or home. This series will offer an informal way to learn more. All you need is a telephone and computer to participate. The cost for each one-hour webinar is just \$35. To register, visit [www.ohioschoolboards.org/event\\_listing](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/event_listing).

**Community engagement: A powerful tool to improve your schools**  
Wednesday, May 25 at noon

Successful community engagement is so much more than including parents in the PTA or school clubs. It embraces the entire community – businesses, policymakers, civic groups, alumni, residents without children in your schools and more. Engaging all aspects of your community taps into valuable resources that will improve your schools.

This webinar will be led by **Jeff Phillips, Pickaway-Ross Career & Technology Center** communications and community relations specialist. The veteran public relations and community engagement expert will examine the basics of community engagement, share the many tools he uses to get the public involved – and keep them involved – and discuss the benefits and challenges of building this valuable support system.

Register today by contacting OSBA's **Laurie Miller** at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or [Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org).



## LEGISLATIVE REPORT

by Michelle Francis, lobbyist

### House passes budget; OSBA testifies in Senate Finance Committee

The biennial budget bill, Amended (Am.) Substitute (Sub.) House Bill (HB) 153, is continuing to move through the legislative process. It was voted out of the House on May 5 along party lines. While the debate on the House floor was long, very few

amendments were added.

One floor amendment affecting school districts, proposed by Rep. **Ron Maag** (R-Lebanon), would reinstate gifted education spending requirements. Gov. **John Kasich**'s original proposal had eliminated the Ohio Evidence

Based Model (OEBM) provisions, including gifted education reporting and spending rules. The amendment would require school districts to spend the same level of state dollars for gifted education as they spent in fiscal year 2009, even though the gifted education funding component of OEBM would be removed from law and the line item eliminated.

This is of particular concern to our members, given the overall reductions in funding that also are contained in Am. Sub. HB 153. At a time when funding for most programs is being cut, it is unreasonable for a mandate on gifted spending to be required. If there is to be a spending requirement, the mandated effort should be reduced by a percentage equal to the funding cut for overall programs.

OSBA, the Buckeye Association of School Administrators (BASA) and the Ohio Association of School Business Officials (OASBO) expressed opposition to this provision in their testimony, to the Senate Finance Committee on May 11. For a copy of the testimony along with accompanying data regarding the proposed budget's affect on school districts, visit the

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## Where can you find the *real* facts?



### *the* Education Tax Policy Institute

(ETPI) continues to be the *only* organization in Ohio dedicated to research and analysis of education public policy issues.

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# PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Gary Motz, editorial manager

## Twenty-five Ohio school districts named to AP honors list

The College Board has honored 25 Ohio public school districts for expanding access to Advanced Placement (AP) exams while maintaining or improving the rate at which students earn college credit for passing rigorous tests.

The districts are among 388 in the U.S. named to the 2011 AP honor roll. Established by the College Board, the AP program enables high school students to take college-level courses, followed by comprehensive exams. Most

universities require a score of three or better, on a five-point scale, to earn college credit.

In Ohio's class of 2010, 23,045 high school seniors took at least one AP exam and 14,323 scored three or higher. These numbers are up significantly from 2001, when 12,923 seniors took an AP test and 8,063 earned at least a three.

The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) recently added a full-time AP coordinator as part of the federal Race to the Top (RttT)

grant. The coordinator is building strong networks among AP teachers, enhancing professional development and working on strategies to raise AP participation.

As part of the effort, ODE has launched an online community at <http://ohioapteacher.ning.com> where AP teachers can share ideas and best practices. To view Ohio's winning districts, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/46297> and search keyword "Ohio."

Source: ODE

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BillTracker page at [www.ohioschoolboards.org/129th-general-assembly](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/129th-general-assembly) and search "HB 153."

We encourage you to contact your senators to discuss how the proposed budget will affect your district. It appears as though the Senate is moving up its anticipated schedule and is likely to vote the bill out of committee before Memorial Day. Please watch for updates and calls to action as the bill moves forward.

### Elections reform

Two election reform bills are being heard concurrently in the House and the Senate — HB 194 and Senate Bill (SB) 148. They

include election reforms proposed by Secretary of State **John Husted**. The original purpose of the bill generally does not have an impact on schools. However, the Senate Government Oversight and Reform Committee recently amended SB 148 to eliminate the February and August special elections.

OSBA, OASBO and BASA have joined with the Ohio Township Association, Ohio Municipal League, Ohio Library Council, Ohio Education Association and Ohio Federation of Teachers to oppose this provision. The elimination of special elections was proposed by the County Commissioners' Association of

Ohio and the Ohio Association of Election Officials. They also are advocating for increased election costs to schools and local governments to cover the cost of obtaining and maintaining voting machines. Visit BillTracker and search "SB 148" for a copy of our letter to legislators opposing these provisions. We urge you to contact legislators opposing these election provisions.

For the latest legislative updates, please contact the OSBA legislative services division at (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA.

*Editor's Note: All information in this article was current as of May 13, 2011.*

**May 2011**

- 25 Community engagement webinar
- 25 OSBA Transportation Roundtable ..... Columbus

**June 2011**

- 10 OSBA OCSBA Spring Seminar.. Newark
- 12 OSBA Northwest Region Executive Committee Meeting .....Bowling Green
- 13 Changes in administering medicine webinar
- 24 OSBA Sports Law Workshop ..... Columbus
- 30 2010-2011 school year ends — RC 3313.62.

**July 2011**

- 1 2011-2012 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).
- 5 Last day for voter registration for August

- 6 election — RC 3503.01, 3503.19 (30 days prior to the election).
- 6 OSBA 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.
- 15 Last day to adopt school library district tax budget on behalf of a library district — RC 5705.28(B)(1).
- 16 OSBA Pre-Board Candidate Workshop ..... Columbus
- 22-24 NSBA Central Region Meeting ..... Cleveland
- 29 Semiannual campaign finance reports due (by 4 p.m.) detailing contributions and expenditures through June 30, 2011 — RC 3517.10(A)(4) (last business day of July).

**August 2011**

- 1 Last day to file statistical report with Ohio Department of Education — RC 3319.33; last day to submit certification for November income tax levy to Ohio Department of Taxation — RC 5748.02(A) (100 days prior to the election).
- 2 OSBA Southwest Region Executive Committee Meeting .....Oxford
- 2 Special Election Day — RC 3501.01 (first

- 3 Tuesday after the first Monday).
- 3 OSBA Northeast Region Executive Committee Meeting .....TBD
- 5 OSBA Attendance, Tuition and Custody Law Workshop ..... Columbus
- 5 Last day to submit November emergency, current operating expenses or conversion levy to county auditor for November general election — RC 5705.194, 5705.195, 5705.213, 5705.219 (95 days before election).
- 10 Last day for school district to file resolution of necessity, resolution to proceed and auditor's certification for bond levy with board of elections for November election — RC 133.18(D); last day for county auditor to certify school district bond levy terms for November election — RC 133.18(C); last day to submit continuing replacement, permanent improvement or operating levy for November election to board of elections — RC 5705.192, 5705.21, 5705.25; last day to certify resolution for school district income tax levy or conversion levy for November election to board of elections — RC 5705.195, 5705.219(G), 5748.02(C); last day to submit emergency levy for November election to board of elections — RC 5705.195.