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Ohio charter schools score low in national charter group's report

Ohio charter schools placed 17th out of 26 states in a new National Alliance for Public Charter Schools report that ranks the "health" of the charter school movement. Ohio's charters scored just 56 out of a possible 116 in what the report calls the "total health of the movement score." The report stated: "Ohio has notable populations of public charter schools and public charter school students. However, such students, on average, are not performing as well as their peers in traditional public schools ..." The report recommended that Ohio change its law to strengthen charter school oversight and accountability. The report — "The Health of the Public Charter School Movement: A State-by-State Analysis" — is posted at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/67837>.

U.S. high school dropout rate reaches all-time low

With more U.S. high school students staying in school, the national dropout rate reached a record low last year, according to newly released data from the U.S. Census Bureau. Just 7% of the nation's 18- to 24-year-olds dropped out of high school, continuing a steady decline in the nation's dropout rate since 2000, when 12% of youth were dropouts. The Pew Research Center said the decline has been driven, in part, by substantially fewer Hispanic and black youth dropping out of school. To view the census data, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/77754>.

OSFC seeking more applications for school security grants

The Ohio School Facilities Commission (OSFC) has opened the second round of applications for Ohio's School Security Grant Program. The initiative is providing \$17 million in new funding to schools for enhanced entrance security and advanced first-responder communications equipment. Invitation emails were sent to eligible districts and schools on Oct. 15. OSFC encourages those eligible who did not receive the email to check their spam folders. For additional information on the grants, please contact grants.info@ofcc.ohio.gov or visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/80681>.

Feds issue guidance addressing bullying of students with disabilities

The U.S. Department of Education has issued guidance to schools on their legal responsibilities regarding bullying of students with disabilities. The law requires schools to immediately investigate bullying and take steps to stop it and prevent it from recurring. The guidance is posted at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/52732>.

ODE recognizes Schools of Promise, Schools of Honor

The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) has recognized more than 130 schools for maintaining high academic achievement among their students, including many

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from economically disadvantaged circumstances that can make learning difficult. Visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/46907> for program details and lists of the schools honored.

Regents launch initiative to increase college applications

In partnership with school leaders across the state, the Ohio Board of Regents has designated November as Ohio College Application Month. As part of the American College Application Campaign initiative, the board is seeking to increase the number of students who are applying to college early in their senior year, with a focus on first-generation, low-income and other students who may not otherwise apply to college. So far, more than 140 school sites have registered to participate. For details, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/91748>.

Worthington high school girls mentoring middle-schoolers

Worthington City students launched a mentoring program this school year to help girls transition through a stage of adolescence that can be difficult.

Worthington Kilbourne High School students created a local chapter of a national program called Girl Talk, a peer-to-peer mentoring initiative that matches high school and middle school girls. The students came up with the idea after attending a leadership camp in Washington, D.C.

"We all know the middle school experience can be rough,"

Veronica Dahn, a Girl Talk member, told a local newspaper.

Girl Talk members meet weekly and discuss topics like self-esteem, body image and bullying.

Source: *ThisWeek Community News*

Oral health group releases new tool kit for school nurses

The Children's Oral Health Action Team, a statewide advocacy and education group working to improve children's access to dental care, has developed a new resource to help school nurses implement oral health programs.

According to the group, 51% of Ohio's third-graders have a history of tooth decay. The resource offers details on assessments, prevention, screenings and referrals, as well as oral health care education for school nurses, teachers and families. The tool kit, along with other educational information on improving children's dental care, is available at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/90759>.



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OSBA online

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Photos from OSBA's region fall conferences are posted on OSBA's Flickr page: <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/63428>. The conferences featured updates from OSBA officers and staff, student entertainment groups and awards recognizing board members, administrators and school staff for outstanding contributions to public education. For details on the fall conferences, see "Regional Roundup" on page 4.



BULLETIN BOARD

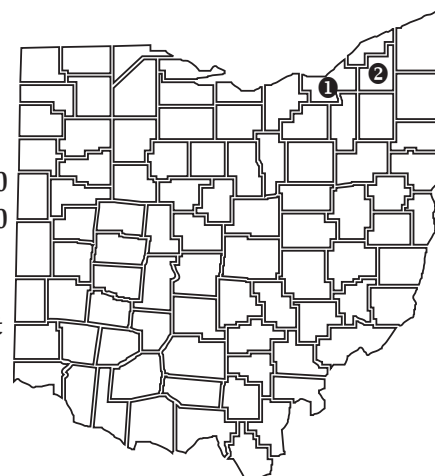
compiled by Melanie Price, administrative assistant of communication services

OSBA executive searches

Superintendent

District	Deadline	Contact
❶ Warrensville Heights City	Jan. 2	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
❷ West Geauga Local (Geauga)	TBD	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000

❶ = Superintendent



Other searches

Position	District	Deadline	Contact
Superintendent	Genoa Area Local (Ottawa)	Dec. 5	Mandy Martin, personnel & licensure, North Point ESC, (419) 627-3908
Treasurer	Shawnee Local (Allen)	Nov. 14	Dr. Dean Wittwer, superintendent, Allen County ESC, (419) 222-1836, ext. 104

National searches

Position	District	Deadline	Contact
Superintendent	Longview, Wash.	Dec. 10	McPherson & Jacobson LLC, executive recruitment and development, (402) 991-7031

Board changes

Barnesville EV appointed **Dennis Huntsman** to the board effective Oct. 14. He replaced **Josh Moore**, who moved out of the district. ●●● Chillicothe City appointed **Tamra Lowe** to the board effective Oct. 13. She replaced **Randy Drewyor**, who moved out of the district. ●●● North College Hill City appointed **Al Long** to the board effective immediately. He replaced **Carolyn L. Jones**, who resigned effective Sept. 30 due to moving out of the district.

Editor's note

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

Administrative changes

Superintendents

Sylvania City Superintendent Dr. **Bradley Rieger** announced his retirement effective July 30. ●●● Worthington City Superintendent Dr. **Thomas S. Tucker** announced his resignation effective June 30. He has taken the superintendent position at **Princeton City**, replacing Interim Superintendent **Ed Theroux**.

Treasurers

Beaver Local (Columbiana) Treasurer **Robert Barrett** announced his retirement effective Dec. 31. ●●● **North Ridgeville City** hired **Michael J. Verlingo** as treasurer effective Nov. 1. He replaced **Biagio Sidoti**, who took the treasurer position at **North Royalton City**. Verlingo previously was treasurer at **Shawnee Local (Allen)**. ●●● **Old Fort Local (Seneca)** Treasurer **Jaime Pearson** announced her resignation effective Oct. 17. She has taken the treasurer position at **Woodmore Local (Sandusky)**. ●●● **Tri-County ESC** Treasurer **David Denbow** announced his resignation effective Dec. 31. The district hired **Mary Workman** as interim treasurer. Workman will continue as treasurer for the **Wayne County Schools Career Center**.

Sympathies

Former **Brookville Local (Montgomery)** Superintendent **James A. Davison** died Oct. 9. He was 77. ●●● Former **Champion Local (Trumbull)** Board of Education member **John E. Collett** died Oct. 15. He was 89. ●●● Former **Covington EV** Board of Education member **Glen Edward McCool** died Oct. 17. He was 74. ●●● Former **Hubbard EV** Board of Education member **James F. Palumbo** died Oct. 20. He was 67. ●●● Former **Leetonia EV** Board of Education member **Elizabeth "Betty" Helt** died Oct. 14. She was 94. ●●● Former **Lisbon EV** Board of Education member **Edward Rolland Gilkey** died Oct. 25. He was 88. ●●● Former **Middletown City** Board of Education member **Donald Atkinson Easterly** died Oct. 20. He was 89. ●●● Former **Toronto City** Board of Education member **John E. Karaffa** died Oct. 11. He was 78.



REGIONAL ROUNDUP

compiled by Angela Penquite, senior communication design manager

OSBA's regions celebrate successful fall conferences

OSBA's five regions have wrapped up another round of well-attended fall conferences. More than 950 board members, administrators, guests and students gathered in their respective regions for dinner, networking, learning, fellowship and recognition. In addition, they were entertained by some of the state's top student performing groups.

The fall conferences also featured elections for the 2015 regional officers. Check with your regional manager for results. Visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/regions for the managers' contact

information and regional news. You can view photos from the region conferences at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/63428>.

OSBA President **Susie Lawson**, **Tri-County ESC** and **Wayne County Schools Career Center**; OSBA Executive Director **Richard Lewis**; OSBA Deputy Executive Director **Rob Delane**; and a number of association staff members traveled to all of the conferences to greet attendees and present OSBA updates.

If you attended a regional conference, you are eligible for five credits toward the OSBA Award of Achievement. For more

information on the Award of Achievement program, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/43085> or contact OSBA.

Following are reports on each fall conference from the regional managers.

Central Region

*by Kim Miller-Smith
regional manager*

Region President **Randy Reisling**, **South-Western City**, presided over the Central Region Fall Conference on Sept. 24. The evening's 198 attendees enjoyed a social period before an excellent

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Italian meal and heard presentations from OSBA President Lawson, OSBA Deputy Executive Director Delane and OSBA Director of Legislative Services **Damon Asbury**. Ohio National Guard Col. **Julie A. Blike** provided the keynote address.

One piece of business was conducted during the conference — electing members to the 2015 Central Region Executive Committee. **Kevin Crosthwaite, North Union Local (Union)**, was elected 2015 region president-elect.

The region honored three educators nominated for Ohio Teacher of the Year. **Kellie Ehlers, Worthington City; Thomas Gregory, Gahanna-Jefferson City; and Sarah Kirby, Pleasant Local (Marion)**, were presented with gift bags.

Nine individuals were named Friends of Public Schools: **Bruce Daniels, Marysville City; Laurie Gallwitz, East Knox Local (Knox); Patrick Losinski** and the Columbus Metropolitan Library, **Columbus City; Robert Montagnese, Licking County ESC; Deb Papesh, Dublin City; Larry Phelps, Fairbanks Local (Union); Michelle Pressdee, Lancaster City; Donnie Ridgeway, North Union Local; and Charlie Scherer, Union-Scioto Local (Ross)**.

The region also designated seven district staff members as exemplary employees: **Sandee Donald**, director of teaching and learning, Columbus City; **Kay**

Eclebery, administrative assistant, **Granville EV; Hugh W. Garside Jr.**, treasurer, South-Western City; **Aaron Johnson**, treasurer, Fairbanks Local and **Jonathan Alder Local (Madison); Joanne Morbitzer**, director of child nutrition services, Marysville City; **Jo Lynn Torbert**, treasurer, **Licking Valley Local (Licking); and Roberta Williams**, certification specialist, **Fairfield County ESC**.

Additionally, **Howard Koons, Mid-Ohio ESC and Pioneer Career & Technology Center, and R. Leroy Bumpus, Centerburg Local (Knox)**, were recognized for 35 and 40 years of service, respectively.

Cindy Crowe, a former member of the **Westerville City** Board of Education, was posthumously awarded the honor of Outstanding Board Member for the Central Region. Board Vice President **Tracy A. Davidson** accepted the award. Crowe will be inducted into the All-Ohio School Board on Nov. 12 during the OSBA Capital Conference and Trade Show. The recognition is OSBA's most prestigious honor.

The region also recognized and thanked Reisling for his leadership and service.

Northeast Region

*by Reno Contipelli
regional manager*

Oct. 1 marked the Northeast Region's Fall Conference. The Galaxy Restaurant was the setting for this recognition and meeting of

more than 95 local school board members, administrators and guests from school districts throughout northeast Ohio.

Elections were held and **Albert Haberstroh, Trumbull County ESC**, was elected the Northeast Region 2015 president-elect.

Speakers at the conference were exceptional. OSBA President Lawson spoke passionately on the future of public education and was warmly welcomed home as a member of the Northeast Region Executive Committee. OSBA Executive Director Lewis gave an update on what's new at OSBA, and explained a financial investment policy proposal, which the Delegate Assembly will vote on at its business meeting during the OSBA Capital Conference.

Jay Smith, OSBA deputy director of legislative services, spoke about the upcoming statewide elections. He also gave a preview of the lame-duck session after the elections and tips on contacting your representatives.

Northeast Region President **Denise Baba, Streetsboro City**, Lawson and Lewis presented the Outstanding School Board Member Award to Dr. **Greg Roadruck, Orrville City and Wayne County Schools Career Center**. The 25-year board veteran will represent the region on the All-Ohio School Board and will receive OSBA's highest award on Nov. 12 at the Capital Conference.

One of the highlights of the fall

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conference is awarding the annual Lester M. Marrison Education Scholarship. Baba presented the scholarship to **Alexa Goffos**. A 2014 graduate of **Lakeview Local's (Trumbull)** Lakeview High School, she attends University of Mount Union and is majoring in early childhood education.

The region also recognized 20 districts selected to represent the Northeast Region at the Student Achievement Fair during the OSBA Capital Conference.

The evening's keynote speaker was **Joseph Bergant II**, superintendent at **Cuyahoga Heights Local (Cuyahoga)**. Bergant, who was superintendent at **Chardon Local (Geauga)** during the 2012 school shootings there, spoke on school safety. He stressed the following points: good planning will facilitate and

coordinate a proper response to a crisis; practice how to reunite students and parents; know which crisis plans exist in your community; and build relationships and trust with those in the community, especially emergency first responders.

Northwest Region

by *Judy Jackson May*
regional manager

Superintendent **Staci Kaufman** and **Vantage Career Center** hosted the Northwest Region Fall Conference on Oct. 16. The evening began at 5:30 p.m. with the region's executive committee welcoming 203 guests from 31 districts.

During the social hour, Vantage Culinary Arts Program instructor **Robin Burns** and her students created a fine dining experience that began with appetizers,

followed by dinner and an array of desserts. **Crestview Local's (Van Wert)** Knight Vision provided an incredible performance from the movie "Shrek." Directed by **Danille Hancock** and accompanied by **Emma Saylor**, the troupe of 30 student performers received a standing ovation.

Region President **Timothy McKinney, Bath Local (Allen)**, served as the evening's master of ceremonies and introduced members of the Northwest Region Executive Committee.

The conference theme reflected OSBA's Stand Up for Public Schools campaign. Vantage Career Center and **Lima City** submitted items for the campaign website and OSBA Deputy Director of Communication Services **Crystal Davis** shared information on the campaign.

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SchoolComp Safety Seminar



Thursday, Dec. 4

Cost: \$150

OSBA office, Columbus 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Accidents and injuries can cost a lot of money. Although practicing safety in the workplace can prevent accidents and save money, avoidable accidents still occur.

This workshop qualifies as four hours of Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation safety training for districts that are required to meet the yearly safety training requirement.

You do not have to be a participant in the SchoolComp Group Rating or Retro Rating programs to attend this seminar. You can register on the Ohio Association of School Business Officials website at www.oasbo-ohio.org or by calling (614) 431-9116.

OSBA MASTER OF TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATION (MTA) PROGRAM

This series of workshops will help those involved in student transportation better understand and perform day-to-day operations.

These half-day workshops — each offered from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. — will include a working lunch and time for questions. Each class is scheduled twice; participants may sign up for either session. All workshops will be at the OSBA office, 8050 N. High St., Columbus, 43235. Visit

www.ohioschoolboards.org/transportation-training-programs to read workshop descriptions and learn about the MTA certification program.

The cost is \$90 per workshop. Register online at www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops. You also can purchase a subscription plan for all the workshops in this series. For any questions related to the program, contact **Diana Paulins**, OSBA senior administrative assistant of policy services, at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or mta@ohioschoolboards.org.



The transportation handbook — Nov. 19 or Nov. 25

Transportation administrators cannot afford to fly by the seat of their pants or be inconsistent in management. Guidelines and procedures are essential and can be the manager's best friend. Discuss the handbook development process as well as what to include in the handbook and how to keep it current.

Public relations and working with the media — Feb. 4 or Feb. 10

Experience a "live interview" process to learn how to develop talking points and stay on target in an interview. Also learn how to build proactive media relationships to let your community know about the resources your transportation department offers.

Routing and technology — April 1 or April 7

Maximizing route efficiency is essential in today's school environment. No one can afford to run extra buses or those that only serve a few students. Look at proven strategies for determining how many buses you need and routing styles. This session also discusses technologies to help with routing and the costs and benefits of that technology.

Buy that bus and put the plan together — May 6 or May 12

Review the bus purchase process and how to determine when it is time to buy or lease, including a review of the data you need to make the right decision. Learn about operational plans, work calendars and how to schedule or delegate projects. Much of what you do has a critical work path, so it's important to plan ahead. Learn how building your stakeholder groups and support network is key to your success.



OSBA Executive Searches

If retaining a successful, long-term leader is a priority for your district, rely on OSBA!

Finding the right leader for your district will be among the most significant decisions you make as a board. For more than 30 years, the OSBA search process has proven successful in nearly 1,000 executive searches for Ohio's diverse school districts and other related organizations. No one does it better!

For information on Ohio's best administrative search team, call OSBA's **Kathy LaSota**, **Cheryl W. Ryan**, **Dr. Richard J. Caster** or **Steve Horton** at (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA.

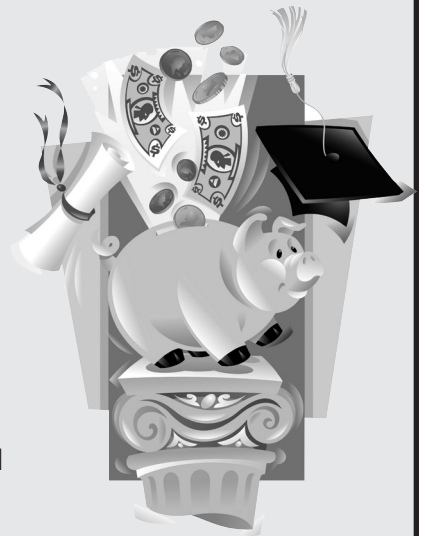
Winter School Finance Workshop

Monday, Dec. 8, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
OSBA office, Columbus

School funding, Common Core and other education-related issues continue to be contentious topics at the Statehouse. This workshop is your opportunity to get answers and information from the experts.

What happened in the November elections and how will it impact the next General Assembly? What will the current General Assembly be doing during the lame-duck session? You will get information about these questions and more at the Winter School Finance Workshop. Find out what's at stake for Ohio's schools – we are talking politics, legislation and much more.

Cost is \$150, which includes materials, lunch and refreshments. You can register on the Ohio Association of School Business Officials website at www.oasbo-ohio.org or by calling (614) 431-9116.



Learn how you can save time and money with BoardDocs

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



Want to learn more? Join OSBA and BoardDocs for these informative webinars. It's quick and easy to register – just choose the date and time you wish to view the webinars.

Information for current users: Collaborative agenda publishing with online submission

Wednesday, Nov. 19, 10 a.m.–11 a.m.

<https://meetings.ringcentral.com/j/1490896145>

Information for districts considering paperless board meetings

Thursday, Dec. 11, 1 p.m.–2 p.m.

<https://meetings.ringcentral.com/j/1488761434>

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



Using Videos to Market Your District

Promote your district with high-impact videos created on a shoestring budget

Tuesday, Dec. 9
OSBA office, Columbus

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

Whether you'd like to shoot a few videos with your smartphone or set up a video production studio for your school district, this half-day workshop is for you. Students and staff from an award-winning, grant-funded video production program will share how to set up a similar program in your district, then grow it into a full-blown community engagement tool. You'll also learn the basics of high-quality videography, how to use smartphones to capture and edit video, how to set up a low-cost studio and how to market your videos via social and electronic media.

Agenda

9:30 a.m. Registration

10 a.m. The birth and boom of 'The BEAT'
Hear how the award-winning BEAT video program began at Brunswick City Schools, and how this self-funded, student-run program for grades six-12 manages its own cable channel and creates media content published weekly by northeast Ohio television and media outlets (print, video and Web). Learn how the program boosts student achievement and community involvement, and gain insight on how to replicate the program in your district from the ground up.
John Wasylko, BEAT program adviser, and BEAT student staff, Brunswick City

11 a.m.

We've got 'The BEAT'

We've got the BEAT ... do you? Participate in a detailed, interactive process to determine if "The BEAT" program will work in your district and build a task list to make it happen.
John Wasylko

Noon

Lunch

1 p.m.

Broadcast boot camp

Don't miss this interactive boot camp designed to teach you how to shoot and edit high-quality videos on a camcorder or smartphone. You'll also learn how to set up a low-cost video production studio and how to market your videos via social and electronic media.
Crystal Davis, deputy director of communication services, OSBA

2 p.m.

Adjourn

Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. 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.



WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

OSBA MTA program

- ☐ Nov. 19, Columbus, \$90
- ☐ Nov. 25, Columbus, \$90
- ☐ Feb. 4, Columbus, \$90
- ☐ Feb. 10, Columbus, \$90
- ☐ April 1, Columbus, \$90
- ☐ April 7, Columbus, \$90
- ☐ May 6, Columbus, \$90
- ☐ May 12, Columbus, \$90

Using Videos to Market Your District

- ☐ Dec. 9, Columbus, \$90

Management Development Series #5: Transportation rules and regulations

- ☐ Dec. 10, Columbus, \$90

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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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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Elections were held, and the region honored 10-year region executive committee member **Brian L. Baker, Northwest Ohio ESC and Four County Career Center**, who is ending his term on the committee this year. The region also remembered the contributions of **Timothy Meyer, Wood County ESC**, who lost his battle with cancer this year.

The region recognized Outstanding Board Member Award recipients **Jackie Place, Bath Local and Apollo Career Center**, and **Sherri Koback, Springfield Local (Lucas) and Penta Career Center**. Place will represent the Northwest Region on the All-Ohio School Board and will be recognized with OSBA's highest honor during Capital

Conference.

Also honored were veteran board members for 10, 15, 20, 30, 40 and 45 years of service, and the winners of the 2014 Northwest Region Educational Book Grant.

The Who's Who in the Northwest Region Excellence Award for Outstanding Leadership honorees included **Chris Pfahler, Kalida Local (Putnam); Mackenzie Wenig, Otsego Local (Wood); Jim Brown and Ron Miller, Ottoville Local (Putnam); and Dmitry Billingsly, Jill Dewert, Courtne Laney, Larry Regendanz, Jill Ross and Paula Van Tilburg, Vantage Career Center**.

The Northwest Region Humanitarian Award honorees included Dr. **Rudy and Ann**

Schneidhorst, Lima City; Whitley Fast, Van Wert City; and Jill Fitch, Michelle Solether and the **Elmwood Local Cheerleaders, Elmwood Local (Wood)**.

The Northwest Region Excellence in Community Service Award went to **Ann and Don Hange, Central Local (Defiance); Beth Voll** and the **Archbold Area Band, Archbold Area Local (Fulton); Caleb Newland and Daulton Buettner, Elida Local (Allen); Dan Schmiesing** and the **Spencerville Local FFA, Spencerville Local (Allen); and Judy Kent and Brian Krawetzke, Lima City**.

The region executive committee thanks all who attended the fall conference.

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Management Development Series #5: Transportation rules and regulations

**Wednesday, Dec. 10
OSBA office, Columbus**

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

Join us for a trip through the rules and regulations that govern student transportation in Ohio. Review federal regulations, state law and administrative code and the role that local policy plays in a successful operation. This course is essential for new transportation administrators as well as any school administrators involved with transportation services. These are the standards to which you are held, and for which liability can be assigned when your department fails to meet them.

Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. 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.



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Southeast Region

by Paul D. Mock
regional manager

The Southeast Region enjoyed a successful Fall Conference on Sept. 25, with 172 registered representing 34 of the region's 84 districts. **Alexander Local's (Athens)** High School was the setting for the evening. A wonderful meal was prepared by the Alexander High School FFA alumni and served by FFA students. Proceeds from the dinner fund scholarships for FFA students.

The Alexander High School Marching Spartans, directed by **Andrew Chapman**, entertained attendees. Guests for the evening included: Dr. **T. Richard Murray**, executive director for the Coalition of Rural and Appalachian Schools (CORAS), and his wife, **Karen Sue**; Dr. **Max Evans**, professor emeritus from Ohio University's Patton College of Education; State Board of Education member **Cathye J. Flory**; and three OSBA past presidents.

Region President **David Carter, East Guernsey Local (Guernsey)**, presided over the meeting, with OSBA President Lawson and OSBA Executive Director Lewis providing association updates and greetings. OSBA Lobbyist **Jennifer Hogue** delivered a legislative update. During the business meeting, **Bruce D. Nottke, Athens City**, was elected 2015 region president-elect. **Gail Requardt, East Muskingum Local (Muskingum)** and **Mid-East**

Career and Technology Centers, will officially assume the duties as region president in 2015.

OSBA Deputy Executive Director Delane, Lawson and Carter recognized 15-year veteran board members Dr. **Paul Crabtree, South Central Ohio ESC** and **Scioto County Career Technical Center; Clarence M. Parker, Portsmouth City**; and Dr. **George P. Pettit, Portsmouth City**. The region also recognized **Larry A. Good, Muskingum Valley ESC**, for 35 years of service and **R. Rex Robinson Sr., Athens-Meigs ESC**, for 40 years of service.

Lewis, Lawson and Carter presented the Southeast Region Outstanding School Board Member Awards to **Carolyn Nihiser, Muskingum Valley ESC**, and **Kevin L. Worthington, Fort Frye Local (Washington)**. Worthington will represent the Southeast Region on the All-Ohio School Board and will be recognized with OSBA's highest honor during the Capital Conference.

Requardt, Lawson and Carter presented plaques to the top recipients in the region's annual Outstanding Recognition Program, which began in 1993. Sixty nominations were received from 19 districts. The Outstanding Student Program went to **Gallia-Vinton ESC's P.I.L.O.T. Program**; Outstanding Male Student was awarded to **Lane Bell from Franklin Local's (Muskingum) Philo High School**; and the Outstanding Female Student was

Megan Liedtke from Fort Frye Local's Fort Frye High School.

Other recipients included Outstanding Faculty Member **Misty Henderson, Franklin Local's Duncan Falls Elementary School**; Outstanding Classified Staff Member **Barb Rupe, Tri-County Career Center**; Outstanding Treasurer **Mark E. Rhonemus, Meigs Local (Meigs)**; Outstanding Volunteer **Donald West, East Guernsey Local**; Outstanding Administrator **Stanley J. Jennings**, superintendent at Scioto County Career Technical Center; and Outstanding New Program or Innovation, **Wellston City's Project M.O.R.E.**

The President's Award, selected each year by the region president, honors those who have shown unwavering commitment and dedication to public education and boys and girls in southeast Ohio. Honored was **Suzette E. Tidrick**, retired teacher, principal and administrator from Guernsey County.

A highlight of the evening was the presentation of the region's highest honor, the Advocate of Education Hall of Fame Award. Each year, the region executive committee selects an individual, business or corporation that has roots in the Southeast Region and has gone above and beyond in promoting children and public education in the region and across the state. This award is presented during the region's fall conference.

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Murray was the 2014 recipient. He is a former teacher, principal and superintendent. In his previous role as Muskingum Valley ESC superintendent, he established it as one of the premier ESCs in Ohio and saw it recognized nationally for its creativity of services to school districts.

The 2015 spring region conferences will be held March 17 at **Pike County Career Technology Center** in Piketon and March 19 at **Zanesville City's** Zanesville High School. The fall conference will be Sept. 24 at **Logan-Hocking Local's (Hocking)** Logan High School.

Southwest Region

*by Ronald J. Diver
regional manager*

The Southwest Region Fall Conference was held Oct. 9 at **Warren County Career Center** with 286 registered. Entertainment was provided by **Wayne Local's (Warren)** Waynesville High School Concert Band. They also performed the National Anthem during the presentation of colors by the **Springboro Community City High School Air Force JrROTC**. Region President-elect **Gail Martindale, Cedar Cliff Local (Greene)** and **Greene County Career Center**, led the Pledge of Allegiance. Region President **Rick Foster, Manchester Local (Adams)**, chaired the meeting.

A great meal was provided by Sodexo, who is the contracted food service provider for the career

center. Nineteen school districts with at least three board members registered were introduced by Foster. He also welcomed seven superintendents and two treasurers who are new to the region or attending the conference for the first time.

OSBA President Lawson provided an association update and shared some thoughts on the challenging work of boards of education. OSBA Executive Director Lewis provided comments on the steps ahead in board leadership. He also introduced **John Maletta Jr.**, a Southwest Region past president and former member of the **Miamisburg City Board of Education**, as a special guest for the evening.

Region Immediate Past President **Jim Sommer, Greenville City**, presented the region nominating committee report, which was accepted by the board members in attendance and adopted unanimously. **Sue Steele, Goshen Local (Clermont)** and **Great Oaks ITCD**, was elected 2015 region president-elect.

OSBA Director of Legislative Services Asbury provided an update on anticipated activity in the General Assembly, including an update on an attempted repeal of the Common Core legislation. He thanked everyone for actively supporting and testifying at committee hearings and contacting legislators and asked everyone to support *Kids PAC*, which helps OSBA keep educational matters in

front of legislators.

The region recognized two nominees for Ohio Teacher of the Year: **Erin Bucher, Centerville City**, and **Mary Kim Wiederhold, Fayetteville-Perry Local (Brown)**.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the 2014 Friend of Education Hall of Fame award to **Douglass McDonald**, president and CEO of the Cincinnati Museum Center. McDonald accepted the award on behalf of the center and explained the many things it does to support teachers and students.

The Southwest Region Outstanding Student Program Awards were again a huge success. Fifteen programs (three programs from five categories) were judged as outstanding and each was presented with a framed certificate.

Outstanding New Student Programs were: Exercise Science, **Upper Valley Career Center**; Georgetown's B.E.S.T., **Georgetown EV**; and Parker Thinglink Blended Learning Model, **Lockland Local (Hamilton)**.

Outstanding On-Going Student Programs were: Secondary Practical Nursing, Great Oaks ITCD; Pathways to Employment, **Hamilton County ESC**; and Welding Rodeo, **Springfield-Clark Career Technology Center**.

Outstanding Volunteer Programs were: Fayetteville PTO, Fayetteville-Perry Local; Super Service Saturday; Great Oaks

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ITCD; and Construction Academy, Warren County Career Center.

Outstanding Multi-district Impact Program awards went to: The Orange Out, **Piqua City** and **Troy City**; Career X, Great Oaks ITCD; and Pre-engineering (a Project Lead the Way program), Warren County Career Center.

Special Recognition Programs were: Harmanize, **Oakwood City**; Sparkle Cats, **Finneytown Local (Hamilton)**; and Hospitality Services, **Miami Valley Career**

Technology Center.

The 2014 AI Kettlewell Awards for outstanding board leadership were presented by **Susan Kettlewell**, daughter of the late **Al Kettlewell**. Recipients were Sommer and **Warren Stevens, Urbana City** and **Ohio Hi-Point Career Center**. Sommer was named the All-Ohio School Board representative from the Southwest Region and will be recognized with OSBA's highest honor on Nov. 12 at the Capital

Conference.

Framed certificates were presented to the 41 Southwest Region programs chosen as participants in the Student Achievement Fair at the 2014 OSBA Capital Conference. A certificate also was presented to **Northwest Local's (Hamilton) Colerain Show Cards** choir for being chosen as the Southwest Region's 2014 Student Achievement Fair performing group.



LEGISLATIVE REPORT

by Jay Smith, deputy director of legislative services

General Assembly's lame-duck session set to begin

With the general election over, legislators have returned to Columbus for the lame-duck session. As of this writing, the session was scheduled to begin Nov. 12 and will run until the legislature decides to adjourn, which will signal the end of the 130th General Assembly. Adjournment is most likely to take place by Dec. 18.

During this time, legislators will be challenged with getting their bills passed in a rapidly paced and often volatile political atmosphere. Really, anything can happen. It's extremely important that members stay abreast of the issues being considered and follow any eAlerts OSBA sends on legislation. It's also

vital to watch for OSBA calls to action.

In addition to continued debate on the Common Core State Standards and some cleanup language to address issues with midbiennium budget review legislation passed in June, we also expect to see some conversation on state-mandated tests. One bill that may get some attention in the House during the lame-duck session is House Bill (HB) 629, introduced by Rep. **Andrew Brenner** (R-Powell). HB 629 seeks to limit the amount of state-mandated testing. The bill would:

- Limit testing to no more than four hours per year per subject and grade level. Excluded from this

requirement is the third-grade reading guarantee assessment, the nationally standardized assessment that measures college and career readiness and end-of-course substitute examinations.

- Allow a district or school to administer the kindergarten readiness assessment all at once or in portions at different times so long as it is administered in its entirety no later than Nov. 1.
- Require the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) to determine which components of the resident educator performance-based assessment can be used as part of the Ohio teacher evaluation system.
- Require ODE to develop a table



PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Bryan Bullock, assistant editor

Ohio students garden, dine with first lady at the White House

South Euclid-Lyndhurst City students recently dined with first lady **Michelle Obama** on vegetables they helped pick at the White House Kitchen Garden.

The group from Greenview Upper Elementary School was invited as a result of the district's participation in the federal Farm-to-Fork program, which is offered in partnership with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Cuyahoga County Board of Health and Red Basket Farms, which

supplies fresh food to South Euclid-Lyndhurst students.

Five students and three staff members from the district made the trip to Washington, D.C., for the event. The first lady invited Greenview students to help harvest the official White House garden and then dine with her and students from several other schools across the country. The meal was prepared in part by South Euclid-Lyndhurst Manager of Food Services **Kevin Needham**.

School Principal **Reginald Holland** said students had the "time of their lives" during their day at the White House. Students from Arizona, California and the District of Columbia also were invited to the event.

The first lady planted the garden in 2009, shortly before she began her Let's Move! initiative to encourage children and families to eat healthier and exercise.

Source: School district, The Associated Press

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of assessments that may be used for multiple purposes. The table must include achievement assessments, diagnostic assessments, end-of-course exams, substitute exams, student growth measure assessments and other assessments. This table is to be made available to districts and schools.

- Extend the availability of paper-and-pencil state assessments through the 2015-16 school year.
- Require ODE to study and report to the General Assembly and the governor on the impact of online testing on student performance by June 30, 2015.
- Require ODE to conduct a comprehensive survey of the

capacity and readiness of each school district for online administration of the assessments. The survey is to include information about hardware, software, bandwidth, technical support, security requirements, training for teachers on administering the assessments and training for students on taking the assessments.

- Require ODE, no later than June 30, 2015, to compile and present the findings of the survey to the governor; chairs and ranking members of the House and Senate Education Committees; and the State Board of Education. The report is to include results of the survey conducted under this

section and a detailed implementation plan to address any issues or problems identified in the survey.

Over the next several weeks, the legislature will be moving quickly. Watch for and pay close attention to OSBA eAlerts and publications with updated information on the various issues being considered.

For the latest legislative updates, contact the OSBA legislative division at (800) 589-6722 or visit the OSBA BillTracker page at www.ohioschoolboards.org/billtracker.

Editor's note: All information in this article was current as of Oct. 30, 2014.

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- 9-12 OSBA Capital Conference and Trade Show Columbus
- 10 Central Region Executive Committee meeting..... Columbus
- 19 BoardDocs webinar for current users: Collaborative agenda publishing with online submission
- 19 OSBA MTA Program: The transportation handbook..... Columbus
- 25 OSBA MTA Program: The transportation handbook..... Columbus

December 2014

- 1 Southwest Region Executive Committee meeting..... Lebanon
- 3 Northeast Region Executive Committee meeting..... Wadsworth
- 4 SchoolComp Safety Seminar Columbus
- 8 Winter School Finance Workshop Columbus
- 9 Using Videos to Market Your District..... Columbus
- 10 Management Development Series #5: Transportation rules and regulations..... Columbus
- 11 BoardDocs webinar: Information for districts considering paperless board meetings

- 31 Last day for treasurer to canvass the board to establish a date of the organizational meeting — RC 3313.14.

January 2015

- 5 Last day for voter registration for February election — RC 3503.01, 3503.19(A) (30 days prior to the election).
- 10 New Board Member Workshop Columbus
- 15 Deadline for boards of education of city, exempted village, vocational and local school districts to meet and organize — RC 3313.14; last day for boards of education of city, exempted village, vocational and local school districts to adopt tax budgets for the coming school fiscal year — RC 5705.28(A) (1).
- 20 Last day for boards of education to submit fiscal tax-year budget to county auditor — RC 5705.30; last day to submit certification for May conversion levy to tax commissioner — RC 5705.219(B) (105 days prior to election).
- 26 Last day to submit certification for May income tax levy to Ohio Department of Taxation — RC 5748.02(A) (100 days prior to the election).
- 30 Last day to submit May emergency levy, current operating expenses levy

or conversion levy to county auditor for May election — RC 5705.194, 5705.195, 5705.213, 5705.219 (95 days prior to the election); annual 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 from the last day reflected in the previous report through Dec. 31, 2014 — RC 3517.10(A)(3).

- 31 Board Presidents Workshop..Columbus
- 31 Board Presidents Workshop Rootstown
- 31 Deadline for educational service center (ESC) governing boards to meet and organize — RC 3313.14.

February 2015

- 3 Special Election Day — RC 3501.01(first Tuesday after the first Monday).
- 4 OSBA MTA Program: Public relations and working with the media Columbus
- 4 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 May election — RC 133.18(D).