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State Legislative Conference brings public education leaders to Statehouse

COLUMBUS — During today's annual State Legislative Conference at the Statehouse, public education leaders heard from legislators about their views on public education and other priorities, including the biennial budget.

The Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA), Ohio Association of School Business Officials (OASBO) and Buckeye Association of School Administrators (BASA) provided the opportunity for school board members, superintendents, treasurers and others to meet face-to-face with legislators to discuss the importance of public education.

“The conference provides a wonderful opportunity for members to engage with their state legislators and learn more about current issues,” OSBA Director of Legislative Services Damon Asbury said. “Such meetings give leaders at the local level the ability to strengthen their advocacy and have meaningful conversations about topics before the General Assembly.”

Attendees took part in discussions about charter school and voucher funding, the Every Student Succeeds Act and standardized testing, among other topics. Legislators offered updates and fielded questions from attendees, who also scheduled office meetings with legislators and their aides.

Legislators who took part in the conversation included Sens. Cliff Hite (R-Findlay), chair, Senate Finance Subcommittee on Primary and Secondary Education; Peggy Lehner (R-Kettering), chair, Senate Education Committee; Joe Schiavoni (D-Boardman), Senate minority leader; and Reps. Cliff Rosenberger (R-Clarksville), House speaker; Fred Strahorn (D-Dayton), House minority leader; and Ryan Smith (R-Bidwell), chair, House Finance Committee.

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