

# BRIEF CASE

## THE OHIO SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

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### Yost: Charter schools can expect more surprise attendance audits

Ohio Auditor of State **Dave Yost** announced on Sept. 24 that his office will conduct a second round of surprise attendance audits at charter schools to make sure taxpayer funds are being spent appropriately. Last year, his office made unannounced visits to 30 charter schools and found several cases of inaccurate attendance records on which state funding to the schools is based. Yost added that the upcoming round of reviews will include new components not examined in last year's audits.

### OSBA sends Capital Conference materials to school district treasurers

Packets with name badges, tickets, ribbons and the *Conference Guide* for the 2015 OSBA Capital Conference have been sent to district treasurers. If your district has not yet registered for the 60th annual conference, Nov. 8-11 in Columbus, contact **Ann Herritt** at (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA, or download registration materials at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/43635>. OSBA is offering a special school district group registration rate: once your district has signed up at least seven people for the conference, an unlimited number of additional individuals can register for free. For complete conference details, visit <http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org>.

### NSBA honors Cleveland Municipal for excellence in urban education

**Cleveland Municipal** is one of three districts in the nation to be honored with a prestigious award from the National School Boards Association's Council of Urban Boards of Education (CUBE). The district received the 2015 CUBE Award for Urban School Board Excellence Oct. 3 during CUBE's annual conference in Phoenix. The award honors successful urban school boards for their strategic vision, sound governance practices and powerful commitment to raising student achievement.

### Akron City school board member earns national recognition

The Rev. Dr. **Curtis T. Walker Sr.**, **Akron City**, has received the 2015 Benjamin Elijah Mays Lifetime Achievement Award from the National School Boards Association's Council of Urban Boards of Education. The award is given to an individual who has demonstrated a lifetime commitment to representing the educational needs of urban schoolchildren through service as a local school board member. Former **Youngstown City** board member **Lock P. Beachum Sr.** received the award in 2014.

### Governor appoints new State Board of Education member

Gov. **John R. Kasich** has appointed retired Ashland University Provost **Frank Pettigrew Jr.** to an at-large seat on the State Board of Education. Pettigrew's term will last through 2016. He replaces Ohio Christian University President **Mark Smith**, who

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resigned in September, citing a busy travel schedule. Kasich still must fill an elected seat vacated by **Robert F. Hagan**, a former state representative who took a job in Washington, D.C. Hagan, who resigned earlier this year, represented the board's District 8 in eastern Ohio. The term for that seat also runs through 2016.

### National competition seeks outstanding youth volunteers

Prudential Financial and the National Association of Secondary School Principals are seeking outstanding youth volunteers in grades five through 12 to honor with the annual Prudential Spirit of Community Awards. The top two volunteers recognized in each state will be awarded \$1,000 and a trip to the nation's capital, where 10 of them will be named America's top youth volunteers. Those 10 will be awarded an additional \$5,000, as well as \$5,000

### Lorain students help 'Heat and Plumb the Country'

Lorain County JVSD students recently worked alongside contractors to help elderly, disabled or low-income homeowners and veterans in areas around greater Cleveland and Cuyahoga County.

Students in the heating, ventilation and cooling program performed water audits, plumbing repairs, and maintenance and safety checks on furnaces and other appliances as part of the 12th annual Heat and Plumb the Country campaign.

Air Conditioning Contractors of America and the Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors Association sponsored the event.

"I'm proud of the way these students stepped up and donated their time to a very worthy cause," instructor **David Morgan** said in a news release.

Source: Lorain County JVSD

in grants for the charities of their choice. For details and to apply, visit <http://spirit.prudential.com>. The application deadline is Nov. 3.

### ODE announces shorter times for 2015-16 state tests

The Ohio Department of Education has shortened the 2015-

2016 state tests in English language arts and mathematics by a range of 39% to 50% from the tests given in 2014-2015. The length of the social studies and science tests will remain the same as last year. For details, visit <http://links.ohio.schoolboards.org/41816>.

### OSBA online

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

Capital Conference and Trade Show attendees can use Twitter and Facebook to share their experiences online. Include #OSBACC in your tweet to share feedback on Twitter. You also can post and see conference updates on the OSBA Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/OHSchoolBoards](http://www.facebook.com/OHSchoolBoards). In addition, you can download the conference program phone application to your iPhone, iPad and Android devices via the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. You also can access the app at <http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org/app>.



## Briefcase

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# BULLETIN BOARD

compiled by Melanie Price, administrative assistant of communication services

## OSBA executive searches

### Treasurer

#### District

① Mansfield City

#### Deadline

Oct. 30

#### Contact

OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000



## Other searches

#### Position

Treasurer

#### District

Ada EV

#### Deadline

Oct. 16

#### Contact

Dr. **Suzanne Darmer**, superintendent,  
Ada EV, (419) 634-6421

## Board changes

Edison Local (Erie) Board of Education member **Holly J. Kamm** announced her resignation effective Sept. 17. She is moving out of the district. ●●● **Northwestern Local (Clark)** appointed **Andrew Gundolf** to the board effective Sept. 21. He replaced **Richard Birt Jr.**, who resigned.

## Administrative changes

### Superintendents

Galion City hired **James Grubbs Jr.** as superintendent effective Oct. 1. He replaced **Mark J. Stefanik**, who took a position out of state. Grubbs previously was the director of business affairs at **Pioneer Career & Technology Center**.

●●● **McDonald Local (Trumbull)** hired **Robert A. Rostan** as part-time superintendent effective Oct. 1. He replaced **Kenneth Halbert Jr.**, who resigned in August. ●●● **Wynford Local (Crawford)** Superintendent **Steve Mohr** announced his retirement effective Dec. 31.

### Treasurers

Ada EV Treasurer **Christy L. Beaschler** announced her resignation effective Dec. 7 to take a position at Ohio Northern University. ●●● **Eastwood Local (Wood)** hired **Robert B. McCracken** as treasurer effective Jan. 1. He will replace **David**

### Editor's note

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

R. Michel, who is retiring effective Dec. 31. McCracken currently is the treasurer at **Firelands Local (Lorain)**. ●●● **Salem City** hired Interim Treasurer **Robert P. Barrett** as treasurer effective Sept. 21. ●●● **Gahanna-Jefferson City** hired **Darren Meredith** as assistant treasurer effective Sept. 14. He replaced **Emily Dales**, who took the treasurer position at **Olmsted Falls City**.

### Sympathies

Former **Austintown Local (Mahoning)** Treasurer **Jane Faith McNamara** died Sept. 24. She was 82. ●●● **Robert Jack Rager**, a member of the former **Bloomdale** School District Board of Education in Wood County, died Sept. 23. He was 92. ●●● Former **Bradford EV** Assistant Treasurer **Janice Pauline Hocker** died Sept. 13. She was 88. ●●● Former **Indian Valley Local (Tuscarawas)** Superintendent **William Walter "Bill" Polk** died Aug. 30. He was 78. ●●● Former **Mathews Local (Trumbull)** Board of Education member **William "Bill" A. Hagood** died Sept. 17. He was 84. ●●● Former **Newton Local (Miami)** Board of Education member **Clare Raymond Weaver** died Sept. 15. He was 89.



## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

compiled by Angela Penquite, assistant editor

### Recognizing outstanding science teachers

The National Science Teachers Association honors science teachers who excel in the classroom. The awards recognize an outstanding high school teacher

who has made biotechnology learning accessible to the classroom; a K-12 STEM teacher; or individuals or organizations that have inspired and elevated the public's interest in and appreciation of science. Check the

website for a full list of awards.

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

**Eligibility:** varies

**Deadline:** Nov. 30

**Contact:** [www.nsta.org/about/awards.aspx](http://www.nsta.org/about/awards.aspx)

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# SchoolComp Safety Seminar



**Wednesday, Dec. 2**

**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](http://www.oasbo-ohio.org) or by calling (614) 431-9116.



## Management Development Series #4

# Recent legislative changes and board policy

Thursday, Oct. 15

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

OSBA office, Columbus

Cost is \$90



There have been many board policy updates resulting from recent legislative changes. Is your district in compliance with and aware of the changes that need to be made in the next few months stemming from the budget bill and other legislation? This workshop will provide a foundational overview of some of the recent changes, as well as a more detailed discussion of new programs and requirements. Presenters will provide information about changes to the Ohio teacher and principal evaluation systems, as well as an introduction to the new school counselor evaluation system. The workshop also will include information on recent updates to the third-grade reading guarantee and College Credit Plus program.

**9:30 a.m. Registration**

**9:55 a.m. Welcome and overview**

**10 a.m. Policy changes stemming from recent legislation**

OSBA policy consultants discuss policy changes stemming from the budget bill and other recent legislation. Topics will include details on College Credit Plus, the new school counselor evaluation system and recent changes to the teacher and principal evaluation systems.

**10:45 a.m. Break**

**11 a.m. Legislative perspective**

OSBA Lobbyist **Jennifer Hogue** discusses the budget bill and other recent legislative changes impacting schools.

**Noon**

**Lunch (provided)**

**1 p.m.**

**Legal update on student issues, including students with disabilities**

Attorney **Susan E. Geary** from Bricker and Eckler LLP discusses recent legislation and guidance for implementing the new requirements. Topics include implementing the new career advising requirements and recent Ohio Department of Education guidance on students with diabetes.

**2 p.m.**

**Closing thoughts and adjourn**

Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. Register online at [www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops) or contact **Laurie Miller**, senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or [Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org).

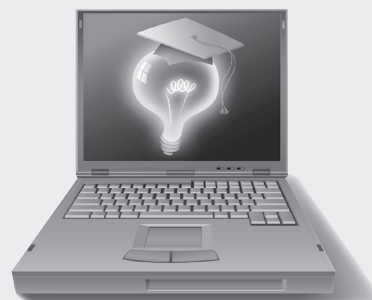
## What to say to your community about Ohio's 2015-16 state tests

Thursday, Oct. 22

1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Free webinar

What are the state tests? Why does Ohio need them? Who takes them? When are they administered and how long are they? OSBA is bringing in testing experts to help prepare you to answer your community's questions about Ohio's state tests for 2015-16. Register for this webinar by visiting [www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops). You also can register by contacting **Laurie Miller**, senior events manager, at (800) 589-OSBA; (614) 540-4000; or [Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org).



# School Law for Treasurers Workshop



**Friday, Oct. 16**  
**Embassy Suites, Columbus**  
**Cost: \$160**

Join OSBA for the annual School Law for Treasurers Workshop. Tailored exclusively for treasurers, this workshop will give you the tools you need to stay current.

Treasurers, assistant treasurers, business managers, board members and administrative teams are encouraged to attend.

**8:30 a.m. Registration and continental breakfast**  
**9 a.m. The Affordable Care Act (ACA): what you need to know now**

This ACA update will include a discussion of new reporting requirements for 2015 and health care coverage considerations for retire-rehire employees. *Gregory J. Viviani, Esq., partner, Squire Patton Boggs (US) LLP*

**10 a.m. After the bonds are issued: assuring post-issuance compliance**

Does your district have policies and procedures to ensure compliance with federal securities and tax law after the bonds are issued? Topics will include arbitrage yield restrictions and rebate requirements; annual financial reports and material event filings; and how to resolve past or current noncompliance issues for your district.

*Paul S. Rutter, Esq., managing director, Disclosure Advisors LLC*

**10:30 a.m. Break**

**10:45 a.m. Public-private partnership opportunities for Ohio schools**

Learn how economic development and cooperative statutes allow school districts to maximize resources, achieve savings and generate long-term revenue through public-private partnerships. Topics include use of undeveloped school land; financing alternatives for non-Ohio Facilities Construction Commission projects; and sale-lease-back opportunities.

*Kevin K. Malof, Esq., member, and David A. Rogers, Esq., chair, Public and Project Finance Team, Frost Brown Todd LLC*

**11:45 a.m. Lunch (provided)**  
**12:45 p.m. Understanding antitrust law**

This session will help treasurers understand the basics of antitrust law, including unlawful collusion among vendors, some of the most common red flags of collusion by sellers of goods and services to public entities and when and how to report detected anomalies in the purchasing process.

*Jennifer L. Pratt, Esq., antitrust section chief, and Anthony Dillard, antitrust investigator, Ohio attorney general's office*

**1:30 p.m. Legal hot topics**

Get answers to some of the most frequently asked questions that attorneys on OSBA's Legal Hotline have fielded from treasurers in the last year.

*Shadya Y. Yazback, Esq., deputy director of legal services, Ohio School Boards Association*

**2:15 p.m.**

**2:30 p.m.**

**Break**

**Do's and don'ts of public contracts: ethics and conflicts of interest**

This refresher course on Ohio ethics law will review conflict of interest concerns that can arise in the public contracting process.

*Maria J. Armstrong, Esq., chair, Regulated Industries Group, Bricker & Eckler LLP*

**3:30 p.m.**

**Adjourn**

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

The workshop will be conducted at the Embassy Suites, 2700 Corporate Exchange Drive, Columbus. The phone number is (614) 890-8600.

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

# OSBA MASTER OF TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATION (MTA) PROGRAM

Don't miss the kickoff of the 2015-16 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 — offered from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. — include a working lunch and time for questions. All but one of the classes are 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](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/transportation-training-programs) to learn about the MTA certification program. Tuition is \$90.



## Workshop dates and descriptions

### **Oct. 14 or 20 — T-reports and state funding**

Review the required data and how to report it to the Ohio Department of Education. Learn how the fiscal data is used to calculate school funding. Review driver qualification data, what needs to be entered and how to manage the data once entered.

### **Nov. 18 or 24 — The state and local budget process**

Learn about the state budget process, including how the biennial budget is created. Review school transportation budgets, how to create one and how to use previous budgets and cost analysis to forecast expenses. Finally, review what to do when state funding comes up short, and how transportation can be involved in various levy campaigns.

### **Dec. 9 or 16 — Transportation rules and regulations**

Review the federal, state and local rules and regulations that govern student transportation. This class is essential for new transportation administrators, as well as any school administrator involved in student transportation.

### **Feb. 3 or 9 — Federal regulations, guidance and agencies**

Learn about federal agencies, rules and regulations. Review the federal alphabet soup, including FMCSA, NHTSA, NTSB, TSB and ODI and the impacts that these have on daily transportation operations.

### **April 6 or 12 — Laws, rules and policy**

What is the difference between revised code, administrative code and department policy? Where does local board policy fit in? Are they all mandates or just best practices? Review the process through which ideas become a rule or regulation, and how to influence this process.

### **May 4 or 10 — Hot topics, safety, trends and statistics**

Review hot topics in student transportation, including seat belts in school buses. Learn about National Transportation Safety Board accident studies, Ohio school bus accident statistics and any topics that attendees bring from their local districts.

Register online at [www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops). You also can purchase a subscription plan for all the workshops in this series. For questions about the program or to register, contact **Diana Paulins**, OSBA senior administrative assistant of policy services, at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or [mta@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:mta@ohioschoolboards.org).



# WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

## Treasurers' Clinics

- ☐ Oct. 13, Perrysburg, \$160
- ☐ Oct. 15, Miamisburg, \$160
- ☐ Oct. 21, New Philadelphia, \$160

## MDS #4: Recent legislative changes and board policy

- ☐ Oct. 15, Columbus, \$90

## School Law for Treasurers Workshop

- ☐ Oct. 16, Columbus, \$160

## OSBA MTA program

- ☐ Oct. 14, Columbus, \$90
- ☐ Oct. 20, Columbus, \$90
- ☐ Nov. 18, Columbus, \$90
- ☐ Nov. 24, Columbus, \$90
- ☐ Dec. 9, Columbus, \$90
- ☐ Dec. 16, Columbus, \$90
- ☐ Feb. 3, Columbus, \$90
- ☐ Feb. 9, Columbus, \$90
- ☐ April 6, Columbus, \$90
- ☐ April 12, Columbus, \$90
- ☐ May 4, Columbus, \$90
- ☐ May 10, Columbus, \$90

## What to say to your community about Ohio's 2015-16 state tests webinar

- ☐ Oct. 22, free

## Winter School Finance Workshop

- ☐ Dec. 1, Columbus, \$150

## 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](mailto:Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org). Include a purchase order number with fax or email.



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

**Please photocopy this form for each person**

## OSBA workshop registration procedures

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

### Award of Achievement/LPDC

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

You may register on our website at [www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops). You will need a username and password.



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ext. 300; or fax us at  
(614) 540-4100.



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

### 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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### **Promoting innovative uses of technology**

The Vernier Technology Awards reward the innovative use of data collection technology using a computer, graphing calculator or other handheld device in the science classroom.

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

**Eligibility:** K-12 science teachers

**Deadline:** Nov. 30

**Contact:** [www.vernier.com/grants/nsta](http://www.vernier.com/grants/nsta)

### **Grants for youth with disabilities**

The Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation supports innovative projects that help youth with disabilities develop the leadership

and employment skills they need to succeed, particularly for careers in science, technology and the environment. Projects that create tools that increase job opportunities for young people with disabilities, including returning veterans with disabilities, also will be considered.

**Maximum awards:** varies

**Eligibility:** U.S.-based 501(c)(3) organizations

**Deadline:** Jan. 1

**Contact:** <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/57574>

### **Encouraging kids to envision future technology**

The Toshiba/National Science

Teachers Association ExploraVision Awards Program encourages kids to create a vision of future technology by combining their imaginations with the tools of science. Students work in teams to simulate real research and development. A teacher will guide his or her students as they pick a current technology, research it, envision what it might look like in 20 years and describe the development steps, pros, cons and obstacles.

**Maximum awards:** \$10,000 savings bond for each student

**Eligibility:** K-12 students

**Deadline:** Feb. 1

**Contact:** [www.exploravision.org](http://www.exploravision.org)

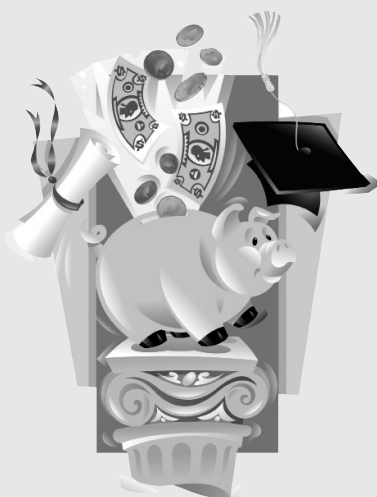
# **Winter School Finance Workshop**

**Tuesday, Dec. 1, 9:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**  
**OSBA office, Columbus**

School funding, the Youngstown plan 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](http://www.oasbo-ohio.org) or by calling (614) 431-9116.





## LEGISLATIVE REPORT

by Jay Smith, deputy director of legislative services

### Clarifying HB 64's TPP/PUTPP replacement payments changes

OSBA has heard from some school districts that are confused about the changes to the tangible personal property tax (TPP) and public utility tangible personal property tax (PUTPP) replacement payments in the state biennial budget, House Bill (HB) 64.

Their confusion is understandable, considering districts also are dealing with a TPP/PUTPP state payment phase

down, a TPP/PUTPP supplement in fiscal year (FY) 2016 and the governor's veto of that supplement for FY 2017. The following is designed to help clarify the TPP/PUTPP changes in HB 64.

#### The phaseout

HB 64, as enacted, contains a phaseout of TPP and PUTPP replacement payments. The phaseout was originally included

in the governor's executive budget proposal and was maintained by the legislature throughout the process. The following changes to the phaseout also were included in HB 64:

- TPP and PUTPP payments are now combined.
- The rate of the phaseout (ranging from 1% to 2% of total resources) depends on district wealth as determined by wealth quintiles.
- The capacity measure, as originally proposed in the governor's budget, is used only to determine the quintiles for the TPP/PUTPP payment reductions.
- The TPP/PUTPP payment reduction amount for each district will be determined for FY 2016, with that rate of reduction continuing annually until the replacement payments are eliminated.

#### The supplement

Separate from the TPP/PUTPP payment phase down is a TPP/PUTPP supplement. The supplement was added to HB 64 by the House, retained by the Senate and included in the final version of the budget passed by the Ohio General Assembly.

The supplement was intended as a guarantee to ensure that no

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## Treasurers' Clinics

### Choose the date that best fits your schedule:

Tuesday, Oct. 13	Hilton Garden Inn Toledo Perrysburg, Perrysburg
Thursday, Oct. 15	Hilton Garden Inn Dayton South, Miamisburg
Wednesday, Oct. 21	Kent State University at Tuscarawas, New Philadelphia

Plan now to attend the 2015 OSBA Treasurers' Clinics to be held in locations around the state. These clinics provide the most current information on school district fiscal issues. Treasurers, business managers, board members, administrators and treasurer's office personnel are encouraged to attend.

The Treasurers' Clinics offer timely information on a multitude of topics relevant to all members of a district's management team. Attendees also can fulfill their local and state professional development needs, including in-service, LPDC and continuing professional education credits.

Registration and continental breakfast begin at 8 a.m. The fee is \$160, which includes registration, continental breakfast, lunch and materials. You can register by contacting **Laurie Miller**, senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000; (800) 589-OSBA; or [Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org).



## PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Scott Gerfen, assistant editor

### Thirteen Ohio public schools earn Blue Ribbon Schools honors

Thirteen Ohio public schools have been named 2015 National Blue Ribbon Schools by the U.S. Department of Education.

They are among 335 schools across the country to receive the prestigious recognition honoring student achievement. A recognition ceremony will be held Nov. 9-10 in Washington, D.C.

The Ohio schools and their districts are:

- Amherst Junior High School, **Amherst EV**;
- Fairview Middle School, **Central Local (Defiance)**;
- Goshen High School, **Goshen Local (Clermont)**;
- Hamilton Township High School, **Hamilton Local (Franklin)**;
- Hilltop Elementary School, **Beachwood City**;
- Lynchburg-Clay Elementary School, **Lynchburg-Clay Local (Highland)**;
- Maplewood Middle School, **Maplewood Local (Trumbull)**;
- R.F. McMullen Elementary School, **Loudonville-Perrysville EV**;
- Ross High School, **Ross Local (Butler)**;
- Shawnee Maplewood Elementary, **Shawnee Local (Allen)**;
- Southside Middle School, **Columbiana EV**;
- Westerly Elementary School, **Bay Village City**;
- Wyoming Middle School, **Wyoming City**.

Source: U.S. Department of Education

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district received less total state funding (formula aid plus TPP/PUTPP replacement payments) in FY 2016 and FY 2017 than they received in FY 2015. However, the governor vetoed the supplement for FY 2017 (see below).

It is estimated that 120 districts will receive \$52.9 million in TTP/PUTPP supplement funds in FY 2016. The supplement does not prevent the TPP/PUTPP replacement payments from phasing down.

#### The FY 17 supplement veto

Prior to signing the final version of HB 64, the governor vetoed the TPP/PUTPP supplement for FY 2017 only. Because of this veto,

districts that receive the supplement in FY 2016 will effectively experience the reduction for both years in FY 2017, since a reduction in the TPP/PUTPP replacement payments is scheduled to take place in each year. Those districts that qualified for the supplement may experience a significant financial cliff in FY 2017 as a result.

Had this veto not occurred, it is estimated that 116 school districts would have received \$84.2 million in supplement funds in FY 2017.

The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) has posted the official TPP/PUTPP payment amounts for school districts for FY 2016 as a result of the phaseout.

Also included with this data is a detailed description of the changes made to the payments and the new calculation method for replacement payments for each type of levy.

OSBA and the Buckeye Association of School Administrators and Ohio Association of School Business Officials sent a joint eAlert notifying districts of this information when it was released. This information — with a link to district-by-district spreadsheet simulations — also is posted on the ODE website at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/30524>.

*Editor's note:* The information in this article was current as of Sept. 30, 2015.

## October 2015

- 13 Treasurers' Clinic .....Perrysburg
- 14 OSBA MTA Program: T-reports and state funding ..... Columbus
- 14 Northwest Region Fall Conference.....Perrysburg
- 15 Treasurers' Clinic .....Miamisburg
- 15 Management Development Series #4 Workshop ..... Columbus
- 15 *Last day for certification of licensed employees to State Board of Education — RC 3317.061.*
- 16 School Law for Treasurers Workshop ..... Columbus
- 20 OSBA MTA Program: T-reports and state funding ..... Columbus
- 21 Treasurers' Clinic ..... New Philadelphia
- 22 What to say to your community about Ohio's 2015-16 state tests webinar
- 22 *Pre-general 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 Oct. 14, 2015 — RC 3517.10(A)(1).*
- 31 *End of first ADM reporting period— RC 3317.03(A).*

## November 2015

- 1 *Last day for classroom teachers to develop online classroom lessons ("blizzard bags") to make up hours for which it was necessary to close schools — RC 3313.482.*
- 3 *General election day — RC 3501.01 (first Tuesday after the first Monday).*
- 8-11 OSBA Capital Conference and Trade Show ..... Columbus
- 8 Northwest Region Executive Committee meeting..... Columbus
- 8 Southeast Region Executive Committee meeting..... Columbus
- 9 Central Region Executive Committee meeting..... Columbus
- 18 OSBA MTA Program: The state and local budget process..... Columbus
- 24 OSBA MTA Program: The state and local budget process..... Columbus
- 24 *Last day to submit certification for March conversion levy to tax commissioner — RC 5705.219(B) (105 days prior to the election).*
- 30 *Last day to submit certification for March income tax levy to Ohio Department of Taxation — RC 5748.02(A) (100 days prior to the election).*

## December 2015

- 1 Winter School Finance Workshop ..... Columbus

- 1 *Last day to submit certification for March conversion levy to tax commissioner — RC 5705.219(B) (105 days prior to the election).*
- 2 SchoolComp Safety Seminar ..... Columbus
- 2 Northeast Region Executive Committee Meeting.....Wadsworth
- 4 Management Development Series #5 Workshop ..... Columbus
- 7 Southwest Region Executive Committee meeting..... Lebanon
- 7 *Last day to submit certification for March income tax levy to Ohio Department of Taxation — RC 5748.02(A) (100 days prior to the election).*
- 9 OSBA MTA Program: Transportation rules and regulations ..... Columbus
- 10 BoardDocs webinar
- 11 *Post-general election 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. 4, 2015 — RC 3517.10(A)(2); last day to submit March emergency or current operating expenses or conversion levy to county auditor for March election — RC 5705.194, 5705.195, 5705.213, 5705.219 (95 days prior to the election).*