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Final countdown is on for the 58th annual Capital Conference

The OSBA Capital Conference begins in just under two weeks. Headlining one of the nation's premier education conferences are keynote speakers **Wil Haygood**, Dr. **Yong Zhao**, **John Ratzenberger**, **Emily Bazelon**, state Rep. **Kevin L. Boyce**, **Jim Bearden** and **Roger Crawford**. The Capital Conference also features a world-class Trade Show, the OSBA Student Achievement Fair and hundreds of educational sessions and networking opportunities. The conference runs Nov. 10-13 in Columbus. For details and to register, visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/2013-capital-conference.

Preregistration deadline for conference drawing near

The deadline to preregister for the 2013 Capital Conference is Nov. 7. Those not registered by that date can register on-site at the Greater Columbus Convention Center on Nov. 10, from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Nov. 11, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Nov. 12, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Nov. 13, from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Districts registering at least six individuals can register an unlimited amount of additional attendees at no charge. Visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/23472> to preregister, or contact OSBA.

Help support Children's Hunger Alliance at Capital Conference

In addition to serving thousands of meals to Ohio kids every day, the Children's Hunger Alliance provides winter clothing to children in after-school programs. OSBA will support this effort by collecting winter clothing at the Capital Conference. Boxes will be set up for donations of new hats, scarves, gloves and mittens for children ages 6 to 18. More clothing will be collected at the Tuesday Night Event — Celebrating for a Cause — which will feature live music, dancing, appetizers and refreshments. The alliance also will accept monetary donations at booth 1517 in the Trade Show.

It's time to start planning for American Education Week

American Education Week — Nov. 18-22 — provides opportunities to celebrate public education and honor those who strive to ensure that every child receives a high-quality education. The celebration features a special observance each day. They are: Nov. 18, Kickoff Day; Nov. 19, Parents Day; Nov. 20, Education Support Professionals Day; Nov. 21, Educator for a Day; and Nov. 22, Substitute Educators Day. For further information, ideas and support materials to help your district celebrate public education, visit www.nea.org/grants/19823.htm.

Ohio voters to decide nearly 200 school tax issues on Nov. 5

The Ohio secretary of state's office reports that there are 1,679 local tax issues appearing on the general election ballot statewide, including 195 school issues. A full

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- ☐ Assistant treasurers
- ☐ Principals
- ☐ School board candidates

list of ballot issues is posted at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/84705>.

State sets up online portal for school safety plans

Schools can now submit school safety plans via a secure online portal on the Ohio Department of Education website. This portal was recommended by the Attorney General's School Safety Task Force. Ohio law requires schools to submit school floor plans and safety plans to the attorney general. The plans are placed on the Ohio Law Enforcement Gateway to be used by first responders in an emergency. For additional information and access to the secure portal, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/47208>.

Study: Fewer dropouts would cut Medicaid costs

Reducing the number of high school dropouts by half nationally

would save \$7.3 billion in annual Medicaid spending, according to a new report from the Alliance for Excellent Education. In Ohio, the annual savings would be nearly \$176 million. The report examines Medicaid spending in all 50 states and Washington, D.C., based on four key afflictions: heart disease,

alcoholism, obesity and smoking. Researchers found that a high school graduate is about 50% less likely to use Medicaid, compared to a high school dropout. Based on that percentage, they incorporated each state's specific contribution to Medicaid to produce an estimate of what would be saved for each additional high school graduate. The complete report, including a state-by-state breakdown of potential savings on Medicaid and health care, can be downloaded at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/87120>.

OSBA online

● www.ohioschoolboards.org

The OSBA Conference Guide — your source for everything about the conference — is now online at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/49963>. This valuable resource is filled with information to help you prepare for your trip to Columbus next month.

Ex-NFL, OSU football player returns to his school district

A former NFL and Ohio State University football player recently participated in a principal-for-a-day program in New Philadelphia City.

Cie Grant, a 1998 New Philadelphia High School graduate, joined business and community leaders to shadow principals at buildings throughout the district as part of the fifth annual event.

Grant spoke to students and stressed the importance of good character. "Being a good person will take you longer and farther than being a good athlete," he told kids, according to a local newspaper.

Grant played for the New Orleans Saints before retiring in 2006. He now lives in the Pittsburgh area and works as an engineer.

Source: *The Times Reporter*



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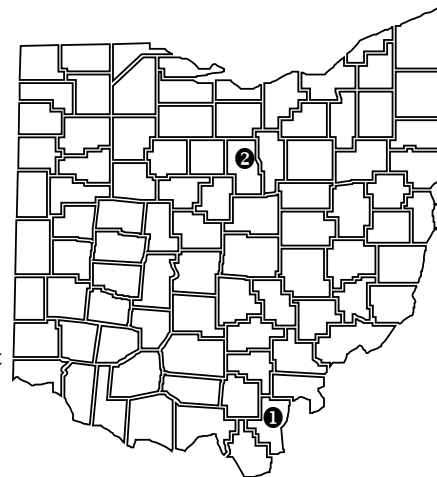
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OSBA executive searches

Superintendent

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

❶ = Superintendent



Other searches

Position	District	Deadline	Contact
Superintendent	Allen East Local (Allen)	Oct. 31	Rhonda Zimmerly, treasurer, Allen East Local, (419) 648-3333, ext. 1007

National searches

Position	District	Deadline	Contact
Superintendent	Wrentham, Mass.	Nov. 1	James M. Hardy, field director, Massachusetts Association of School Committees, (617) 523-8545

Board changes

Kettering City appointed **Jennifer Kane** to the board effective Oct. 10. She replaced **James S. Trent**, who resigned Sept. 25.

Administrative changes

Superintendents

Blanchester Local (Clinton) hired **Dean D. Lynch** as superintendent effective Jan. 1. He will replace Interim Superintendent **Gary West**. Lynch currently is a middle school administrator at **Springfield City**. ●●● **Spencerville Local (Allen)** hired **Dennis Fuge** as superintendent effective Jan. 1. He will replace **Joel Hatfield**, who is retiring. Fuge currently is the district's elementary school principal.

Editor's note

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

Treasurers

Medina County ESC hired **Floyd Parsson** as interim treasurer effective Sept. 26. He replaced **Michelle L. McNeely**, who resigned Sept. 23.

Sympathies

Former **Berlin-Milan Local (Erie)** Board of Education member **Max C. Krueger** died Oct. 7. He was 83. ●●● Former **Dayton City** Treasurer **Stanley Lucas** died Sept. 27. He was 64. ●●● Former **Highland Local (Medina)** Board of Education member **William H. Kelly** died Sept. 27. He was 95. ●●● **Constantine G. Pelekoudas**, a member of the former **Mad River-Greenon Local** Board of Education in Clark and Montgomery counties, died Oct. 4. He was 81. ●●● Former **Minster Local (Auglaize)** Board of Education **Melvin G. Vallo** died April 12. He was 94. ●●● Former **Tecumseh Local (Clark)** Board of Education member **Ronald V. Lyons** died Sept. 23. He was 76. ●●● **Willis "Will" D. Tudo**, a member of the former **Vaughnsville** Board of Education in Putnam County, died Oct. 11. He was 85.



OSBA LEADERSHIP

by Angela Penquite, assistant editor

Platform committee recommends resolutions, updated platform

The OSBA Legislative Platform Committee met earlier this year to review recommended changes to the association's legislative platform. The committee approved four 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 **Jo Ann W. Feltner, Franklin City**, led the meeting, which was attended by six OSBA Executive Committee members, 21 members of the Legislative Platform Committee and six association staff members.

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

Resolution 2013-1

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

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

Resolution 2013-2

Submitted by **Cincinnati City**, this adds new language to the Consolidation plank in the School governance section on page 6 of the platform.

OSBA opposes legislation that — *Requires districts to join other joint vocational entities.*

Resolution 2013-3

Submitted by **Franklin City**, this adds new language to the State Report Card plank in the Students and learning section on page 4.

OSBA supports legislation that states— *The graduation rate as computed by the Ohio Department of Education should allow students with disabilities additional time to complete graduation requirements without penalty as stated in federal requirements.*

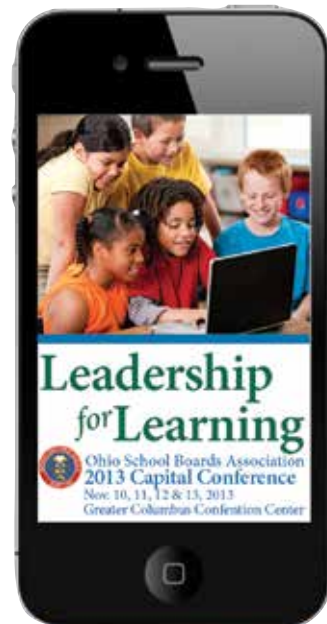
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Get the latest conference information with the OSBA Capital Conference app

Experience the Capital Conference in a whole new way. The OSBA Capital Conference mobile app is designed to enhance your conference experience and provide valuable information and updates before, during and after the conference.

The app features:

- education session listings, including topic descriptions and presenters;
- breakout session and Spotlight Session handouts, available for download;
- districts presenting in the OSBA Student Achievement Fair on Tuesday, Nov. 12;
- general conference information;
- a listing of exhibitors, with booth locations on a map of the Trade Show Hall;
- a personalized schedule – choose the sessions you want to attend and build your conference schedule;
- session and conference evaluations;
- social media updates.



The app is available for Apple and Android mobile devices, as well as desktop/laptop users. It provides easy-to-use interactive resources for attendees, speakers and exhibitors, and downloading it is easy!

To download the mobile app or view the conference schedule on your browser, go to www.ohioschoolboards.org/2013-capital-conference. The app also can be downloaded from the Apple iTunes Store or Google Play Store.



Leadership for Learning



Ohio School Boards Association
2013 Capital Conference
Nov. 10-13, 2013 Greater Columbus Convention Center

Expanding Your Office IQ

Maximizing Efficiency and Staff Harmony

A workshop for central office and school building administrative assistants

Tuesday, Oct. 29 OSBA office, Columbus
10 a.m.-2 p.m. Cost is \$90



Registration is now open for a new OSBA workshop. Expanding Your Office IQ: Maximizing Efficiency and Staff Harmony is part of a series of professional development seminars and activities developed for administrative assistants, particularly those who work with boards of education, superintendents, treasurers and building principals.

Administrative assistants are often considered the backbone of central offices and school buildings. Every program and event runs through their workspaces and every community member who comes in meets them before anyone else. Districts successful in maintaining positive relationships with their communities have very capable staffs.

The agenda includes presentation and discussion on four key areas, as well as a variety of small group topics raised during lunch.

Agenda

9:30 a.m.	Registration and coffee	11:30 a.m.	Lunch and small group discussion
10 a.m.	Welcome and introductions	12:15 p.m.	Best practices — using peer groups and mentors to increase productivity
10:15 a.m.	Managing conflict and mixed messages within the office — from those “above” as well as those “below”	1 p.m.	It’s not about being territorial — why cross-training makes everyone in the office more valuable
10:45 a.m.	Prioritizing and organizing, even when “management by crisis” seems the way things usually work	1:45 p.m.	Final discussion and wrap-up

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

OSBA Levy University presents

Levy success: Understand, communicate and connect



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

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

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

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

Agenda

9 a.m. Registration

9:30 a.m. Welcome

Kathy LaSota, director of school board services, OSBA

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

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

11 a.m. Break

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

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

12:15 p.m. Lunch (provided)

1 p.m.

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

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

Dr. Gary Pack, superintendent, Princeton City

2 p.m.

Break

2:15 p.m.

The ninth try's a charm

It took nine tries, but in 2011, this financially embattled school system passed its first operating levy since 2002 by only 74 votes. Find out what tipped it over the edge.

Greg Power, superintendent, and Melinda Briggs, communications coordinator, Little Miami Local (Warren)

3:15 p.m.

Open dialogue and Q&A

4 p.m.

Adjourn

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

Management Development Series #4:



School Transportation Survival Guide

Tuesday, Dec. 10
OSBA office, Columbus

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

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

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

spotlight.

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

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

Agenda

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

This workshop includes a working lunch (provided).

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

Winter School Finance Workshop

Monday, Dec. 9
OSBA office, Columbus

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

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

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



Learn how to save time and money with these webinars

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

Want to learn more? Join OSBA and BoardDocs for an informative webinar. To register, just choose the date and time you wish to view the webinar:

Information for districts considering paperless board meetings

● Thursday, Oct. 31, 1 p.m.-2 p.m.

<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/856116440>

● Tuesday, Dec. 3, 9 a.m.-10 a.m.

<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/122281713>



Once registered, you will receive an email confirming your registration with the information you need to view the webinar. For questions, 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.

SchoolComp Safety Seminar



Friday, Dec. 13

Cost: \$150

OSBA office, Columbus

9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

Agenda

8:30 a.m.

Registration

9 a.m.

School safety and liability issues

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

Noon

Lunch (provided)

12:30 p.m.

School safety and liability issues discussion (continued)

1:30 p.m.

Workers' compensation program updates

2:30 p.m.

Adjourn

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

*Join OSBA and the
Children's Hunger
Alliance Celebrate
for a Cause!*



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



Save the date

Mark your calendar for these important workshops and webinars.

October 29

Expanding Your Office IQ: Maximizing Efficiency and Staff Harmony
OSBA office, Columbus
\$90, half day

October 31

BoardDocs webinar: Information for districts considering paperless board meetings
free, webinar

November 10-13

OSBA Capital Conference and Trade Show
Greater Columbus Convention Center, Columbus
\$275, four days

December 3

BoardDocs webinar: Information for districts considering paperless board meetings
free, webinar

December 5

Levy success: Understand, communicate and connect
OSBA office, Columbus
\$150, full day

December 9

Winter School Finance Workshop
OSBA office, Columbus
\$150, full day

December 10

Management Development Series #4: School Transportation Survival Guide
OSBA office, Columbus
\$150, full day

December 13

SchoolComp Safety Seminar
OSBA office, Columbus
\$150, full day

January 8

Transportation Workshop
OSBA office, Columbus
\$90, mini workshop

January 11-12

New Board Member Academy
Dayton Marriott, Dayton
\$200, two days

January 11-12

New Board Member Academy
Embassy Suites Cleveland-Rockside, Independence
\$200, two days

January 18-19

New Board Member Academy
Columbus Airport Marriott, Columbus
\$200, two days

January 18-19

New Board Member Academy
Findlay Inn & Conference Center, Findlay
\$200, two days

February 12

Transportation Workshop
OSBA office, Columbus
\$90, mini workshop

March 13

State Legislative Conference
Ohio Statehouse Atrium
\$130, half day

March 21

Special Education Law Workshop
TBD
\$150, full day

March 28

Cyberlaw Seminar
OSBA office, Columbus
\$150, full day

April 9

Transportation Workshop
OSBA office, Columbus
\$90, mini workshop

May 2-3

Board Leadership Institute
Hilton Polaris, Columbus
\$240, two days

May 7

Transportation Workshop
OSBA office, Columbus
\$90, mini workshop

June 13

OCSBA Spring Seminar
NorthPointe Hotel and Conference Center, Lewis Center
\$190, full day



WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

Expanding Your Office IQ Workshop

☐ Oct. 29, Columbus, \$90

Levy Success: Understand, communicate and connect

☐ Dec. 5, Columbus, \$150

Management Development Workshop #4: School Transportation Survival Guide

☐ Dec. 10, 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. Include a purchase order number with fax or email.



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Please photocopy this form for each person

OSBA workshop registration procedures

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

Award of Achievement/LPDC

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



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or fax



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OSBA Registration Hotline,
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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.

You may register on our website at
www.ohioschoolboards.org. Events are listed at
the bottom of the page. You will need a username
and password.

Cancellation and refund policy

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

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Resolution 2013-4

Adds and removes language to the Property tax relief plank in the Finance section on page 17.

OSBA supports legislation that — Increases property tax relief, while ensuring that all taxpayers pay a fair share of the cost of public education on Class I residential/homestead property.

One proposal did not receive the support of the platform committee. Submitted by Cincinnati City Schools, the resolution called for additional supports to promote students' social and emotional learning. The committee did not approve this proposal.

Based on recommendations of the 2012 Legislative Platform Committee, an ad hoc committee was formed to review the complete platform to identify areas that needed to be updated. This

subcommittee, made up of members of the Legislative Platform Committee, met during the winter to discuss and make recommendations, which the Legislative Platform Committee approved and will recommend to the Delegate Assembly.

The Legislative Platform Committee also recommended several changes to the National School Boards Association's *Resolutions and Beliefs & Policies* documents. These recommendations were approved by the OSBA Board of Trustees in September.

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. 11. Items receiving approval of at least 75% of those present and voting will be added to the official OSBA Legislative

Platform.

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. 11, 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 2013 Legislative Platform is available online at www.ohioschoolboards.org/legislative-platform. For a free legislative platform booklet, call (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA.

The 2014 Legislative Platform will be available early next year.



LEGISLATIVE REPORT

by Michelle Francis, deputy director of legislative services

Legislature returns to session

The Ohio General Assembly recently returned from summer recess, and activity at the Statehouse is picking up. Two of the hot topics at the Statehouse related to education are high school graduation requirements and the Common Core standards.

HB 237 — Common Core

House Bill (HB) 237, sponsored by Rep. **Andy Thompson** (R-Marietta), would repeal the Common Core standards in Ohio and void any actions taken to adopt or implement the standards. Specifically, the bill:

- prohibits the State Board of Education from implementing the Common Core standards;
- prohibits the use of Partnership for Assessment of Readiness of College and Careers (PARCC) assessments;

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- prohibits state officials from “ceding” any measure of control over academic content standards (a reference to the consortium of states that developed the Common Core);
- requires the State Board to provide public notice of any proposed adoption or revision of the academic content standards;
- requires the State Board to hold hearings in every congressional district before changing the academic standards.

OSBA, along with the Buckeye Association of School Administrators and Ohio Association of School Business Officials, does not support the provisions in HB 237. The executive directors from the three organizations recently distributed an op-ed to the news media and the Ohio General Assembly stating the organizations’ position on the Common Core standards and the effects of HB 237. The article has been published in a number of news outlets around the state and is available on the OSBA BillTracker page at www.ohio.schoolboards.org/billtracker by searching for “HB 237.”

In addition, we recently sent out a call to action asking school board members, superintendents and treasurers to contact legislators and express their opposition to the bill. House Education Committee Chairman **Gerald L. Stebelton** (R-Lancaster) has been an outspoken opponent of HB 237 and strong supporter of the standards. He recently met with

reporters prior to a hearing on the bill to share facts about the Common Core and dispell a number of myths. However, he and other House leaders are getting pressure from Common Core opponents to pass the bill. HB 237 currently is pending in the House Education Committee.

HB 193 — graduation requirements

HB 193, sponsored by Rep. **Andrew Brenner** (R-Powell), has been introduced as placeholder legislation to make changes to Ohio’s graduation requirements and end-of-course exams. Even though the current version of the bill only entails one paragraph, a substitute version of the bill is expected later this month. Ohio law currently requires overlapping graduation requirements of both the Ohio Graduation Test (OGT) and high stakes end-of-course exams. The goal of HB 193 is to correct this situation. More information on the substitute version of this bill will be shared at the 2013 OSBA Capital Conference and Trade Show during the OSBA Legislative Update session on Tuesday, Nov. 12 (*see below*). HB 193 currently is pending in the House Education Committee.

Important legislative sessions at Capital Conference

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the following Capital Conference sessions to enhance your legislative knowledge:

Monday, Nov. 11

- 9 a.m. Organizational outlook, C 123-125

ODE education update

Leaders of ODE’s Division of Learning and Division of Accountability share news on Ohio’s education hot topics.

- 9 a.m. Spotlight Session, E 150-151

JVSD governance changes — what you need to know

The biennial budget bill, House Bill 59, significantly changed joint vocational school district (JVSD) governance by replacing elected board members with appointed members. This session reviews the changes and examines what JVSDs can do to ensure they are complying with the new law.

Tuesday, Nov. 12

- 8:30 a.m. Spotlight Session, B 200-201

OSBA legislative update

Join OSBA lobbyists and chairs of the House and Senate Education Committees for an update on the recent activities of the Ohio General Assembly. This session includes the latest information on changes to graduation requirements and other legislation affecting public education. All conference attendees are invited and encouraged to attend this session.

Wednesday, Nov. 13

- 9 a.m. ETPI session, B 200-201

You’ve heard it all — now hear from the experts on school funding, tax issues and the state economy

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PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Bryan Bullock, assistant editor

Cleveland schools giving students support for academic success

Cleveland Municipal has partnered with the local United Way to wrap 17 needy schools with social services this school year.

The effort is designed to address nonacademic barriers to learning and engage families and community members in the schools' success. The strategy has been successful in urban districts across the country, including **Cincinnati City**, and allows teachers and principals to focus on academics.

"Our aspiration is for every child to graduate," United Way of Greater Cleveland President and CEO **Bill Kitson** told a local TV station. "United Way is committed to providing a holistic approach to ensure a child and their family has every resource they need to succeed."

Cleveland Municipal CEO **Eric Gordon** has identified 13 Investment Schools to receive special attention and resources for immediate improvement as part of

the district's transformation plan. The Investment Schools and four additional schools will receive wrap-around social services; a committee is reviewing applications from local nonprofits seeking to coordinate services at each school.

"Delivering a quality education in every neighborhood requires the contribution, commitment and support of the entire community," Gordon said.

Source: WKYC-TV

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School-funding reform and tax policy are ever evolving and perennial hot topics in Ohio. The Education Tax Policy Institute (ETPI) is a highly respected resource for policymakers and educators alike. One of the state's top school-funding and tax policy experts explains where we have been, where we are headed and the latest information on state revenues and their implications. All conference attendees are invited to attend this session.

Kids PAC booth to offer silent auction for OSU-Indiana tickets, great prizes

Learn more about Kids PAC at the Capital Conference and Trade

Show and participate in a silent auction to win valuable prizes. Stop by booths 122-124 in the Trade Show to learn about OSBA legislative efforts and how you can make a difference in Ohio public education. While you're there, enter the silent auction for a chance to take home a pair of

tickets to the Ohio State-Indiana football game along with other great items.

For the latest legislative updates, contact the OSBA legislative division at (800) 589-6722.

Editor's note: All information in this article was current as of Oct. 18.

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Let OSBA put you on the path to success!**

OSBA can help your district create a strategic plan to ensure you always know which path to take. Call **Kathy LaSota** at (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA to get started on the right path today!

October 2013

- 28 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).
- 29 Expanding Your Office IQ: Maximizing Efficiency and Staff Harmony workshop Columbus
- 31 BoardDocs webinar: Information for districts considering paperless board meetings

November 2013

- 1 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).
- 5 General Election Day — RC 3501.01 (first Tuesday after the first Monday).
- 6 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).

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

December 2013

- 2 Southwest Region Executive Committee Meeting Lebanon
- 3 BoardDocs webinar: Information for districts considering paperless board meetings
- 4 Northeast Region Executive Committee Meeting TBD

- 5 Levy success: Understand, communicate and connect Columbus
- 9 Winter School Finance Workshop Columbus
- 10 Management Development Series #4 workshop Columbus
- 13 SchoolComp Safety Workshop Columbus
- 13 Post-general election campaign finance reports must be filed by candidates, political action committees, caucus committees (legislative campaign funds) and political parties (by 4 p.m.) detailing contributions and expenditures through Dec. 6, 2013 — RC 3517.10.
- 31 Last day for treasurer to canvass the board to establish a date of the organizational meeting — RC 3313.14.

January 2014

- 6 Last day for voter registration for February election — RC 3503.01, 3503.19(A) (30 days prior to the election).
- 11-12 New Board Member Academy .. Dayton
- 11-12 New Board Member Academy Independence
- 15 Deadline for boards of education of city, exempted village, vocational and local school districts to meet and organize — RC 3313.14.