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OSBA Capital Conference kicks off in just under two weeks

The final countdown is on for the 2015 OSBA Capital Conference and Trade Show. Long known as one of the nation's premier education conventions, the conference runs Nov. 8-11 in Columbus. Speakers include award-winning broadcast journalist **Jane Pauley**; former astronaut and NASA education administrator **Leland Melvin**; and leading education media expert Dr. **Milton Chen**. The conference also features an Early Bird Workshop, two luncheons, more than 150 workshops and information sessions, the Student Achievement Fair, a world-class trade show and a wealth of networking opportunities. For details, visit conference.ohioschoolboards.org.

Capital Conference preregistration deadline is Nov. 5

The deadline to preregister for the 2015 OSBA Capital Conference is Thursday, Nov. 5. After that date, attendees must register on-site at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. To preregister, contact OSBA's **Ann Herritt** at (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA or visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/83036>. And don't forget, OSBA is again offering a special school district group registration rate — once your district has signed up at least seven people for the conference at a flat fee of \$1,700, an unlimited number of additional individuals can register for free.

Promote your schools by celebrating American Education Week

"Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and Our Responsibility," is the theme for American Education Week 2015. Running Nov. 16 through Nov. 20, the week gives schools and communities around the nation an opportunity to celebrate public schools and honor those who work so hard to provide every child a high-quality education. The National Education Association has posted a wealth of resources on its website to help districts commemorate the week and spread the good news about public schools. Access those resources, including an online tool kit, activity ideas, infographics, posters, Web banners and more, at www.nea.org/grants/19823.htm.

SC school boards group collecting funds to help flood-damaged schools

The South Carolina School Boards Association and South Carolina Future Minds (SCFM) have set up a fund to help students in school districts displaced by the state's devastating floods. Visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/94335> to donate. SCFM is a nonprofit group that organizes private support for the state's K-12 public schools.

Wooster City student team chosen to document OSBA conference

A team from **Wooster City's** Wooster High School has been chosen as the 2015 OSBA Capital Conference student video documentary team. Students will shoot

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video of different events at the conference and conduct interviews with attendees, speakers, OSBA leaders and others. Students will edit their footage into a 10-minute documentary that OSBA will stream on its website, share with other state school boards associations and use to promote the conference. The project gives students the opportunity to document a nationally renowned conference attended by nearly 10,000 public education leaders from across Ohio.

OCMC panel gives final OK to 'thorough and efficient'

The Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission's (OCMC) Education, Public Institutions and Local Government Committee has given its final approval to recommend keeping the "thorough and efficient" public education clause in Article VI, Section 2, of the Ohio Constitution.

German exchange students give American football a try

In **Eric Lensker** and **Marten Berlin**'s country, football is what Americans call soccer. But the German exchange students at **Worthington City's** Thomas Worthington High School now have a different understanding of the term.

That's because both boys are playing on the high school's junior varsity football team. Berlin plays on the offensive line and Lensker is a receiver and kicker. They felt that playing football here would enhance their educational and cultural experience. And it has.

Players and coaches have embraced them — both on and off the field — and are helping them develop their football skills.

"It's been an awesome experience for everyone involved," coach **Rodney Hopkins** told a local newspaper.

Source: *The Columbus Dispatch*

The OCMC Coordinating Committee approved the recommendation and sent it to the full commission for consideration.

ODE offers new tools to help with principal evaluations

The Ohio Department of Education is offering two new

resources to help superintendents and principals with principal evaluations. The first is a set of guiding questions administrators can use as they develop student learning objectives. Another tool features questions and ideas to help document a principal's performance based on Ohio Standards for Principals indicators. Details are posted at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/78672>.

OSBA online

● www.ohioschoolboards.org

The *OSBA VendorBook*, a directory you can use all year to find goods and services for your schools, is now posted online at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/82915>. The *OSBA VendorBook* can connect you to businesses that offer nearly everything your schools need to increase student achievement and maximize resources. It also offers information on most of the OSBA Capital Conference Trade Show exhibitors.



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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



Board changes

Edison Local (Erie) appointed **Jeffrey Whitacre** to the board effective Oct. 1. He replaced **Holly J. Kamm**, who moved out of state. ●●● Field Local (Portage) Board of Education member **Jennifer L. Pohlod** announced her resignation effective Oct. 1. ●●● Winton Woods City appointed **Jeff Berte** to the board effective Sept. 30. He replaced **Tim Cleary**, who moved out of the district.

Administrative changes

Superintendents

Butler Tech Superintendent **Bill Miller** announced his retirement effective Jan. 1, 2016.

Treasurers

Lorain City Treasurer **Dale T. Weber** announced his retirement effective June 30, 2016.

Sympathies

Former Fairborn City and Greene County Career Center Board of Education member **William R. "Bill" McCarty** died Sept. 26. He was 82. ●●● Former Findlay City Treasurer **Olive J. Pelto** died Sept. 28. She was 99. ●●● Former Hudson City Board of Education member **Philip J. Kaszar** died Oct. 7. He was 60. ●●● Former Fort Frye Local (Washington) Board of Education member **Victor Calvin Whitacre** died Oct. 1. He was 91. ●●● Former Lakewood Local (Licking) Board of Education member **Rodney Lee "Rod" Hill** died Sept. 28. He was 81. ●●● Former Lowellville Local (Mahoning) Treasurer **Doris J. Burns** died Oct. 6. She was 98. ●●● **Mark F. Schwieterman**, a member of the former Mercer County School District and Marion Local (Mercer) boards of education, died Oct. 3. He was 90. ●●● Former Mohawk Local

Editor's note

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

(Wyandot) Board of Education member **Robert “Bob” Slosser** died Oct. 11. He was 83. ●●● Former **Nelsonville-York City** Board of Education member **Joseph Arnold Andres** died Oct. 10. He was 82. ●●● Former **St. Marys City** board of education member **Kenneth Schrolucke** died Sept. 27. He was 73. ●●● Former **Willard City** Treasurer **Carl “Butch” Bogner** died Sept. 10. He was 80.



NEWS

by Gary Motz, managing editor

Platform committee OKs 11 resolutions

The OSBA Legislative Platform Committee met Aug. 15 at the association’s headquarters in Columbus to review recommended changes to the OSBA 2016 Legislative Platform. The committee approved 11 platform amendments that it will present to the 2015 OSBA Delegate Assembly.

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.

Legislative Platform Committee Chair and OSBA President-elect **Eric K. Germann, Lincolnview Local (Van Wert)** and **Vantage Career Center**, presided over the meeting, which was attended by 17 members of the Legislative Platform Committee and five

association staff members.

The committee discussed, amended and approved the following resolutions. Language that is struck through was deleted; language in italics was added. All resolutions were submitted by OSBA staff, except where noted.

Resolution 2015-1

Removes language in the Students and learning section’s Assessments plank on page 3 of the platform.

OSBA supports legislation that — ~~Allows locally elected school boards to exempt foreign exchange students from taking the Ohio Graduation Test during the year they are visiting the United States.~~

Resolution 2015-2

Moves language in the Students and learning section’s Curriculum plank on page 3 to the Assessments plank on the same page.

OSBA opposes legislation that — Subjects school districts to strict use of technology in testing requirements.

Resolution 2015-3

Adds language in the Students and learning section’s Discipline plank on page 4.

OSBA supports legislation that — Furthers the ability of educators to maintain control of their classrooms, buildings, facilities and other school property, and offers appropriate discipline measures as determined by locally developed, board-approved policy *and/or district procedures.*

Resolution 2015-4

Removes language in the School governance section’s Charter / community schools plank on page 6.

OSBA supports legislation that — ~~Limits the sponsorship of charter/community schools solely to locally elected boards of education.~~

Resolution 2015-5

Adds language in the School governance section’s Charter / community schools plank on page 6.

OSBA supports legislation that
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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 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 to learn about the MTA certification program. Tuition is \$90.



Workshop dates and descriptions

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. 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.

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 or by calling (614) 431-9116.



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 reduce expenses, 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.

Agenda

- 8 a.m.** Registration
9 a.m. Federal Motor Carrier Safety
Administration Reasonable Suspicion
Certification — drug and alcohol
regulations
11:30 a.m. Lunch (provided)

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.

Noon

Accidents in the workplace — vehicles and personal injury

- Accident trend analysis: when do they occur, pattern recognition, causality analysis and identifying mitigation needs
- Accident response protocols: who, what and how?
- Process identification: resources needed, availability and how to obtain them
- Investigation: fault and preventability
- Mitigation plan: people, things and the environment

2:30 p.m. Adjourn

Learn how you can save time and money with BoardDocs



Did you know that switching to paperless board meetings could help your school district save time and money and become more effective for as little as \$2,700 per year? OSBA proudly endorses BoardDocs paperless governance solutions. As the pioneer of eGovernance, BoardDocs has helped more than 1,000 organizations worldwide improve board effectiveness, reduce the time required to create and manage board packets by up to 75% and dramatically reduce costs. In fact, by using BoardDocs, many school districts report savings in the thousands – even tens of thousands – per year. Currently, more than 70 Ohio districts are saving money with BoardDocs by going paperless.

Register for a free one-hour webinar on Thursday, Dec. 10, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. to learn more. Register at <https://www.boarddocs.com/event.nsf/ViewEvent/OSBA2015-03>. For questions about these webinars, contact **Laura Vautour**, BoardDocs e-governance specialist, at (800) 407-0141, ext. 3521, or Lvautour@boarddocs.com.

Introducing **Achiever** candidate assessment tool

OSBA has exclusive rights to the Achiever, a candidate assessment tool used during the executive search process. The Achiever measures six cognitive learning skills with 10 personality dimensions to create a comprehensive candidate profile.

Coupled with OSBA's extensive experience in executive searches and track record for success, the Achiever can help you determine the right candidate for your district. OSBA's experienced consultants can help you through this process to ensure your executive search is very successful.

To learn how the Achiever assessment can help you hire the right candidate for your district, contact **Cheryl W. Ryan** at (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA. Visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/administrative-searches to learn more.

Finding the best candidate



WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

OSBA MTA program

- ☐ 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

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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or fax

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



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

Cancellation and refund policy

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

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— Holds charter/community schools and their operators to the same compliance and reporting requirements as public schools.

Resolution 2015-6

Submitted by **North Olmsted City Schools**. Adds language in the School governance section's Charter/community schools plank on page 6.

OSBA supports legislation that — *Requires a charter/community school receiving public tax dollars to disclose performance metrics, including, but not limited to, the overall performance index and four-year graduation rate on all advertising.*

Resolution 2015-6-1

Submitted by **North Olmsted City Schools**. Adds language beginning in the School governance section's Charter/community schools plank on page 6.

OSBA supports legislation that — *Prohibits a charter/community school from advertising if that school does not meet or report minimum academic and/or financial standards established by the state of Ohio.*

Resolution 2015-7

Adds language in the School governance section's Sale/lease of real property plank on page 8.

OSBA opposes legislation that — *Provides facilities funding to private and charter/community schools.*

Resolution 2015-8

Adds language in the School

governance section's Vouchers plank on page 9.

OSBA supports legislation that — *Requires that schools accepting voucher students be held to the same performance reporting requirements as public schools.*

Resolution 2015-9

Adds language beginning in the Finance section's Earmarking/tax increases plank on page 14.

OSBA supports legislation that — *Separately appropriates all lottery profits funding to be allocated to districts on a per-pupil basis.*

Resolution 2015-10

Adds a new plank beginning on page 19 in the Finance section.

Plank title and statement:

Pupil transportation

Pupil transportation presents a significant challenge for many districts. In many areas of the state, students would face great challenges in getting to school were it not for the option to ride a school bus. Rural districts often encompass a large geographic area, but have low-density populations. Funding for transportation services should incentivize efficiencies and account for specific circumstances among districts.

OSBA supports legislation that —

- *Provides sufficient funding for every child who rides a school bus.*
- *Rewards schools for efficiency.*
- *Incentivizes school districts to transport students residing within one to two miles of their school.*
- *Incentivizes school districts to provide transportation for high school*

students.

- *Fully compensates districts for the transportation of students to schools that are not part of the district.*
- *Provides for better support of rural districts with low density and low wealth.*
- *Operates separately from the education funding formula to ensure districts actually receive the state transportation levels to which they are entitled.*
- *Reinstates funding for school bus purchases.*

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. 9 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. Items receiving approval of at least 75% of those present and voting will be added to the official 2016 OSBA Legislative Platform.

All Capital Conference delegates and attendees are encouraged to attend the meeting, which begins at 2:30 p.m. in the Terrace Ballroom. *Note:* Due to renovations underway at the convention center, the location and time of the Delegate Assembly meeting has changed. The Terrace Ballroom is on the second floor at the north end of the convention center.

The complete 2015 Legislative Platform is available online at www.ohioschoolboards.org/legislative-platform. For a free platform booklet, call (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA.

The 2016 Legislative Platform will be available early next year.



LEGISLATIVE REPORT

by Jay Smith, deputy director of legislative services

Judge OKs Youngstown Plan; two legislators propose changes

The controversial amendments added at the last minute to House Bill (HB) 70 are set to move ahead after a judge's Oct. 13 rejection of an injunction to delay them. Those amendments, which have come to be known as the Youngstown Plan, call for a dramatic restructuring of academic distress commissions in Ohio.

The **Youngstown City** Board of Education had filed a lawsuit requesting the injunction in Franklin County Common Pleas Court. The suit sought to have the new academic distress commission model declared unconstitutional. The district has since appealed the Franklin County court's ruling.

The new structure diminishes local control and puts an appointed CEO in charge of Youngstown City Schools. The law applies to any Ohio district overseen by an academic distress commission. Youngstown City currently is the only district in such a situation.

At an Oct. 16 news conference, Ohio Senate Minority Leader **Joe Schiavoni** (D-Boardman) and Rep. **Michele Lepore-Hagan** (D-Youngstown) announced plans to introduce legislation that would improve the new academic distress commission plan. Their legislation would recommend changes to ensure more transparency,

accountability and community involvement in the design of the CEO's district improvement plan.

HB 70, as introduced by Reps. **Denise Driehaus** (D-Cincinnati) and **Andrew Brenner** (R-Powell), was intended to allow school districts and community schools to initiate a community learning center process to assist and guide school restructuring. The recommended process was a collaborative model based on the Oyster School experience, a successful **Cincinnati City** Schools community learning center.

The 11th-hour amendments to the bill — proposed by the governor's administration with support from some Youngstown-area leaders — substantially altered the operation of academic distress commissions. The plan was developed without any involvement from the Youngstown City Board of Education or community members, and passed through the legislature in fewer than 12 hours with little or no debate.

The law requires the Youngstown academic distress commission and future commissions to be composed of three members appointed by the state superintendent of public instruction; one appointed by the

mayor; and one appointed by the school board president. The school board president's appointee must be a teacher.

The five-member commission would then hire a CEO who would have full managerial and operational control of the district. The powers of the CEO would include the authority to:

- close and reconstitute buildings, including reopening them as charter schools;
- reopen contract provisions of union collective bargaining agreements;
- suspend contract provisions, as long as per-hour pay and insurance costs are not affected; this can only occur in the third year of oversight.

The board of education has no authority over the CEO. If academic performance improves over the first two years, a transition back to board control could occur. If improvement does not occur after five years, the district would transition to a board appointed by the mayor.

In seeking to have the law ruled unconstitutional, Youngstown City Schools argued that the law violates citizens' rights to have elected representatives (school board members) oversee their

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PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Scott Gerfen, assistant editor

Piqua fifth-grader places in national game-a-thon

Cooking with mom inspired a **Piqua City Schools** fifth-grader to create a fun math game that has earned national recognition.

Kirsten Shaneyfelt's game, *Fraction Bakery*, placed her in the top five of the national MIND Research Institute's K-12 Game-a-thon Challenge. The competition encourages students to create a game that involves various math subjects.

"It feels really awesome," Shaneyfelt told a local newspaper.

"I worked really hard last year and it was a disappointment to not get into the top."

Shaneyfelt said she wanted the game to do with cooking. Her game uses fractions to create a pie. Players pick from colored cards with fraction problems. A correct answer allows a player to add the colored piece of pie that matches the card color to their pie pan.

A player who completes a pie must then answer the equivalent

fractions listed on a recipe card.

Shaneyfelt, the daughter of **Marie and Joseph Shaneyfelt** of Piqua, was invited to the institute's Math Fair at the Navy Pier in Chicago on Sept. 26.

Eight Piqua City Schools teams participated in the competition. Shaneyfelt was the only one to place.

Shaneyfelt's video submission can be found at <http://links.ohio.schoolboards.org/87609>.

Source: *Piqua Daily Call*

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schools. The district also contended that by rushing the amendments through at the last minute, the General Assembly violated the Ohio Constitution's requirement that each legislative chamber conduct three readings of a bill prior to passing it.

The Franklin County court subsequently ruled that HB 70's passage did comply with the Ohio Constitution's three-reading requirement. The ruling read, in part:

"The court finds that there was an opportunity to study and debate amended HB 70 ... (B)oth the Senate and the House decided to forgo their opportunity to further consider and debate the

amended version of HB 70, and instead voted and concurred with the amended version."

The court also found that since HB 70 maintained its common purpose of restructuring lower-performing school districts, the legislation was not vitally altered. That part of the ruling stated:

"The court finds that both versions of HB 70 were focused on restructuring and improving failing or lower-performing school districts, and both versions of the bill primarily amended the same chapter of the Ohio Revised Code — Chapter 3302 'Performance Standards.' Although HB 70, as originally introduced and passed by the House, focused on

addressing these concerns by the use of a community learning center model, and the enacted version of HB 70 added the use of an expanded academic distress system with an appointed CEO to manage the distressed school system, the purpose of both versions of HB 70 remained the same — to assist and guide school restructuring and provide support for lower-performing school districts."

For questions about HB 70 or any other legislative issues, contact the OSBA Division of Legislative Services.

Editor's note: The information in this article was current as of Oct. 19, 2015.

October 2015

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
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 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).
 16 OSBA MTA Program: Transportation rules and regulations Columbus
 16 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 March election — RC 133.18(D); last day for county auditor to certify school district bond levy terms for March election — RC 133.18(C); last day to submit continuing replacement, permanent improvement or operating levy for March election to board of elections — RC 5705.192, 5705.21, 5705.25; last day to certify resolution for school district income tax levy, conversion levy or renewal of conversion levy for March election to board of elections — RC 5748.02(C) 5705.219(C) and (G); last day to submit emergency levy for March election to board of elections — RC 5705.195; last day to submit phased-in levy or current operating expenses levy for March election to board of elections — RC 5705.251(A) (90 days prior to the election).
 31 Last day for treasurer to canvass the board to establish a date of the organizational meeting — RC 3313.14.