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Capital Conference materials mailed to district treasurers

Packets with name badges, tickets, ribbons and the *Conference Guide* for the 2014 OSBA Capital Conference and Trade Show have been sent to school district treasurers. If your district has not yet registered for the 59th annual conference, Nov. 9-12 in Columbus, contact **Ann Herritt** at (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA, or download a registration form at <http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org/registration>. Remember, 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>.

New report cards show continuing link of poverty, student performance

Analysis of the Ohio School Report Cards released Sept. 12 shows scores on state tests continue to vary at school districts based on the percentage of economically disadvantaged students enrolled. The analysis shows, for example, that districts with a Performance Index score of 90 or less have 83.3% economically disadvantaged students, while those with a score above 105 have 14.2% economically disadvantaged students. The study was conducted by Education Tax Policy Institute consultant **Dr. Howard B. Fleeter** on behalf of OSBA, the Ohio Association of School Business Officials and the Buckeye Association of School Administrators. A chart at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/99398> illustrates the poverty-performance link.

Deadline for Capital Conference hotel rates is drawing near

The deadline to receive special hotel rates for the 2014 OSBA Capital Conference and Trade Show is Oct. 17. The reservation process opened on Sept. 4. Hotel reservations can only be made with your unique housing code, which was sent in an email confirming your conference registration. For conference registration and hotel reservation details, visit <http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org>.

American Education Week set for third week of November

It's time to make plans to celebrate American Education week, Nov. 17-21. The week is set aside to celebrate public education and honor individuals who are making a difference in ensuring every child receives a high-quality education. The celebration features a special observance each day of the week. For more information and resources to help districts mark this week, visit www.nea.org/grants/19823.htm.

Tallmadge City educator named Ohio Teacher of the Year

Tallmadge City's **Lori Michalec** was named Ohio Teacher of the Year Sept. 29 at a surprise assembly at Tallmadge High School, where the veteran educator teaches

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English. In nominating Michalec for the award, both educational leaders and former students praised her contributions to the school community and teaching profession. The Ohio Department of Education initiated the Teacher of the Year program in 1969 to honor and promote excellence in teaching.

OSBA Southeast Region hosting free open house

OSBA's Southeast Region will host a free open house Oct. 21 in the **Fairland Local (Lawrence)** School District. The event runs from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Fairland High School, 812 County Road 411 in Proctorville. School board members and administrators are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to network with colleagues from other southeastern Ohio school districts, learn more about regional activities and enjoy refreshments. For more

Ohio teacher loops, rolls and soars in jet high above school

A **North Royalton City** teacher recently gained a new perspective on his community — a view from a F/A-18 Hornet jet.

Nick Lapsevich and a private school teacher were selected for a flight with the Blue Angels, the U.S. Navy Flight Demonstration Team in town for the Cleveland National Air Show.

"The Blue Angels were giving back to the community and offered to take two teachers for a 45-minute ride," Lapsevich told a local newspaper. "I really felt honored to be part of this and to represent North Royalton High School."

He said the flight was "absolutely wild" and he looked forward to sharing the experience with his students. Video of the flight is available at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/80284>.

Source: North Royalton City

information and to register, contact OSBA Southeast Region Manager **Paul D. Mock** at (740) 385-5240 or pdmock@ohioschoolboards.org.

National program will honor top youth volunteers

Prudential Financial and the National Association of Secondary

School Principals are seeking outstanding youth volunteers in grades five-12 to honor with the annual Prudential Spirit of Community Awards. The top two students recognized in each state will be awarded \$1,000 and a trip to the nation's capital, where 10 will be named America's top youth volunteers and awarded an additional \$5,000, as well as \$5,000 in grants for the charities of their choice. Registration packets have been sent to all Ohio middle and high school principals. Nov. 11 is the deadline to apply. For details, visit www.spirit.prudential.com.



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OSBA online

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Make the most of your Capital Conference experience by visiting the "Conference Advice" page at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/34295>. The page offers tips and resources to help make your conference a smooth, productive and enjoyable one.



BULLETIN BOARD

compiled by Melanie Price, administrative assistant of communication services

OSBA executive searches

Superintendent

District

- ❶ Stow-Munroe Falls City
- ❷ Elyria City

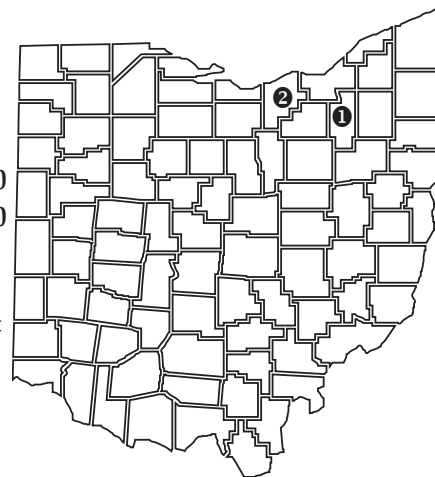
Deadline

- Oct. 29
- Oct. 31

Contact

- OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
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❶ = Superintendent



Other searches

Position

Superintendent

District

Three Rivers Local (Hamilton)

Deadline

Nov. 12

Contact

Bill Sears, administrative search lead,
Hamilton County ESC, (513) 674-4207
Kerri Gearhart, superintendent,
Northwest Ohio ESC, (567) 444-4800,
ext. 4646

Treasurer/CFO

Central Local (Defiance)

Oct. 31

Board changes

New Albany-Plain Local (Franklin) appointed **Debbie Kalinosky** to the board effective Sept. 11. She replaced **Natalie Matt**, who moved out of state. ●●● Nordon Hills City Board of Education member **Steven C. Bittel** announced his resignation effective Sept. 12.

Administrative changes

Superintendents

Genoa Area Local (Ottawa) Superintendent **Dennis Mock** announced his retirement effective July 31, 2015. ●●● **Kings Local (Warren)** hired **Tim Spinner** as interim superintendent effective immediately. He replaced **John Lazares**, who resigned. Spinner previously was the district's assistant superintendent. ●●● **Knox County Career Center** hired **Kathrine G. Greenwich** as superintendent effective Oct. 1. She replaced **Bernadette M. Pachmayer**, who retired. Greenwich previously was the assistant superintendent at **Buckeye Career Center**. ●●● **Perkins Local (Erie)** Superintendent **James P. Gunner** announced his retirement effective June 30, 2015. ●●● **Stow-Munroe Falls City** Superintendent **Dr. Russell D. Jones**

Editor's note

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

announced his retirement effective Jan. 30. ●●● **Beavercreek City** hired **Susan M. Hayward** as assistant superintendent effective immediately. She previously was the district's director of curriculum and instruction.

Treasurers

Galion City hired **Charlene Parkinson** as treasurer effective Sept. 30. She replaced Interim Treasurer **Randall K. Harvey**. Parkinson previously was employed in the private sector. ●●● **Monroeville Local (Huron)** Treasurer **Mike Wade** announced his retirement effective Dec. 31.

Sympathies

Former **Batavia Local (Clermont)** Board of Education member **Harris Wright** died Sept. 19. He was 88. ●●● Former **Fort Loramie Local (Shelby)** Board of Education member **Paul E. Freytag** died Sept. 25. He was 90. ●●● **Maureen J. Walsh**, a member of the former **Lorain County** Board of Education, died Sept. 15. She was 72. ●●● Former **Maderia City and Great Oaks ITCD** Board of Education member **Ronald Gene Reynolds** died Sept. 22. He was 81. ●●● Former **Ontario Local (Richland)** Assistant Superintendent **Dale Thomas Hounshell** died Sept. 15. He was 82. ●●● Former **Pickerington Local (Fairfield)** Board of Education member **George Morse** died Sept. 26. He was 78. ●●● **Robert J. Webb Jr.**, a member of the former **Spencer-Sharples** Board of Education in Lucas County, died Sept. 17. He was 74.



NEWS

by Angela Penquite, assistant editor

Committee recommends changes to OSBA Legislative Platform

The OSBA Legislative Platform Committee met in August to review recommended changes to the association's Legislative Platform. The committee approved 14 amendments and modifications, which it will present to the OSBA Delegate Assembly in November.

OSBA leadership developed the Legislative Platform Committee to provide a way to streamline the annual process of amending and refining the platform. The purpose of the Legislative Platform is to publicly state OSBA's positions on key education policy issues. The platform guides the association's advocacy efforts and serves as a valuable tool to inform policymakers and the public where

OSBA stands on issues impacting public education.

Committee Chair and OSBA President-elect **Ed Penrod, Logan-Hocking Local (Hocking)** and **Tri-County Career Center**, led the meeting, which was attended by seven OSBA Executive Committee members, 17 members of the Legislative Platform Committee, five association staff members and one guest.

The committee discussed, amended and approved the following resolutions. Language that is struck through was deleted; language in italics was added.

Resolution 2014-1

Adds new language to the Adult

education plank in the Students and learning section on page 2 of the platform.

OSBA supports legislation that — Develops *and funds* adult education program in Ohio's public schools.

Resolution 2014-2

Removes and adds language to the Alternative school plank under the Students and learning section on page 2 of the platform.

~~Disruptive~~ Students often require targeted assistance to help them learn and grow. Alternative schools and educational programs offer supportive learning environments ~~for disruptive~~

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School Law for Treasurers Workshop



Friday, Oct. 17
Embassy Suites, Columbus
Cost: \$150

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 (provided)

8:50 a.m. Welcome

9 a.m. Legislative update

Join association lobbyists for a guided tour through recent legislation and hear a forecast of the legislative landscape for the upcoming year.

Jennifer Hogue, lobbyist, OSBA; and Barbara Shaner, associate executive director, Ohio Association of School Business Officials

9:45 a.m. To bid or not to bid: competitive bidding for schools

Using recent litigation as examples, get a refresher and update of competitive bidding laws in Ohio that specifically highlight unique school district issues.

Sylvia L. Gillis, Esq., Bricker & Eckler LLP, Columbus

10:30 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. Understanding and managing vendor contracts

Explore key contract components and the financial impacts for your district. Discover how to review vendor contracts effectively and manage contract approval and monitoring processes.

Michael L. Sharb, Esq., Squires Patton Boggs (US) LLP, Cleveland

11:30 a.m. Lunch (provided)

12:30 p.m. Substitutes, seasonals and supplemental contracts ... oh my!

These contracts can cause confusion for even a seasoned human resources professional. Hear practical tips for handling these contracts, from hiring to firing and everything in between.

Giselle S. Spencer, Esq., and Megan B. Zidian, Esq., Britton, Smith, Peters & Kalail Co. LPA, Cleveland

1:30 p.m. Social media mysteries

Are district tweets public records? May a board terminate an employee for a Facebook post? May you remove comments from the district's Facebook page? Find out during this fast-paced session.

Megan D. Maurer, Esq., Pepple & Waggoner Ltd., Cleveland

2:15 p.m. Break

2:30 p.m. Levy lessons learned

Improper use of district resources and facilities during a levy campaign can (and has) caused legal and financial woes for districts. Learn what the law prohibits.

Gary T. Stedronsky, Esq., Ennis, Roberts & Fischer Co. LPA, Cincinnati

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



2014 OSBA Intensive Legal Workshop

Wednesday, Oct. 22 • 9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.
OSBA office, 8050 N. High St., Columbus
Cost: \$150

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

9 a.m. The ins and outs of Ohio's Sunshine Law and schools

Explore the most frequently asked questions on the Sunshine Law related to school districts, including the latest case law.

*Mark Troutman, Esq., Isaac Wiles
Burkholder & Teetor LLC, Columbus*

10 a.m. Human resources 2.0

Get an overview of some of the most litigated areas of human resources, including staff discipline, reductions in force and leaves of absence.

*Christine Cossler, Esq., Walter Haverfield
LLP, Cleveland*

11 a.m. Let's talk about policies

When the law changes, your district policies need to be updated. Find out what updates need to be made to your district's policy manual now.

Kenna S. Haycox, policy consultant, OSBA

11:30 a.m. Lunch (provided)

12:30 p.m. The road to nonrenewals – making sure your district is on the right path

School districts must follow statutory procedures prior to nonrenewing an administrator or teacher. Get a step-by-step synopsis of the process of nonrenewing a contract and the legal issues that may arise.

*Susan Hastings, Esq., Squire Patton Boggs
(US) LLP, Cleveland*

1:30 p.m. Break

1:45 p.m. School districts and the legal challenges associated with intellectual property

Learn about intellectual property, copyright infringement and applying for a trademark or fair use when reproducing portions of books and videos.

*Nicholas Gingo, Esq., Renner, Otto, Boisselle
& Sklar LLP, Cleveland*

2:30 p.m. When things are recorded – surveillance cameras and schools

A look at using surveillance cameras and videos in school buildings. Review the basics of who can view a copy of a surveillance video, where surveillance cameras may be placed and other legal considerations.

*Sara C. Clark, senior deputy director of legal
services, OSBA*

3:15 p.m. Adjourn

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OSBA MASTER OF TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATION (MTA) PROGRAM

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

These half-day workshops — each offered from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. — will include a working lunch and time for questions. Each class is scheduled twice; participants may sign up for either session. All workshops will be at the OSBA office, 8050 N. High St., Columbus, 43235. Visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/transportation-training-programs to read workshop descriptions and learn about the MTA certification program.

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



Personnel management — Oct. 15 or Oct. 21

Employees can make or break any operation. Transportation administrators must understand labor practices to effectively manage their staff, especially when there is a bargaining unit. Discussion will include working with contracts, discipline, grievances, arbitration, negotiations and practice. We also will review driver qualifications and how to manage issues, evaluations and monitoring driver license records.

The transportation handbook — Nov. 19 or Nov. 25

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

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

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

Routing and technology — April 1 or April 7

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

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

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



WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

School Law for Treasurers

☐ Oct. 17, Columbus, \$150

Intensive Legal Workshop

☐ Oct. 22, Columbus, \$150

OSBA MTA program

☐ Oct. 15, Columbus, \$90

☐ Oct. 21, Columbus, \$90

☐ Nov. 19, Columbus, \$90

☐ Nov. 25, Columbus, \$90

☐ Feb. 4, Columbus, \$90

☐ Feb. 10, Columbus, \$90

☐ April 1, Columbus, \$90

☐ April 7, Columbus, \$90

☐ May 6, Columbus, \$90

☐ May 12, Columbus, \$90

OSBA Workshop Registration Form

Workshop name _____ Workshop date _____

Attendee name _____ Title _____

Daytime phone _____ Email _____

District/firm _____ County _____

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



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

Please photocopy this form for each person

OSBA workshop registration procedures

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

Award of Achievement/LPDC

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

You may register on our website at www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops. You will need a username and password.



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



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

Cancellation and refund policy

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

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~~students~~ to accommodate the diverse needs of students. Moreover, the school climate for all students ~~is~~ may be improved when ~~disruptive~~ students with diverse needs are served with alternative settings and/or programs.

Resolution 2014-3

Submitted by Cincinnati City. Removes and adds new language to the Assessments plank under the Students and learning section on page 2 of the platform.

OSBA supports legislation that — Increases the 1% cap on alternative assessments for students to a realistic percentage that reflects the number of ~~disabled students~~ students with disabilities educated by the districts.

Resolution 2014-4

Adds new language to the Assessments plank under the Students and learning section on page 2 of the platform.

OSBA opposes legislation that — Penalizes districts for a parent's refusal to allow his/her student to participate in assessments.

Resolution 2014-5

Submitted by Cincinnati City. Adds new language to the Curriculum plank in the Students and learning section on page 3 of the platform.

All-day/every-day kindergarten programs, accompanied by clear academic standards and a comprehensive curriculum, have been proven to raise the achievement levels of all students

and to reduce the achievement and readiness gaps in students first entering school.

A comprehensive curriculum is one focused on students' social-emotional development, approaches toward learning cognitive and general knowledge (including mathematics, science and social studies), language and literacy development and physical well-being and motor development.

Resolution 2014-6

Submitted by Cincinnati City. Adds new language to the All-day/every-day kindergarten funding plank under the Finance section on page 9 of the platform.

OSBA supports legislation that — Provides full state funding for all-day/every-day kindergarten that incorporates a comprehensive curriculum.

Resolution 2014-7

Submitted by Cincinnati City. Adds new language to the All-day/every-day kindergarten funding plank under the Finance section on page 9 of the platform.

OSBA supports legislation that — Provides school facilities funding for districts that do not have sufficient space to accommodate an all-day/every-day kindergarten program that incorporates a comprehensive curriculum.

Resolution 2014-8

Adds and removes language to the Average daily membership (ADM) plank under the Finance section on page 10 of the platform.

OSBA supports legislation that — Stabilizes school funding by limiting the number and frequency of annual enrollment counts to the first full week in October to three or fewer spaced at appropriate intervals.

Resolution 2014-9

Adds new language to the Charter/community school funding plank under the Finance section on page 12 of the platform.

OSBA supports legislation that — Requires transparency in finances and accounting for all funds transferred to management companies by charter/community school governing boards for the purpose of administering and operating a charter/community school.

Resolution 2014-10

Adds new language to the Charter/community school funding plank under the Finance section on page 12 of the platform.

OSBA supports legislation that — Requires the management company to keep all financial records and to make all such documents public records available to the governing boards and to the public.

Resolution 2014-11

Adds new language to the Gambling plank under the Finance section on page 16 of the platform.

A portion of revenues derived from gambling operations authorized by the state is also set aside for schools and other local government entities and should not be used to supplant other state funding.

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Resolution 2014-12

Removes language and adds new language to the School district liability plank under the Finance section on page 20 of the platform.

OSBA supports legislation that — ~~Imposes reasonable limitations on the damages assessed against a school district.~~

OSBA opposes legislation that — Increases a school district's liability or increases the damages assessed against a school district.

Resolution 2014-13

Submitted by Cincinnati City. Adds new language to the Unfunded/underfunded mandates plank in the Finance section on page 23 of the platform.

OSBA opposes legislation that — Does not have funding associated

with it.

Resolution 2014-14

Adds new language to the Professional development plank under the Personnel section on page 26 of the platform.

OSBA supports legislation that — Requires institutions of higher education for teachers to include in their curriculum courses in technology, ~~and~~ classroom management, crisis management and behavior management, *including training in appropriate behavioral intervention techniques.*

The Legislative Platform Committee also recommended several changes to the National School Boards Association's Resolutions and Beliefs & Policies documents. These

recommendations will be presented to the OSBA Board of Trustees for approval in November.

The OSBA Delegate Assembly will vote on the proposed changes to the platform during its annual meeting at the Capital Conference and Trade Show on Nov. 10. Items receiving approval of at least 75% of those present and voting will be added to the official OSBA Legislative Platform.

The Delegate Assembly also will consider several amendments to the OSBA Constitution and Bylaws. The OSBA Board of Trustees voted in July to recommend these changes.

An amendment to Article IV of the OSBA Constitution removes

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

Information for current users: Collaborative agenda publishing with online submission

Wednesday, Nov. 19, 10 a.m.–11 a.m.

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

Information for districts considering paperless board meetings

Thursday, Dec. 11, 1 p.m.–2 p.m.

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

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



PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Bryan Bullock, assistant editor

London City students visit research lab to study cancer's impact

A class of **London City** students recently visited Ohio State University to learn about cancer research.

London High School students in a Contemporary Literature class are reading "The Fault in Our Stars," a novel by **John Green** about two teenagers diagnosed with terminal cancer. Teacher **Lindsay Williams** said the class is intended to get students to experience, not just read about, the effect that cancer has on families.

"When you can make that human connection with something, and really feel a part of it, that's when it makes a difference," Williams told a local newspaper.

Her 18-student class visited the Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia Experimental Therapeutics Research Laboratory on OSU's campus. Students took a tour of the facility and participated in a hands-on project. The students helped separate cells, and were able to see what healthy and

cancerous cells looked like.

Williams said the trip was made possible with the support of school and district administration. The literature class is an elective, and consists mostly of honors and Advanced Placement students.

The goal of the class is to make students feel an investment in the fight against cancer.

"At the end of the day, we're here to make learning something that is meaningful," Williams said.

Source: *The Madison Press*

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obsolete language in Section 6.

An amendment to Article X of the OSBA Constitution allows the association to prudently invest its funds in diversified asset classes to achieve long-term growth and income within acceptable risk levels. The investment policy adopted by the OSBA Board of Trustees will define the investment objectives, risk tolerance, investment selection process, asset allocation guidelines and evaluation benchmarks. The investment policy will provide a stable framework from which sound investment decisions can be made regardless of changing economic conditions. You can learn more

about this proposed change in the "Executive Outlook" column in the October *Journal*.

An amendment to Article 2 of the OSBA Bylaws removes language on the phase-in of the new dues schedule that was instituted in 2003. The language regarding the dues schedule — implemented over a 10-year period — is no longer necessary.

An amendment to Article 6 of the OSBA Bylaws updates language on distributing materials for the Annual Business Meeting from "mailed" to "communicated" in an effort to conserve resources and use evolving electronic communication tools.

Each OSBA member school

district should appoint a board member as delegate to vote during the Delegate Assembly. The delegate form is available at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/16642>. Bring the completed form to Registration on Monday, Nov. 10, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to be certified by a member of the Credentials Committee.

All Capital Conference delegates and attendees are encouraged to attend the meeting, which begins at 2 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Greater Columbus Convention Center.

The complete 2014 Legislative Platform is available online at www.ohioschoolboards.org/legislative-platform.

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- 27 *Last day to submit certification for February income tax levy to Ohio Department of Taxation — RC 5748.02(A) (100 days prior to the election).*
- 31 *Last day to submit February emergency or current operating expenses levy to county auditor for February election — RC 5705.194, 5705.195, 5705.213 (95 days prior to the election); end of first ADM reporting period— RC 3317.03(A).*

November 2014

- 1 *Last day for classroom teachers to develop online classroom lessons ("blizzard bags") in order to make up hours for which it was necessary to close schools — RC 3313.482.*
- 4 *General 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 February election — RC 133.18(D); last day for county auditor to certify school district bond levy terms for February election — RC 133.18(C); last day to submit continuing replacement, permanent improvement or operating levy for February election to board of elections — RC 5705.192, 5705.21, 5705.25; last day to certify resolution for school district income tax levy for February election to board of elections — RC 5748.02(C); last day to submit emergency levy for February election to board of elections — RC 5705.195; last day to submit phased-in levy or current operating expenses levy for February election to board of elections — RC 5705.251(A) (90 days prior to the election).*
- 9-12 OSBA Capital Conference and Trade Show Columbus
- 9 Northwest Region Executive Committee meeting..... Columbus

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

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- 4 SchoolComp Safety Workshop Columbus
- 9 Southwest Region Executive Committee meeting..... Lebanon
- 3 Northeast Region Executive Committee meeting..... Wadsworth
- 10 Management Development Series #5..... Columbus
- 11 BoardDocs webinar: Information for non-users
- 31 *Last day for treasurer to canvass the board to establish a date of the organizational meeting — RC 3313.14.*