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Percentage of low-income public school students nears 50%

Forty-eight percent of U.S. public schoolchildren and 42.7% of Ohio students were classified as low income in the 2010-11 school year, according to a new Southern Education Foundation study (<http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/61963>). That rate, based on students eligible for free or reduced lunches, is up from 38% in 2001. The study also cites a continuing achievement gap between low-income and wealthier students. OSBA, the Buckeye Association of School Administrators and the Ohio Association of School Business Officials confirmed that trend in a recent study of state report cards showing a direct correlation between poverty and student performance. For details, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/44601> or contact OSBA.

State education department recognizes high-performing schools

The Ohio Department of Education recently named 141 schools as 2013 Schools of Promise and 37 as 2013 High Performing Schools of Honor. The programs recognize schools for sustaining high academic achievement among their students, including many from economically disadvantaged homes. Details on the Schools of Promise program and a list of recognized schools are posted at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/78370>. For a list of High Performing Schools of Honor and information on the program, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/76955>.

Ohio holds its own against other nations in math, science

A new study — the NAEP-TIMSS Linking Study — finds Ohio among the majority of states scoring above the international average in eighth-grade math and science. Ohio's average scores were 523 in math and 547 in science; the international average was 500 in each subject. The study linked the National Assessment of Educational Progress scale with the Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study so states could compare their students' performance with students in other countries. Read the report at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/56562>.

Expansion leads more private schools to accept EdChoice vouchers

With the new state budget expanding the program, 443 private schools now accept Ohio EdChoice vouchers, according to the Ohio Department of Education. Previously, 301 schools accepted the vouchers. OSBA says the expansion raises even more concerns about accountability for the public tax dollars going to the schools.

Online survey offers feedback on using technology for learning

For the second year, Speak Up Ohio is inviting Ohio K-12 students, teachers, administrators, parents and community members to share their ideas about the use of

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technology for learning. The Ohio Department of Education and Ohio Board of Regents are inviting all education stakeholders to take part in the Speak Up Ohio 2013 survey. The free online survey runs through Dec. 20 at www.tomorrow.org/speakup/ohio.html. Response data will be aggregated at the state level and compared to national data. Participating districts will receive their own district- and school-level data to use in assessing their programs and planning for the future. The survey is a national initiative of Project Tomorrow, a nonprofit education organization dedicated to changing children's lives through science, math and technology education.

Time growing short to register for OLAC forum

There's still time to register for the 2013 Ohio Leadership Advisory Council (OLAC) Action Forum, set for Dec. 3 in Columbus.

Southern Ohio students travel to perform acts of kindness

A group of **Southeastern Local (Ross)** students recently spent a day performing acts of service throughout their community.

Each of the 13 Southeastern High School seniors, their teacher and their bus driver suggested an act of kindness. They boarded a bus together and used the 15 acts to shape the day's itinerary, which covered more than 12 locations, 40 miles and five-and-a-half hours. Students collected donations, delivered flowers and donated ice cream to a cancer center, among other acts of kindness.

"Originally, we were going to do one or two things and everybody kept coming up with these ideas, so we thought, we can do them all," student group adviser **Hettie Pugh** told a local newspaper.

Source: *Chillicothe Gazette*

The event features keynote speakers and presentations from school teams sharing success stories, challenges and opportunities. For details, visit www.ohioleadership.org/events. The registration deadline is Nov. 22. OLAC's mission is to provide educators with the structures and

resources necessary to develop and support effective leadership.

CDC: Flavored cigarettes, cigars popular with teens

A Centers for Disease Control and Prevention study reports two out of five middle and high school students who smoke use flavored cigarettes or small flavored cigars. CDC warns that these products are just as dangerous and addictive as other tobacco items.

OSBA online

● www.ohioschoolboards.org

OSBA's social media profile continues to grow. During the first nine months of 2013, OSBA added 1,754 new Twitter followers — a 63% increase — and now has nearly 5,000 followers. Access OSBA's Twitter page at <https://twitter.com/ohschoolboards>. The association's Facebook page also is very active. Join the OSBA Facebook conversation at www.facebook.com/OHSchoolBoards.



Briefcase

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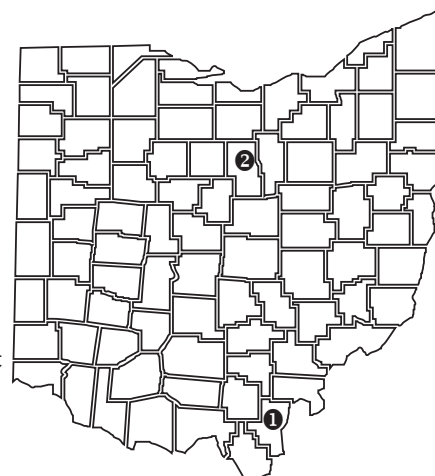
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OSBA executive searches

Superintendent

District	Deadline	Contact
❶ Gallia County Local (Gallia)	Nov. 26	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
❷ Clear Fork Valley Local (Richland)	TBD	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000

❶ = Superintendent



Administrative changes

Superintendents

Jefferson County JVSD hired **Todd Phillipson** as superintendent effective Jan. 1. He will replace **T. Dale Edwards**, who is retiring. Phillipson currently is a supervisor at the JVSD. ●●● **North Royalton City** hired Interim Superintendent **Gregory Gurka** as superintendent effective immediately.

Treasurers

Beavercreek City Treasurer **Stephen L. Maag** announced his resignation effective Oct. 18. ●●● **Fort Frye Local (Washington)** hired **Stacy Bolden** as treasurer effective Nov. 18. She will replace **Melcie Wells**, who is resigning. ●●● **North Royalton City** hired **Biagio Sidoti** as treasurer effective Jan. 1. He will replace **Richard McIntosh**, who is retiring. Sidoti currently is the treasurer at **North Ridgeville City**. ●●● **Richmond Heights Local (Cuyahoga)** hired **Daniel L. Wilson** as interim treasurer effective immediately. He replaced **Brenda M. Brack**. Wilson will continue his duties as treasurer at **Mentor EV**.

Sympathies

Former **Akron City** Board of Education member **Dr. John Stewart "Jack" Watt** died Oct. 19. He was 90. ●●● **Anne Gleason Barbin**, a member of the former **Jackson Township** School Board in Stark County, died Oct. 13. She was 77. ●●● **Chester A. Roush**, a former State Board of Education member and former **Kettering City** assistant superintendent and superintendent, died Oct. 13. He was 95. ●●● **Karen Krause**, a member of the former **Lucas County** Board of Education, died Oct. 21. She was 73. ●●● **Noel J. Young**, a member of the former **Marengo-Highland** Board of Education in Morrow County, died Oct. 13. He was 89. ●●● Former **Oregon City** Board of Education member **Richard P. "Dick" Gabel** died

Editor's note

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

Oct. 13. He was 70. ●●● Former **Pandora-Gilboa Local (Putnam)** Board of Education member **Ray Hurkholder** died Oct. 17. He was 96. ●●● Former **Toledo City** Board of Education member **Clarence J. Walker Jr.** died Oct. 24. He was 87. ●●● Former **Willard City** Board of Education member **George Gaich** died Oct. 1. He was 86.



REGIONAL ROUNDUP

compiled by Angela Penquite, assistant editor

Fall region conferences celebrate successes

More than 900 school board members, administrators, teachers, students and guests attended the five OSBA fall region conferences in September and October. The conferences featured outstanding speakers and presentations, talented student entertainment groups, awards and recognitions, association updates, dinner and plenty of networking opportunities.

The fall conferences also featured elections for the 2014 regional officers. Check with your regional manager for results. Contact information for the managers and news are posted at www.ohioschoolboards.org/regions. Photos from the regional conferences are posted at www.flickr.com/photos/ohschoolboards/sets.

OSBA President **Charlie Wilson**, **Worthington City**, OSBA Executive Director **Richard Lewis** and a number of association staff members traveled to 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 Jeff Chambers
interim regional manager*

The Central Region Fall Conference, held Sept. 25, was enjoyed by 182 people. Region President **Ken Morlock**, **Madison-Plains Local (Madison)**, presided over the event. The evening featured an exceptional dinner at Villa Milano and a presentation by **Tina Thomas-Manning**, associate superintendent, Ohio Department of Education Division of Accountability and Quality Schools, on the third-grade reading guarantee, Ohio school report cards and Straight A Fund.

Morlock read two resolutions passed by the OSBA Board of Trustees at its September meeting. The first recognized recently retired Central Region Manager Dr. **Michael G. Grote** for his

contributions to the region and OSBA. The second resolution recognized **Westerville City** Board of Education member **Cindy Crowe** for her inspiration and her contributions to OSBA and public education.

The region acknowledged 11 school districts chosen to represent the region at the OSBA Capital Conference Student Achievement Fair and four outstanding teachers from the Central Region nominated for Ohio Teacher of the Year.

The region honored five exemplary district employees: **Becky Dunn**, coordinator of food services, **Worthington City**; **Andrew L. Geistfeld**, treasurer, **Upper Arlington City**; **Robin Klenk**, treasurer, **Madison Local (Richland)**; **Rich Playko**, dean of students, **Groveport Madison Local (Franklin)**; and **Dave Rader**, school bus driver, **Lancaster City**.

The region also designated five individuals as Friends of Public Education. Those honored and the districts nominating them were: **Karen Buchwald Wright**, **Mount Vernon City**; **Jack Fishburn**,

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Highland Local (Morrow); Mary Mulvany, South-Western City; Sandy Rose, Lancaster City; and Judge Steven O. Williams, Fairfield County ESC.

In addition, Dr. **Marguerite M. Bennett, Mount Vernon City and Knox County Career Center**, was honored as an Outstanding Board Member and the region's All-Ohio School Board representative. She will be inducted into the All-Ohio School Board on Nov. 13 during the OSBA Capital Conference.

The evening ended with the region recognizing and thanking Morlock for his leadership and service as president this year.

Northeast Region

*by Terri Neff
regional manager*

Oct. 2 marked the 2013 Northeast Region Fall Conference. The Galaxy Restaurant was the setting for this recognition and meeting of more than 100 school board members and administrators from school districts throughout northeast Ohio. The outstanding **Buckeye Local (Medina)** Buckeye Senior High School Upbeat a cappella group, under the direction of **Pam Haberkorn**, provided entertainment after dinner.

Elections were held, and **John W. Halkias, Plain Local (Stark)**, was elected to serve as 2014 president-elect. Many guests were in attendance, including Southeast Regional Manager **Paul D. Mock**, an OSBA past president.

OSBA President Wilson spoke

passionately about the future of public schools. OSBA Executive Director Lewis enlightened board members and administrators with an OSBA update and the significant role local school board members play in the lives of children.

OSBA Director of Legislative Services **Damon Asbury** discussed recent legislation and the JVSD governance changes. He emphasized the need for board members to contact legislators; he said if legislators do not hear from board members and others interested in education, they assume that everything is fine. Emails and letters are fine, he said, but board resolutions have even more impact.

Northeast Region President **Julie A. Schafer, Copley-Fairlawn City**, Wilson and Lewis presented awards and recognition to three Northeast Region All-Ohio School Board nominees: **Heidi Dolezal, North Royalton City and Cuyahoga Valley Career Center; Terry Groden, North Olmsted City; and Barbara Klingensmith, Ashtabula County ESC and Ashtabula County Technical and Career Center.**

Dolezal will be named to the All-Ohio School Board at the OSBA Capital Conference on Nov. 13.

Reno Contipelli, Cuyahoga Heights Local (Cuyahoga), announced the addition of two new awards for the region, which will be presented at the 2014 spring conference in March.

The first award is the Northeast Region Public School Employee of the Year. This honoree can be anyone in a Northeast Region district, from classified staff to teachers to administrators. The second award is the President's Award, which will be given as a lifetime achievement or profile in courage award. Region executive committee members will provide input and the region president will present this award.

One of the highlights of the fall conference is the scholarship presentation. Contipelli presented the Lester M. Marrison Education Scholarship to **Emma Northeim**, a 2013 graduate of **Firelands Local's (Lorain)** Firelands High School. She graduated fourth in her class of 158 students, with a 4.1 grade point average. Northeim is a freshman at Bowling Green State University majoring in early childhood education. She and her parents, **Joy and Scott**, were in attendance as she graciously accepted the \$1,000 scholarship.

Schafer and Wilson presented certificates as OSBA Deputy Executive Director **Rob Delane** recognized 20 districts selected to represent northeast Ohio at the OSBA Capital Conference Student Achievement Fair.

The next Northeast Region Executive Committee meeting is Dec. 4 at the Rodeway Inn in Wadsworth. The 2014 Spring Conference will be held March 5 in Streetsboro.

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Northwest Region

by Dr. Judy Jackson May
regional manager

The **Apollo Career Center** hosted a fabulous venue for the 66th annual Northwest Region Fall Conference on Oct. 3. Superintendent **Judy L. Wells** and Administrative Assistant **Nancy Hilden** graciously helped plan the successful event.

The conference was sponsored by LumiNET Technology Solutions of Indianapolis. LumiNET Technology Solutions President **Tom Kincannon** greeted guests and associate **Parker Woods** made a presentation on district technology solutions.

Northwest Region Executive Committee members **Jaimie L. Beamer, Seneca East Local (Seneca)** and **Vanguard-Sentinel Career and Technology Centers**, and **Carol-Ann Molnar, Oregon City**, seamlessly registered 187 guests.

Attendees enjoyed appetizers and dinner prepared and served by students in the career center's Culinary Arts program, led by supervisor **Carrie Hamilton**. **Kenneth E. Ault, Wood County ESC**, led the Pledge of Allegiance,

and the invocation was delivered by **David C. Smith, Allen County ESC**, a former Northwest Region president

Region President **Eric Germann, Lincolnview Local (Van Wert)**, served as the evening's master of ceremonies. **Robert McPheron, Bath Local (Allen)**, introduced the dinner entertainment, Bath Local's Bath High School Chamber Chorale, directed by **Sarah Haselman**.

Region Immediate Past President **David Spridgeon, Arcadia Local (Hancock)**, led the regional executive committee elections. The OSBA update was delivered by Executive Director Lewis, and OSBA Lobbyist **Jay Smith** provided a legislative update.

OSBA Deputy Director **Rob Delane** presented awards to the Outstanding Board Member nominees, which included **Barbara Dysinger, Findlay City**; **Timothy Krugh, Lake Local (Wood)**; **Timothy McKinney, Bath Local**; **Ronald Meyer, Northeastern Local (Defiance)**; and **Springfield Local (Lucas)** board members **Everett Harris, Keiran Menacher** and **Kenneth Musch**.

Dysinger will be named to the All-Ohio School Board at the OSBA Capital Conference on Nov. 13.

Linda Steinbrunner, Coldwater EV, honored the veteran board members, which included 20-year veteran Meyer; 15-year veterans **Faith Denslow, Sandusky City**; **James T. Singer, Central Local (Defiance)**; and **Larry Sykes, Toledo City**; and 10-year veterans **Sue Bendele, Ottoville Local (Putnam)**; **William Goeche, Putnam County ESC**; **Marcia Hovest** and **Richard Wahl, Pandora-Gilboa Local (Putnam)**; and **Jackie Place, Bath Local** and **Apollo Career Center**.

Many district and community members participated in presenting the Northwest Region's Humanitarian Award, Who's Who Excellence Award for Outstanding Leadership and Excellence in Community Service Award. **Kevin Landin, Ottoville Local (Putnam)**, presented the region's first Honorary Humanitarian Award to Ottawa-Glandorf High School student **Katrina Ripenhoff**, who had a successful heart transplant last year and will be attending Bowling Green State University next fall to become a middle school teacher. Other humanitarian awardees included **Dianna Downing**, classified staff, Bath Local; **Amy Schwartz, Brooke Zerbe, Jennifer Stephenson** and **Nancy Sullivan**, teachers, **Spencerville Local (Allen)**; **Brenda Northrop, Oregon City**; the **Apollo Career Center Student**

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Council; **Jeff Horner**, student, Apollo Career Center; Bath Middle School students; and Bath Local parents **Jeremy and Darcy Schneider** and **Tim Parker**.

The Who's Who Excellence Award for Outstanding Leadership awards went to Dysinger; **Sarah Baumgartner**, student, Pandora-Gilboa Local; **Jill Vogelsang**, teacher, Bath Local; **Nancy Jenkins**, classified staff, Bath Local; and **Paula Beaupry**, classified staff, **North Baltimore Local (Wood)**.

The Excellence in Community Service honorees included **Chris Renner**, elementary principal, Bath Local; **Ethan Phillip Degan**, student, Bath Local; **Adam Rohrbaugh**, teacher, Bath Local; **Avinash Rajasekaran**, student, **Shawnee Local (Allen)**; **Doug Bodey**, director, Apollo Career Center; **Dylan Green**, student, Bath Local and Apollo Career Center; **Jared Ross**, student, Bath Local; **Chris Walendzak** and **Deb Soncrant**, directors, Oregon City; and **Elaine Bradley** and the National Honor Society, Bath Local.

The Northwest Region Educational Book Grants were awarded to **Jenna Stechschulte**, Arcadia Local; **Ethan Lynch**, **Seneca East Local (Seneca)**; **Alexandra Sandwich**, **Woodmore Local (Sandusky)**; and **Brittany Hoffman**, Oregon City.

The Northwest Region Spring Conference will be March 13 at the Vanguard-Sentinel Career and Technology Centers. Leadership, humanitarian and community

service awards will be presented at the spring conference; nomination forms are available at www.ohio.schoolboards.org/nw-region.

Southeast Region

*by Paul D. Mock
regional manager*

The Southeast Region enjoyed a successful fall conference with 170 registered, representing 35 of the region's 84 districts. **Tri-County Career Center** in Nelsonville was the setting for the evening, where a wonderful meal was enjoyed by all. The meal was prepared by chef **Clarence Steadman**, chef **Anthony Adami** and students in Hocking College's Culinary Arts program. Hors d'oeuvres were prepared by students in the Tri-County Career Center's Culinary Arts program.

The Athens County High School Jazz Band, directed by **Terry Robb** from **Nelsonville-York City**, entertained attendees. The band is comprised of students from various high schools in Athens County. Other Tri-County Career Center student programs and their advisers assisted with the evening's activities, including the Fashion and Marketing program, instructed by **Melissa Gee**; the SkillsUSA team from the Computer Tech program, instructed by **Tom McGreevey**; and Student Ambassadors. Guests for the evening included **Neil Hinton**, dean of the School of Engineering Technologies, Hocking College Energy Institute; **William L. Phillis**, executive director, Ohio Coalition for Equity

& Adequacy of School Funding, and his wife, **Betty**; Judge **Linton D. Lewis Jr.** and his wife, **Anna**; and four OSBA past presidents.

Region President **Daniel L. Hothem**, **River View Local (Coshocton)** and **Coshocton County Career Center**, presided over the meeting, with OSBA Executive Director **Lewis** providing association updates and greetings. OSBA Director of Legislative Services **Damon Asbury** provided a legislative update.

During the business meeting, **Gail Requardt**, **East Muskingum Local (Muskingum)** and **Mid-East Career and Technology Centers**, was elected 2014 region president-elect. **David Carter**, **East Guernsey Local (Guernsey)**, will assume the duties as region president in 2014.

Hothem; OSBA Immediate Past President **Sharon E. Manson**, **Waverly City** and **Pike County Career Technology Center**; and OSBA Deputy Executive Director **Rob Delane** recognized the following veteran board members for 10 years of service: **Wendy Aichele**, **Southern Local (Perry)**; **Robert Cornwell**, **Gallipolis City** and **Gallia-Jackson-Vinton JVSD**; **Dale DeRolph**, **Northern Local (Perry)**; **Terry Hutchison**, **Tri-Valley Local (Muskingum)**; **Tom Kearns**, **Wolf Creek Local (Washington)**; **John J. Orlett**, **Northwest Local (Scioto)**; and **Debbie West**, **Warren Local (Washington)** and **Washington County Career Center**. **Lynn Angell**, **Gallipolis City**, and

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OSBA Levy University presents

Levy success: Understand, communicate and connect



Thursday, Dec. 5 • 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
Cost is \$150

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

Board members, superintendents, treasurers and key community communicators will benefit from this informative seminar. Spend the morning with school finance experts who will help you understand types of levies, how to structure a levy and how to determine when to put a levy on the ballot. They will share practical strategies for understanding a school district's financial landscape and knowing what guideposts to watch for as you plan for the future. Hear how to get the most out of your five-year forecast and how it can help you move to action.

In the afternoon, representatives from two Ohio school districts will share their ballot issue success stories. The day will conclude with ample time for participant dialogue and Q&A.

Agenda

9 a.m. Registration

9:30 a.m. Welcome

Kathy LaSota, director of school board services, OSBA

9:45 a.m. Smart tools for financial planning

- Using your five-year forecast for levy planning
 - How to determine your levy needs
- Michael Sobul, consultant, Public Finance Resources Inc. (PFR)*

11 a.m. Break

11:15 a.m. A comprehensive look at school levies

- Levy types
 - Structure and timing of your levy
- Michael Sobul*

12:15 p.m. Lunch (provided)

1 p.m.

Strategies for a successful levy campaign — the school district and board of education perspective

In 2010, voters overwhelmingly supported **Princeton City's** plan for a new high school and middle school, with 58% of voters saying "yes." In 2012, voters approved the first operating levy since 1999. Hear strategies that worked for this large, diverse district.
Dr. Gary Pack, superintendent, Princeton City

2 p.m.

Break

2:15 p.m.

The ninth try's a charm

It took nine tries, but in 2011, this financially embattled school system passed its first operating levy since 2002 by only 74 votes. Find out what tipped it over the edge.
Greg Power, superintendent, and Melinda Briggs, communications coordinator, Little Miami Local (Warren)

3:15 p.m.

Open dialogue and Q&A

4 p.m.

Adjourn

Register online at www.ohioschoolboards.com/event_listing or contact **Laurie Miller**, OSBA senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000, ext. 284; (800) 589-OSBA or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org.

Management Development Series #4:



School Transportation Survival Guide

Tuesday, Dec. 10
OSBA office, Columbus

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Cost is \$150

Are you ready for the unexpected transportation emergency? Do you have enough buses to transport your students safely? Do your drivers meet the requirements for school bus operators, including background checks, drug and alcohol tests, driving records and training requirements? And in the worst-case scenario, if your transportation administrator resigns tomorrow, what do you need to do first, whom do you call and how do you get the job covered so it is not on your plate?

Join OSBA staff in this fast-paced discussion that will lead you through many of the aspects of student transportation — some of which you may have not thought twice about. We will help you understand what you need to have in place, what you need to know and how to keep transportation a support service that is *not* in your district's

spotlight.

This course is intended to be a starting point for new transportation administrators, as well as a thought-provoking session for veteran school administrators, including superintendents and business managers, who are directly responsible for their district's pupil transportation services. Join us on this venture into cataloging what you have in place and what can be put in place through a professional development plan for your team that will help them and your district.

OSBA staff presenting at this workshop include **Van D. Keating**, director of management services; **Renee L. Fambro**, deputy director of labor relations; **Pete Japikse**, senior transportation consultant; **Mike Miller**, transportation consultant; and **Kenna S. Haycox**, policy consultant.

Agenda

- 8:30 a.m. Registration and continental breakfast
- 9 a.m. Introductions and overview — setting the stage
- 9:30 a.m. Operational issues
- 11 a.m. Safety and compliance issues
- 1 p.m. Governance
- 2:30 p.m. Uh oh ... what do we do now?
- 3 p.m. Adjourn

This workshop includes a working lunch (provided).

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

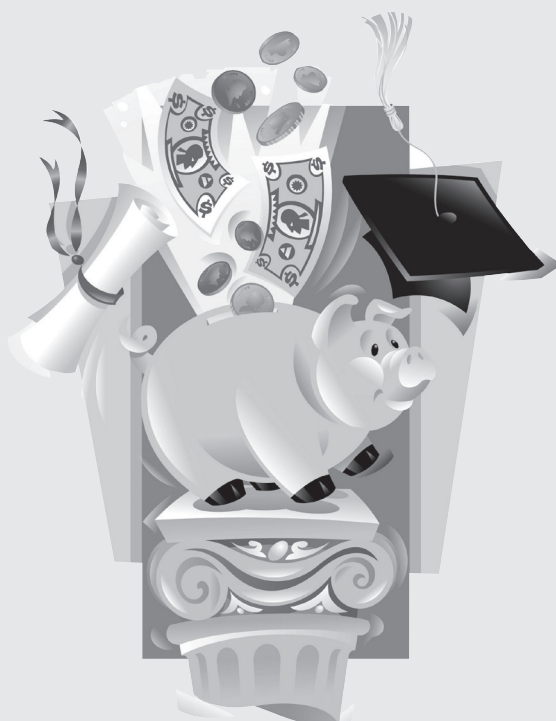
Winter School Finance Workshop

Monday, Dec. 9
OSBA office, Columbus
9:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

School funding, tax policy 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.

Get an insider's view on what is being discussed at the Statehouse from a reporter's perspective. Hear about current state budget revenue and forecasting trends within the Office of Budget and Management. Get an update on upcoming Government Accounting Standards Board changes and how they will affect public schools, as well as pension systems. In addition, learn about the Ohio Department of Education's compliance, subgroup accountability and coding changes. You also will get information on new College Credit Plus recommendations. We'll be 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.



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SchoolComp Safety Seminar



Friday, Dec. 13

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 an equal amount of money, avoidable accidents still occur.

When many school employees think about accidents, the focus becomes workers' compensation and safety. Yet, the other area of safety is

insurance. This workshop will look at accidents and safety from an insurance point of view. Exactly what issues or areas does school insurance cover and what are the major concerns and focus? How does safety training fit into the picture and does it overlap with workers' compensation? And where do students fit into safety plans and training?

Insurance experts from Ohio School Plan will discuss safety and liability issues from their vantage points, which can be different from the workers' compensation perspective. CompManagement representatives will close out the presentation with a discussion of recent, important changes in Ohio's programs that districts need to be aware of.

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.

Agenda

8:30 a.m.

Registration

9 a.m.

School safety and liability issues

Student activities; district-owned vehicles other than buses; training to reduce risk; and the Globally Harmonized System of Labeling

Noon

Lunch (provided)

12:30 p.m.

School safety and liability issues discussion (continued)

1:30 p.m.

Workers' compensation program updates

2:30 p.m.

Adjourn

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.

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Help OSBA support the Children's Hunger Alliance. In addition to serving 5,000 meals to kids in eight Ohio counties every day, the alliance also provides winter clothing to children in after-school programs. You can support this cause during the OSBA Capital Conference. OSBA will collect new hats, scarves, gloves and mittens in all sizes for children ages 6 to 18 during the conference at the OSBA Bookstore, Pavilion, Registration and Information Station. If you'd rather make a monetary donation, visit the Children's Hunger Alliance in the Trade Show at booth 1517.

Join OSBA at the Tuesday Night Event — Celebrating for a Cause — for an evening of food, fun and dancing, and updates on the total donations received during the OSBA Capital Conference. Children's winter clothing also will be collected during the event.

PUPIL TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATOR TRAINING PROGRAM

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

These half-day workshops will include a working lunch and time for questions. Register online at www.ohioschoolboards.com/event_listing or contact Laurie Miller, OSBA senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000, ext. 284; (800) 589-OSBA or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org.



PUPIL TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATOR TRAINING PROGRAM #1 *RULES AND LAWS GOVERNING OHIO PUPIL TRANSPORTATION*

Wednesday, Jan. 8 • 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. • \$90 • OSBA office, Columbus

Ohio schools transport more than 900,000 students daily, using approximately 13,000 school buses. These school buses, which have been repeatedly proven to be the safest form of pupil transportation — nearly 30 times safer than the typical passenger vehicle — travel nearly 1 million miles daily to accomplish this monumental task.

Because of this and other factors, pupil transportation is one of the most regulated services nationwide, as well as in Ohio. Recently, changes were enacted in a number of the administrative rules, as well as in the Ohio Revised Code through House Bill 59. This workshop will explore the various federal and state regulations that transportation administrators need to be familiar with to ensure that their student transportation is safe, dependable and compliant with both laws and best practices.

Join OSBA school transportation services staff for a fast-paced, in-depth discussion of current laws and best practices used throughout the state.

PUPIL TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATOR TRAINING PROGRAM #2 *PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TRANSPORTATION*

Wednesday, Jan. 22 • 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. • \$90 • OSBA office, Columbus

In today's economic climate, school districts across the state are exploring cost-saving measures to streamline their budgets and maximize efficiencies. Because of this, several districts are considering payment in lieu of transportation.

The Ohio Revised Code provides detailed procedures districts must follow to determine transportation for a particular student is impractical. When followed successfully, this resolution leads to paying the parent in lieu of transportation, and subsequently bus service is not required.

This workshop will review the detailed steps that must be followed, discuss the reasons why it may be considered and help administrators and others better understand this option and how to successfully implement it.

OSBA Senior Transportation Consultant **Pete Japikse** will lead this session. As the former state pupil transportation director, he has firsthand knowledge of this process and what it entails.

Get up to speed quickly!

Don't miss the New Board Member Academy



Two dates and four locations to choose from:

- Jan. 11-12 at the Dayton Marriott, Dayton, or the Embassy Suites Cleveland-Rockside, Independence
- Jan. 18-19 at the Columbus Airport Marriott, Columbus, or the Findlay Inn & Conference Center, Findlay

School boardmanship is more complex and demanding than ever. To carry out their leadership duties effectively, new school board members must move from the role of an involved citizen to that of a responsible elected official as soon as possible. High-quality board member training, designed specifically for newly elected board members, can help you become a more effective educational leader in your community.

This intensive Saturday-Sunday academy will focus on the world of boardmanship; communicating effectively; board policy 101; Ohio public school funding; transportation, policy and employee relations issues; and the Sunshine Law and executive sessions.

Cost for the workshop is \$200 per board member. Four books are included with workshop tuition: *Boardmanship*, *Board-Treasurer Partnership*, *Board-Superintendent Partnership* and *Board-Legislature Partnership*.

Agenda

Saturday

8 a.m.	Registration and breakfast
9 a.m.	Welcome and overview
9:10 a.m.	Regional manager remarks
9:20 a.m.	Boardmanship — roles and responsibilities
10:30 a.m.	Coffee break
10:45 a.m.	Boardmanship — conduct and ethics
11:30 a.m.	Media relations and social media
12:30 p.m.	Lunch (provided)
1:15 p.m.	Legal
2:30 p.m.	Lightning round with OSBA school board services, communications services and legal services staff
3 p.m.	Legal (continued)
3:45 p.m.	Daily wrap-up

Sunday

8:30 a.m.	Breakfast
9:30 a.m.	Welcome back and overview
9:45 a.m.	Management services
10:30 a.m.	Break
10:45 a.m.	Management services
11:45 a.m.	Lunch
12:30 p.m.	Legislative issues, lobbying and finance
1:30 p.m.	Lightning round with OSBA management services and legislative services staff
2 p.m.	Legislative issues, lobbying and finance (continued)
2:45 p.m.	Wrap-up and adjourn

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WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

Levy success: Understand, communicate and connect
☐ Dec. 5, Columbus, \$150

Management Development Series #4: School Transportation Survival Guide
☐ Dec. 10, Columbus, \$150

Choosing Your Board Officers
☐ Dec. 17, free webinar

Pupil Transportation Administrator Training Program #1: Rules and laws governing Ohio pupil transportation
☐ Jan. 8, Columbus, \$90

Board Meeting Best Practices
☐ Jan. 15, webinar, \$35

Pupil Transportation Administrator Training Program #2: Payment in Lieu of Transportation
☐ Jan. 22, Columbus, \$90

New Board Member Academy
☐ Jan. 11-12, Dayton, \$200
☐ Jan. 11-12, Independence, \$200
☐ Jan. 18-19, Columbus, \$200
☐ Jan. 18-19, Findlay, \$200

OSBA Workshop Registration Form

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

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



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

Please photocopy this form for each person

OSBA workshop registration procedures

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

Award of Achievement/LPDC

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



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Please include a purchase
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the bottom of the page. You will need a username
and password.

Cancellation and refund policy

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

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Jeanette Thomas, Athens-Meigs ESC, were recognized for 20 years of service.

Lewis, Manson and Hothem presented the Southeast Region Outstanding School Board Member Awards to **Roddy O. Hineman, Belpre City** and Washington County Career Center; **Larry E. Holdren, Ohio Valley ESC** and Washington County Career Center; Dr. **Ralph Smith, Maysville Local (Muskingum)**; and Hothem. Holdren was chosen to represent the Southeast Region on the All-Ohio School Board and will be recognized at the OSBA Capital Conference on Nov. 13.

Hothem, Manson and Carter presented plaques to the top recipients in the region's Outstanding Recognition Program. Sixty-three nominations were received from 22 school districts. The Outstanding Student Program went to the 21st Century program from **Zanesville City's** National Road Elementary School. The Outstanding Male Student was awarded to **Hao Tinh Son Le** and the Outstanding Female Student was **Ashley McLean**, both from **Franklin Local's (Muskingum)** Philo High School.

Other awards included: Outstanding Faculty Member **Mary Robinson**, East Muskingum Local; Outstanding Classified Staff Member **Chris Slaughter**, River View Local; Outstanding Treasurer **Lily M. Blevins, Gallia-Vinton ESC**; Outstanding Volunteer **Marsha McCorkle, Oak Hill Union Local (Jackson)**;

Outstanding Administrator **Thomas J. Gibbs**, former superintendent at Warren Local and **Fort Frye Local (Washington)**; and Outstanding New Program or Innovation to the **Muskingum Valley ESC's** Lean Six Sigma program.

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 **Raymond E. Griffith**, a retired vocational agriculture teacher from Coshocton 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 region and has gone above and beyond in promoting children and public education.

The 2013 recipient was Judge Lewis, a 1971 graduate of **New Lexington City's** New Lexington High School, where he was co-valedictorian. He earned his bachelor of science degree in education, summa cum laude, from The Ohio State University in 1976 and graduated from the University of Dayton School of Law in 1979, upper quarto. He served as an assistant prosecutor in Muskingum County from 1979 to 1982, Perry County Court judge from 1983 to 1990 and Perry County Court of Common Pleas

judge from 1990 to 2010. Since his retirement in 2010, he has served as a sitting judge by assignment by the Ohio Supreme Court.

Lewis' historic decision in the *DeRolph v. Ohio* court case reflects the true and rightful interpretation of the Ohio Constitution regarding public schools. His judicial wisdom in the court case was not just about the children from Perry County, it was about every child in Ohio.

The following districts were recognized for their registration numbers: Northern Local for having five board members, superintendent and treasurer in attendance; Southern Local with four board members attending; Gallia-Vinton ESC and East Muskingum Local with four board members, superintendent and treasurer attending; and Athens-Meigs ESC with six board members, superintendent and treasurer attending.

The 2014 region conferences will be March 4 at **Buckeye Hills Career Center** in Rio Grande; March 6 at Northern Local's Sheridan High School in Thornville; and Sept. 25 at **Alexander Local's (Athens)** Alexander High School in Albany.

Southwest Region

*by Ronald J. Diver
regional manager*

The Southwest Region Fall Conference was held Oct. 10 at Sinclair Community College in Dayton, with 261 registered. The event was sponsored by Microbe

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Free Solutions. **Greenville City's** Greenville High School Jazz Scene, directed by **J.R. Price**, entertained attendees. The group also accompanied the singing of the national anthem, while **Dayton City's** Belmont High School Junior ROTC presented the colors. Region President **Jim Sommer**, Greenville City, chaired the meeting.

Sommer recognized 15 school districts with at least three board members registered, and welcomed eight new superintendents and two new treasurers to the region, wishing them the best in their new leadership roles.

Framed certificates were presented to 29 Southwest Region programs chosen as participants in the 2013 OSBA Capital Conference Student Achievement Fair. A framed certificate also was prepared for **Wayne Local's (Warren)** Wayne Middle School Garage Band for being chosen as the Southwest Region's 2013 Student Achievement Fair performing group.

A surprise Friend of the Southwest award was presented to **Greene County Career Center** Superintendent **Daniel J. Schroer** for his support of the Southwest Region this year.

National School Boards Association (NSBA) Immediate Past President **C. Ed Massey**, of Boone County Schools in Hebron, Ky., provided an update on NSBA and the plans to place more emphasis on state leadership. OSBA Executive Director Lewis provided an update on OSBA

activities. OSBA Lobbyist **Jay Smith** provided a legislative update and talked about the implications of the most recent and pending legislation. OSBA Deputy Executive Director **Rob Delane** and Lewis assisted with the presentations.

Region Immediate Past President **Randall E. Smith**, **Forest Hills Local (Hamilton)**, presented the region nominating committee report for 2014, which was adopted as presented. **Gail Martindale**, **Cedar Cliff Local (Greene)** and Greene County Career Center, was elected 2014 region president-elect.

Cindy Kettlewell, daughter of the late **Al Kettlewell**, presented the 12th annual Al Kettlewell Awards for outstanding board leadership to Martindale; **Larry Green**, **Preble County ESC**; and **Joy Weaver**, **Montgomery County ESC** and **Miami Valley Career Technology Center**. Weaver was chosen to represent the Southwest Region on the All-Ohio School Board and will be recognized at the OSBA Capital Conference on Nov. 13.

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. The Outstanding New Student Programs were Medical Information Management, **Upper Valley Career Center**; Turbo Tigers, **Troy City**; and Jewett Do It Club, **Hamilton City**. Outstanding

Ongoing Student Programs were Computer Information Technology, **Ross Local (Butler)**; Fermata Nowhere, **Talawanda City**; and National Honor Society, **Little Miami Local (Warren)**.

Outstanding Volunteer Programs were Mock Trial Team, **Springfield City**; Community Services Program, Miami Valley Career Technology Center; and Goshen Reads, **Goshen Local (Clermont)**. Outstanding Multi-district Impact Program awards went to High School of Business, **Great Oaks ITCD**; Adult Ed ABLE/GED Program, Miami Valley Career Technology Center; and Digital Arts and Design, **Warren County Career Center**. Special Recognition Programs were Global Leadership Project, Greene County Career Center; Teaching Professions at Milford EV, Great Oaks ITCD and **Milford EV**; and Computer Information Systems, Greenville City.

Seven nominees for the Ohio Teacher of the Year from the Southwest Region were honored, including **Betsy Beaton**, Talawanda City; **Elizabeth-Lisa Diemunsch**, Springfield City; **Kolleen Hyrb**, Northmont City; **Mindy Jurus**, Centerville City; **Jim Prater**, Mad River Local (Montgomery); **Michele Ritzie**, Princeton City; and **Keith Vinson**, Middletown City.

The 12th annual Friend of Education award was presented to Dr. **David H. Ponitz**, Sinclair Community College president emeritus.



NEWS

by Amanda Finney, senior marketing coordinator

Two new staff members join OSBA; another takes new position

OSBA welcomed two new staff members earlier this fall: **Roni Dalchuk** and **Steve Horton**.

Another staff member, **Lyn Saari**, moved into a full-time position.

Dalchuk serves as the OSBA mailroom's printing and production assistant in the Division of Communication Services. In her new role, Dalchuk assists the mailroom with printing, mailings and other projects.

Dalchuk formerly worked for Teach for America, teaching Spanish at W.L. Green Middle School in Nashville N.C. She also was a career instructor for job seekers and served as a volunteer for Cheshire Elementary School, McNeill Elementary School, the River and Life Community Church. She earned her bachelor of arts degree in anthropology from the College of Wooster and is a graduate of **Adena Local's (Ross)** Adena High School.

Dalchuk can be reached at (800) 589-OSBA, ext. 114; (614) 540-4000 ext. 114; or rdalchuk@ohioschoolboards.org.

Horton joined OSBA as a school board services consultant in the Division of School Board Services. He assists districts with executive searches; presents at workshops and in-service programs; consults

with boards of education and their districts; writes for OSBA publications; and more.

Horton comes to the association as a former trainer for Nuvo Technologies based in Cincinnati. He also served as a school board member in **Mount Healthy City**, where he graduated from high school.

Horton earned his bachelor of arts degree in music education from Ohio Wesleyan University and completed additional graduate work at Wright State University.

He is a member of the Custom, Electronic, Design and Installation Association and volunteers for several Mount Healthy organizations.

He can be reached at (800) 589-OSBA, ext. 274; (614) 540-4000, ext. 274; or shorton@ohioschoolboards.org.

In another change, Saari moved into a full-time role in the Division of Management Services as administrative assistant. She replaced **Linda Photos**, who

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OSBA webinars

Learning delivered to your computer

To register for these webinars, contact Laurie Miller at (800) 589-OSBA, (614) 540-4000 or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org. You also can register by visiting www.ohioschoolboards.org/event_listing.



Choosing Your Board Officers

Tuesday, Dec. 17 • 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. • Free webinar

Selecting your school board officers is more than just saying, "It's your turn." There are critical factors to consider as the board looks to be a strong asset in meeting the district's goals. This free webinar will help you think about how to effectively select your school board's leadership.

Board Meeting Best Practices

Wednesday, Jan. 15 • 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. • Paid webinar • \$35

In Ohio, there are many examples of best practices being used on a regular basis at board of education meetings. This webinar will share some of these best practices. You will have an opportunity to discuss these ideas and see if there are some you could implement.

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retired earlier this year.

Saari previously served as the part-time afternoon receptionist for the association. In her new role,

she will assist the management services division with policy, transportation and management services projects.

She can be reached at (800) 589-OSBA, ext. 240; (614) 540-4000, ext. 240; or Isaari@ohioschoolboards.org.



LEGISLATIVE REPORT

by Michelle Francis, deputy director of legislative services

Legislation on diabetes care, epi-pens in schools gets attention

HB 264 — Diabetes

House Bill (HB) 264, co-sponsored by Rep. **Lynn Wachtmann** (R-Napoleon) and Rep. **John Barnes** (D-Cleveland), would place significant mandates on districts serving students with diabetes. The bill is currently pending in the House Health and Aging Committee.

Specifically, the bill:

- Requires districts to have a school nurse or school employee who is trained to care for students with diabetes on-site at all times before, during and after school for any school-sponsored activities, including extracurricular activities and field trips.
- Requires schools to have an adequate number of school employees trained in diabetes care and includes language for employees to volunteer to be trained in diabetes care.
- Requires schools to provide “appropriate and needed diabetes care” and defines that care to include:
 - ◆ checking and recording blood

glucose and ketone levels;

- ◆ administering glucagon and other emergency treatments;
- ◆ administering insulin;
- ◆ providing oral diabetes medication;
- ◆ tracking meal and snack schedules and food intake to calculate medication dosages.
- Requires bus drivers transporting students with diabetes and school employees who supervise students with diabetes to have specialized emergency training in recognizing and reacting to hypoglycemia and hyperglycemia.
- Requires districts to allow diabetic students to attend their regular school regardless of whether the district has the resources to make sure appropriate staff is on hand in that building to provide the necessary services.
- Allows students to self-manage their diabetes in any area of the school or school grounds. This includes allowing students to possess all supplies (including

needles) and equipment necessary to monitor and treat their diabetes.

OSBA, along with the Buckeye Association of School Administrators and the Ohio Association of School Business Officials sent a joint call to action on this bill and asked board members, superintendents and treasurers to contact legislators about it. We believe the bill includes many provisions that are vague and/or over-reaching.

The lobbyists from the organizations recently met with Wachtmann, who also is the chairman of the House Health and Aging Committee. We outlined many of our concerns with the current version of the legislation. He indicated that further work on the bill is needed as a result of stakeholder feedback. He asked that we work with other stakeholder groups on a compromise version of the bill, and expressed a willingness to address some of the issues we

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PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Bryan Bullock, assistant editor

Marion City's Learning Cafe feeds high school students' minds

An after-school program in **Marion City** is giving students a wealth of new learning opportunities.

Marion Harding High School is using a federal grant to launch the Learning Cafe, a program that will offer traditional and nontraditional courses on and off campus. Courses may be taken for college credit, core course credit, elective credit and to fulfill community service requirements needed to graduate from high school.

The school will offer 28 courses this school year at various buildings on campus and at locations in the community. Students will be provided transportation and possibly a meal.

"We are making high school relevant to our customers," high school principal **Kirk Koennecke** told a local newspaper. "The idea is that we are reducing barriers that keep kids and adults from wanting to be here."

The after-school program boasts

a variety of unique courses, including a greenhouse construction project; a business basics class taught by members of the Marion Young Professionals; and art and theater projects, like a comedy course that combines improv, sketch and stand-up comedy. Many of the courses will be offered through partnerships with community agencies and businesses.

Source: *The Marion Star*

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raised.

In addition to providing feedback on possible changes to HB 264, we are working to highlight the practices school districts already use in serving students with diabetes. It would be helpful if school district representatives would testify at future committee hearings to provide information about current practices. We question the need for the legislation, but we believe that lawmakers are not aware of how districts are already serving the needs of these students. To date, the committee has not heard testimony about why the legislation may be unnecessary.

Please continue to express

concerns about HB 264 when you speak with legislators. We also encourage you to contact the House Health and Aging Committee — either by letter or through testimony — with information on how your district serves students with diabetes.

HB 296 — Epi-pens

HB 296, co-sponsored by Rep. **Terry Johnson** (R-McDermott) and **Mike Duffey** (R-Worthington), would authorize schools to stock epinephrine auto-injectors (epi-pens). It is currently pending in the House Education Committee.

Specifically, the bill:

- Permits — does not require — schools to stock epi-pens without a

license for emergency situations.

- Includes provisions providing civil immunity for schools and school employees.
- Permits drug manufacturers to donate epi-pens to schools.
- Permits schools to receive financial donations for purchasing epi-pens.

OSBA worked with the sponsors and proponents of the legislation prior to its introduction to ensure the legislation is permissive and provides adequate immunity.

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 Nov. 1.

November 2013

- 10-13 OSBA Capital Conference..... Columbus
- 11 Central Region Executive Committee Meeting Columbus

December 2013

- 2 Southwest Region Executive Committee Meeting Lebanon
- 3 BoardDocs webinar: Information for districts considering paperless board meetings
- 4 Northeast Region Executive Committee Meeting TBD
- 5 Levy success: Understand, communicate and connect Columbus
- 9 Winter School Finance Workshop Columbus
- 10 Management Development Series #4 workshop Columbus
- 13 SchoolComp Safety Seminar Columbus
- 13 Post-general election campaign finance reports must be filed by candidates, political action committees, caucus committees (legislative campaign funds) and political parties (by 4 p.m.) detailing contributions and expenditures through Dec. 6, 2013 — RC 3517.10.

- 17 Choosing Your Board Officers webinar
- 31 Last day for treasurer to canvass the board to establish a date of the organizational meeting — RC 3313.14.

January 2014

- 6 Last day for voter registration for February election — RC 3503.01, 3503.19(A) (30 days prior to the election).
- 8 Pupil Transportation Administrator Training Program #1..... Columbus
- 11-12 New Board Member Academy .. Dayton
- 11-12 New Board Member Academy Independence
- 15 Board Meeting Best Practices webinar
- 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).
- 18-19 New Board Member Academy Columbus
- 18-19 New Board Member Academy ..Findlay
- 20 Last day for boards of education to submit fiscal tax-year budget to county auditor — RC 5705.30.

- 21 Last day to submit certification for May conversion levy to tax commissioner — RC 5705.219(B) (105 days prior to election).
- 22 Pupil Transportation Administrator Training Program #2.....Columbus
- 27 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).
- 31 Annual campaign finance reports due (by 4 p.m.) detailing contributions and expenditures through Dec. 31, 2013 — RC 3517.10; deadline for educational service center (ESC) governing boards to meet and organize — RC 3313.14; 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).

February 2014

- 4 Special Election Day — RC 3501.01(first Tuesday after the first Monday).
- 5 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); last day for county auditor to certify school district bond levy terms for May election — RC 133.18(C).