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OAG offering \$11 million in school safety grants

The Ohio Attorney General's Office (OAG) announced it will be awarding \$11 million in school safety grants to Ohio schools for the 2022-23 academic year. The funding, from House Bill 110, can be used for safety planning, training and classroom programs for public schools, educational service centers, STEM schools and schools operated by county boards of developmental disabilities. Each school is eligible for a grant of \$2,500 or \$5.50 per student, whichever amount is greater. Grant applications should be submitted via the Ohio Grants Portal at <https://grants.ohio.gov/fundingopportunities.aspx>. Details are available at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/46654>. The deadline is Feb. 28.

OSCC releases list of trainings to meet SAVE Student Act requirements

A list of evidence-based programs that meet the requirements of the Safety and Violence Education Students (SAVE Students) Act is now available. Developed by the Ohio School Safety Center (OSCC), in consultation with the Ohio Department of Education and Ohio Attorney General's Office, the list includes approved threat assessment programs that identify physical safety risks and provide instruction in identifying behaviors, signs and threats that may lead to a violent act; determining the seriousness of a threat; developing intervention plans that protect potential victims and address the underlying problem or conflict that initiated the behavior; and assessing plan results. View the list at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/80776>.

Association welcomes new Board of Trustees members

Five school board members have joined the OSBA Board of Trustees, OSBA's primary governing body. The new trustees are: **Jennifer Adair, Columbus City; Cindy Erikson, Leipsic Local (Putnam); Mindy Patrick, Olentangy Local (Delaware) and Delaware Area Career Center; Stacey Thacker, South Point Local (Lawrence); and Darrell Thomas, Urbana City.** Appointments from **Cincinnati Public, South-Western City and Toledo City** are still pending. For information on the role and composition of the OSBA Board of Trustees, go to <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/76354>.

Reminder: Send news, photos of board recognition events to OSBA

As January draws to a close, school districts and communities are wrapping up their School Board Recognition Month celebrations. OSBA reminds districts to send news and photos of their recognition activities to OSBA to be featured in the Journal magazine and on the association's website. Submit materials by Feb. 9 at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/13258> or send them to **Angela Penquite** at apenquite@ohioschoolboards.org or 8050 N. High St., Suite 100, Columbus, OH 43235.

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- ☐ Administrators
- ☐ Communications staff
- ☐ Principals
- ☐ Transportation supervisors

OSBA NW Region offering educational funds for college

Applications are being accepted for the 2022 Bonnie Eddy Educational Supply and Book Grant. All graduating seniors in northwest Ohio whose school district is a member of OSBA are eligible to apply. The application is posted at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/53480>. The deadline to apply is Jan. 31.

School breakfast challenge group seeks success stories

The Ohio School Breakfast Challenge partners established the Breakfast and Beyond program to recognize Ohio schools or districts that demonstrate a collaborative approach and innovative strategies to expand access and participation in school meals. Districts can participate by submitting stories that demonstrate collaboration and innovative strategies and practices in the important work of

Upper Arlington students help provide meals for families

Students and staff at **Upper Arlington City's** Greensview Elementary School raised more than \$7,000 worth of food and other items to help families during the winter break.

Three fourth-grade classes collaborated with the Columbus chapter of After-School All-Stars, a nonprofit organization that provides free after-school programs for children living in under-resourced neighborhoods. "When they (Greensview) said they're ready to be picked up, we went over with just our three little cars," After-School All-Stars Development Manager **Renee O'Shaughnessy** told a local newspaper. "And they said, 'You need a bigger car.' So, we ended up using a realtor's truck to pick up all these bags. We were completely blown away and did not expect this."

Source: The Columbus Dispatch

maximizing resources to expand participation in school meals. For more information and to submit stories and photos, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/11729>. Submissions can be made through April 15. To preview a sample of the submission form, go to <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/87201>.

OSBA makes it easier for districts to update rosters

To enable board members and administrators to take advantage of all of OSBA's information and resources, it is important for districts to keep their OSBA rosters up to date. Districts should update their rosters whenever there is a change in key personnel. Visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/rosterhelp> for step-by-step instructions for updating the roster and a video to help you navigate the process. Keeping your roster up to date helps ensure that the right information is getting to the right person in a timely fashion.

OSBA online

● www.ohioschoolboards.org
Are you a new school board member? If so, OSBA offers a wealth of resources and training to get your board career off to a successful start. Visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/new-board-members to learn more.



Briefcase

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BULLETIN BOARD

compiled by Melanie Price, senior administrative assistant of communication services

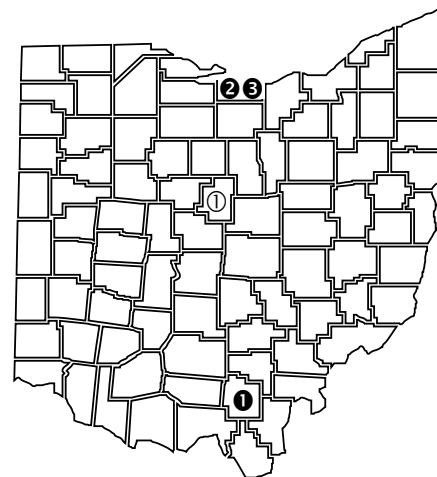
OSBA executive searches

Superintendent

District	Deadline	Contact
❶ Wellston City	Jan. 28	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
❷ Sandusky City	Feb. 2	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
❸ Huron City	Feb. 18	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000

Treasurer

District	Deadline	Contact
❶ Cardington-Lincoln Local (Morrow)	Feb. 18	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000



Other searches

Position	Location	Deadline	Contact
Treasurer	Norwayne Local (Wayne)	Feb. 16	Liz Shaffer , administrative assistant to the superintendent, Tri-County ESC, (330) 345-6771, ext. 233

National searches

Position	Location	Deadline	Contact
Superintendent	Sedgwick, Kan.	Jan. 27	Sue Givens , leadership field specialist, Kansas Association of School Boards, (800) 432-2471
Superintendent	Old Town, Maine	Jan. 31	Maine School Management Association, msma@msmaweb.com or (207) 622-3473
Superintendent	Elizabeth City, N.C.	Jan. 31	Jim O'Rourke , assistant legal counsel for superintendent searches, North Carolina School Boards Association, (919) 747-6711
Superintendent	Medicine Lodge, Kan.	Feb. 1	Sue Givens , leadership field specialist, Kansas Association of School Boards, (800) 432-2471
Superintendent	Haven, Kan.	Feb. 3	Gary Sechrist , leadership field specialist, Kansas Association of School Boards, (620) 680-0871

Editor's note

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

Board changes

Beachwood City Board of Education member **Joshua Mintz** announced his resignation effective Jan. 2. He was elected to the Beachwood City Council. ●●● **Claymont City** appointed **Aaron Cottrell** to the board effective Jan. 3. He replaced **Kenny Trimmer**, who resigned in December. ●●● **Lynchburg-Clay Local (Highland)** appointed **John Carraher** and **Matt Stroud** to the board effective Dec. 30. They replaced **Bobbie Jo Ernst**, who resigned effective Dec. 10, and **Brad Hess**, who resigned effective Dec. 16. ●●● **Sidney City** Board of Education member **Mandi Croft** announced her resignation effective Dec. 31. ●●● **Twinsburg City** Board of Education member **Adrienne Gordon** announced her resignation effective Jan. 5.

Administrative changes

Superintendents

Amanda Clearcreek Local (Fairfield) Superintendent **James B. Dick** announced his resignation effective Aug. 31. ●●● **Buckeye Local (Jefferson)** Superintendent **Kim Leonard** announced her resignation effective Dec. 21. ●●● **Lowellville Local (Mahoning)** Superintendent **Dr. Eugene Thomas** announced his resignation effective July 31. ●●● **Manchester Local (Adams)** Superintendent **Brian Rau** announced his resignation effective July 31. ●●● **Minster Local (Auglaize)** Superintendent **Brenda Boeke** announced her retirement effective July 31. ●●● **Springfield Local (Summit)** hired **William Stauffer** as interim superintendent effective immediately. He replaced **Chuck Sincere**, who resigned in December. ●●● **Washington County Career Center** hired Director of Adult Education **Tony Huffman** as superintendent effective immediately. He replaced **Dennis Blatt**, who retired effective Jan. 1. ●●● **Woodridge Local (Summit)** hired Director of Pupil Services **N'ecole Ast** as assistant superintendent effective Dec. 23.

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Could your board benefit from the insight and direction of a governance expert?

OSBA's Division of Board and Management Services provides one-on-one consulting workshops that can help your team work through common governance issues such as:

- setting vision-focused goals and priorities;
- strengthening board and superintendent relations during periods of leadership transition;
- developing effective deliberation, meetings and communication;
- superintendent evaluation and board self-evaluation.

Call us at (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA. We'll connect you with a consultant who will work with your board to design strategies and services that best meet your needs.



Customized workshops
Ohio School Boards Association

OSBA Master of Transportation Administration (MTA) Program

Don't miss the 2021-22 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. Each class is \$100, or you can purchase an MTA subscription for the workshop series. Contact **Doug Palmer**, OSBA senior transportation consultant, for subscription information. All workshops will be offered virtually and in-person at the OSBA office, 8050 N. High St., Columbus, 43235. Visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/transportation-training-programs to learn about the MTA certification program.



Workshop dates and descriptions

Feb. 2 — Federal regulations, guidance and agencies

School transportation is not only governed by local rules but also is subject to a significant number of federal rules and regulations. We will look at the external impacts on transportation and consider the federal alphabet soup: including FMCSA, NHTSA, NTSB, TSB and ODI. Part of this session will look at various federal studies that continue to be landmarks in the student transportation industry.

March 2 — Laws, rules and policy — what, how and why

What is the difference between revised code, administrative code and department policy? Are they all mandates that must be followed, or are they just best practice that should be followed? What happens when they conflict? We will look at the technical aspects of various regulatory controls and the process that is invoked in moving an idea for change into policy, rule or revised code. Is this “government 101”? Perhaps, but it is also important for you to understand in the event you want to help influence the future.

April 6 — Hot topics — safety, trends and statistics

This final session of the year will look at hot topics in the school transportation industry. As part of that review, we will look at the never-ending discussion on passenger restraints, review crash studies completed by the National Transportation Safety Board, look at Ohio school bus accident statistics and leave the door open for attendees to bring up topics that are important in their districts. While we explore these hot topics, an underlying focus is also on how to identify the learning points in each of these areas and to share them with the staff that delivers our front-line transportation services.

Register by contacting **Doug Palmer** at (614) 635-0820, (800) 589-OSBA or mta@ohioschoolboards.org. You also can purchase a subscription plan for all the workshops in this series; contact Palmer for more information.



Board Member 201

Mastering your board leadership skills

A deeper dive for veteran board members and board officers

Based on your board experience to date, especially over the past few years, you understand that there's never a time in which every challenge has been vanquished and every problem solved. There is too much to know and too much at stake to not have access to the latest information, laws and policies. Attend Board Member 201 and engage with other board members and experts on some of the deeper learning you need as you continue leading your district.

Content for this workshop will cover current challenges for board members, new developments in legislation and policy, and strategies to build or maintain strong partnerships with fellow board members and administrators. Legal, legislative and policy experts will answer your questions and provide the tools and knowledge you need to advance achievement in your district.

Details

This workshop is offered over two weekends at four locations:

Feb. 12 at the Renaissance Toledo Downtown in Toledo or the Hilton Garden Inn Dayton South in Miamisburg

March 5 at the Cleveland Marriott East in Warrensville Heights or the Nationwide Hotel and Conference Center in Lewis Center

Cost

\$195, which includes breakfast and lunch, workshop materials and the "Board Officers' Guidebook."

To register

Visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops



Central Region Spring Conference

Wednesday, March 9 • 5 p.m.–8:30 p.m.
Villa Milano, 1630 Schrock Rd., Columbus • (614) 882-2058

Agenda

Welcome

*Leslie Schneider, Central Region president;
board member, Marion City*

OSBA legislative update

OSBA comments

*Robert M. Heard Sr., OSBA president;
board member, Cleveland Municipal*

Rick Lewis, OSBA chief executive officer

*Mark E. Bobo, OSBA membership retention
and engagement consultant*

Musical selection

Keynote speaker

Presentation of awards

Authority for reimbursement

Ohio Revised Code Section 3315.15 authorizes the establishment of a service fund for board members. This fund can be used for expenses incurred at a meeting such as this.

Reservation information

Make your reservations at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/crspring2022>.

Online reservations allow districts to pay with a credit card, check or be invoiced after the conference if a purchase order number is provided.

The cost to attend is \$40. The reservation deadline is Tuesday, March 1. Cancellations received at least three workdays before the day of the event may request a full refund. All others will be charged the full event fee.

If paying by check, please make payable to Ohio School Boards Association Central Region and mail to **Melanie Price**, senior administrative assistant of communication services, Ohio School Boards Association, 8050 N. High St., Ste. 100, Columbus, OH 43235.

If you require special accommodations, including food allergies or special dietary needs such as a gluten-free meal, please include the information in the notes of the online reservation form.



Northeast Region Spring Conferences

The Northeast Region will host two conferences. Choose the date and location that best fits your schedule:

Wednesday, March 16 • RG Drage Career Center, 2800 Richville Dr. SW, Massillon • (330) 832-9856

Monday, March 28 • Dilucia's Banquet Room, 2610 Elm Rd. NE, Warren • (330) 372-3813

Agenda for both events

- 5 p.m. Networking**
- Student entertainment**
- 5:45 p.m. Welcome**
Sally S. Green, Northeast Region president; board member, Tuscarawas Valley Local (Tuscarawas)
- 5:50 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance**
Albert Haberstroh, Northeast Region immediate past president; board member, Trumbull County ESC and Trumbull Career & Technical Center
- 6 p.m. Dinner**
- 6:45 p.m. Program**
- Introductions**
Sally S. Green
- Greetings and update from OSBA**
Robert M. Heard Sr., OSBA president; board member, Cleveland Municipal
Rick Lewis, OSBA chief executive officer

OSBA legislative update

Sponsor presentation

Kevin J. Locke, managing partner, Pepple & Waggoner, Ltd.

Presentation of Awards

- Veteran board members
- Master Board Members
- OSBA STAR Awards
- Northeast Region Blue Ribbon Schools
- Lester Marrison Book Grant winner
- Northeast Region President's Award
- OSBA Capital Conference Student Achievement Fair participants

Authority for reimbursement

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Reservation information

Make your reservations at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/nespring2022>. Online reservations allow districts to pay with a credit card, check or be invoiced after the conference if a purchase order number is provided.

The cost to attend is \$40. The reservation deadline is Monday, March 7 for the Massillon event and Monday, March 21 for the Warren event. Cancellations received at least three workdays before the day of the event may request a full refund. All others will be charged the full event fee.

If paying by check, please make payable to Ohio School Boards Association Northeast Region and mail to **Melanie Price**, senior administrative assistant of communication services, Ohio School Boards Association, 8050 N. High St., Ste. 100, Columbus, OH 43235.



Northwest Region Spring Conference

Thursday, March 24 • 5:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m.
Findlay High School, 1200 Broad Ave., Findlay

Agenda

5:30 p.m.

Welcome

*Troy Roth, superintendent,
Findlay City*

Pledge of Allegiance

OSBA remarks

*Robert M. Heard Sr., OSBA president;
board member, Cleveland Municipal*

Greetings and OSBA Update

*Rick Lewis, OSBA chief executive
officer*

*Mark E. Bobo, OSBA membership
engagement and retention consultant*

OSBA legislative update

Awards and presentations

OSBA STAR Awards

Master Board Members

Northwest Region Excellence in
Community Service Award

Neil Pohlman Award of
Excellence in Education

Bonnie Eddy Educational Supply
and Book Grant awards

Authority for reimbursement

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Reservation information

Make your reservations at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/nwspring2022>. Online reservations allow districts to pay with a credit card, check or be invoiced after the conference if a purchase order number is provided.

The cost to attend is \$40. The reservation deadline is Thursday, March 17. Cancellations received at least three workdays before the day of the event may request a full refund. All others will be charged the full event fee.

If paying by check, please make payable to Ohio School Boards Association Northwest Region and mail to **Melanie Price**, senior administrative assistant of communication services, Ohio School Boards Association, 8050 N. High St., Ste. 100, Columbus, OH 43235.



Southeast Region Spring Conferences

The Southeast Region will host two conferences. Choose the date and location that best fits your schedule:

Tuesday, March 15 • Vinton County High School, 63910 US Hwy 50, McArthur • (740) 596-5258

Tuesday, March 22 • Belmont-Harrison Career Center, 68090 Hammond Rd., St. Clairsville • (740) 695-9130

Agenda for both events

5:30 p.m. Registration and social hour

6:15 p.m. Presiding

*Ed Penrod, Southeast Region
president; board member,
Muskingum Valley ESC and
Tri-County Career Center*

Dinner

Entertainment

Greetings and update from OSBA

*Robert M. Heard Sr., OSBA
president; board member, Cleveland
Municipal*

*Rick Lewis, OSBA chief executive
officer*

*Mark E. Bobo, OSBA membership
engagement and retention consultant*

Recognition of Student

Achievement Fair participants

**Recognition of veteran board
members**

**Recognition of Ohio Department
of Education Blue Ribbon Schools**

**Recognition of region past
president**

**Recognition of Southeast Region
Education Book Grant recipients**

Program

*OSBA Division of Legislative
Services*

Adjourn

Authority for reimbursement

Ohio Revised Code Section 3315.15 authorizes the establishment of a service fund for board members. This fund can be used for expenses incurred at meetings such as this.

Reservation information

Make your reservations at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/sespring2022>. Online reservations allow districts to pay with a credit card, check or be invoiced after the conference if a purchase order number is provided.

The cost to attend is \$40. The reservation deadline is Friday, March 11 for the McArthur event and Friday, March 18 for the St. Clairsville event. Cancellations received at least three workdays before the day of the event may request a full refund. All others will be charged the full event fee.

If paying by check, please make payable to Ohio School Boards Association Southeast Region and mail to **Melanie Price**, senior administrative assistant of communication services, Ohio School Boards Association, 8050 N. High St., Ste. 100, Columbus, OH 43235.



Southwest Region Spring Conference

Tuesday, March 8 • 5 p.m.–8 p.m.

Laurel Oaks Career Campus, 300 Oak Dr., Wilmington • (937) 382-1411

Agenda

Welcome

*Lynda O'Connor, Southwest Region president;
board member, Lakota Local (Butler)*

Pledge of Allegiance

*Mary Cleveland, Southwest Region president-elect;
board member, Princeton City and Great Oaks
Career Campuses*

OSBA president comments

*Robert M. Heard Sr., OSBA president; board
member, Cleveland Municipal*

OSBA comments

Rick Lewis, OSBA chief executive officer

OSBA membership update

*Mark E. Bobo, OSBA membership retention and
engagement consultant*

OSBA legislative update

Awards

Adjourn

Reservation information

Make your reservations at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/swspring2022>.

Online reservations allow districts to pay with a credit card, check or be invoiced after the conference if a purchase order number is provided.


The cost to attend is \$40. The reservation deadline is Tuesday, March 1. Cancellations received at least three workdays before the day of the event may request a full refund. All others will be charged the full event fee.

If paying by check, please make payable to Ohio School Boards Association Southwest Region and mail to **Melanie Price**, senior administrative assistant of communication services, Ohio School Boards Association, 8050 N. High St., Ste. 100, Columbus, OH 43235.

Authority for reimbursement

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WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

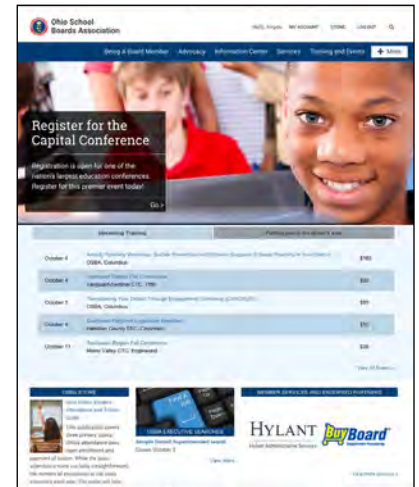
Register at www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops

OSBA members can access member-only information, including workshop registration, by logging in to the OSBA website.

How to log in

Click on “Log in to your account” on top right of the website. Log in using your email address on file and your password. Click “Reset your password” if needed.

If it says “We could not find your email address,” or if this is your first time logging in to the site, click “Create new account.” At the username prompt, enter your email address, select your affiliation and school district, and click “Submit.” Create a password and add your job title on the next screen. An email with a link to activate your account will be sent to you. Click on the link to activate your account, and you will be directed to a home screen.



School Finance 101: What Board Members Should Know

Friday, Feb. 25, 9 a.m.–3 p.m. • Columbus or virtual • Cost: \$175

School finance is a complicated subject. As board members, it is important to know the basics. Learn from the experts about state and local funding, levies and five-year forecasts. Become your district’s expert and find out how to access data and what questions to ask.

8:45 a.m. Registration

9 a.m. State school-funding formula – What school board members should know

Aaron Rausch, director, Office of Budget and School Funding, Ohio Department of Education

10:30 a.m. Break

10:40 a.m. School funding in Ohio: Past, present and future

Dr. Howard Fleeter, consultant, Ohio Education Policy Institute

12:15 p.m. Lunch

1 p.m. Understanding five-year forecasts

Mike Sobul, senior analytics advisor, and Ryan Ghizzoni, director, Ohio Analytics, Forecast5 Analytics

1:55 p.m. Break

2:15 p.m. Local funding

Mike Sobul and Ryan Ghizzoni

3 p.m. Wrap-up and adjourn

To register, visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops

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Treasurers

Edgewood City Treasurer **Randy S. Stiver** announced his resignation effective Feb. 4. ●●● **Newton Falls EV** hired **Terry Armstrong** as treasurer effective Jan. 24. He will replace **Carla Click**, who took the treasurer position at **Bristol Local (Trumbull)**. Armstrong currently is treasurer at **Boardman Local (Mahoning)**.

Sympathies

Former **Bluffton EV** Board of Education member **Frederick Arnold** died Dec. 31. He was 92. ●●● Former **EHOVE Career Center** Superintendent **James "Jim" F. Mutchler** died Dec. 29. He was 81. ●●● Former **Fairbanks Local (Union)** and **Tolles Career & Technical Center** Board of Education member **David S. Woodworth** died Dec. 11. He was 75. ●●● Former **Federal Hocking Local (Athens)** Board of Education member Dr. **William Raymond Cuckler** died Dec. 18. He was 84. ●●● Former **Marietta City** Board of Education member **Dan J. Stoffel** died Dec. 31. He was 88. ●●● Former **Oakwood City** Superintendent **Mary Jo Scalzo** died Dec. 25. She was 71. ●●● Former **Wellington EV** Board of Education member **Lois Ann Wulfhoop** died Jan. 2. She was 57. ●●● Former **Youngstown City** Board of Education member **Clarence Boles** died Dec. 20. He was 70.



LEGISLATIVE REPORT

by Will Schwartz, deputy director of legislative services

Bill would require curriculum to be posted online

Despite existing laws covering the topic, a pair of Republicans in the Ohio House of Representatives want public and private schools and public colleges and universities to upload to their websites all educational materials used in student instruction. The proposal, House Bill (HB) 529, was introduced Jan. 4 by Reps. **Brett Hudson Hillyer** (R-Uhrichsville) and **Bill Roemer** (R-Richfield) and includes 13 co-sponsors.

Under HB 529, all public school districts, charter schools, STEM schools, chartered nonpublic schools, and public colleges and universities that participate in the College Credit Plus program

would be required post an internet link or title to specified instructional items on their websites by July 1 each year.

The following items must be uploaded:

- all textbooks;
- course syllabi that include a list of all instructional materials and activities to be used for student instruction in each instructional course;
- a written summary of each instructional course;
- the state academic content standards related to each course.

The bill defines "instructional materials" to include "textbooks, reading materials, videos, digital

materials, websites, online applications and any other materials used for student instruction." It also defines "activities" to include "presentations, assemblies, lectures, or other activities or events facilitated by the entity's staff, excluding student presentations."

Finally, the bill defines "used for student instruction" to mean "any task assigned or any information distributed or otherwise presented to students in any course for which students receive academic credit" and "any materials from which students are

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required to select one or more, provided that the available selection is restricted by the school district or school.”

If any of the uploaded items are used or revised by educators after their initial posting, those updates must be uploaded within 30 business days after each use or revision. All uploaded items must

remain accessible on the website at least two years from the date posted.

The bill also includes two provisions requiring the posting of course curricula for all chartered nonpublic schools and for public colleges for courses in which high school-level students are enrolled.

The provisions of HB 529 are in addition to Ohio’s existing laws on parental access to student instructional materials, which have long-provided parents virtually unfettered access to those materials upon request.

For example, Ohio Revised Code (RC) 3313.60 requires school

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Protect yourself and your family anytime, anywhere for \$60 per year!

Accidents can happen to anyone at any time. Although nothing can prepare your family should the unthinkable happen to you, insurance coverage can help give peace of mind to you and your family. OSBA provides all school board members with a free \$100,000 accidental death and dismemberment (AD&D) insurance policy that covers them while they are performing their duties as board members.

ELIGIBILITY FOR 24/7 PROTECTION FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

OSBA also offers school board members, district administrators and their families the opportunity to purchase low-cost AD&D insurance that covers them at *all* times.

ENROLL NOW

Open enrollment runs through Feb. 28, and annual coverage begins March 1. Enrollment and beneficiary forms are available at www.ohioschoolboards.org/insurance-programs.

For more information, contact OSBA at (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA.



Ohio School Boards
Association
Insurance Agency LLC

The enrollment deadline is Feb. 28. Don't miss out on your chance to protect your family with this affordable insurance.



PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Scott Gerfen, assistant editor

Trees to Textbooks invests \$1.5M in schools, communities

Sixteen rural Ohio school districts and their corresponding counties and townships are sharing more than \$1.5 million from the harvest of timber from Ohio's state forests through the Trees to Textbooks program, part of the Ohio Division of Natural Resources' (ODNR) Division of Forestry.

Through the program, a percentage of the revenue generated from state forest management activity goes to the

county, township and school district in which the activity took place.

"Our Trees to Textbooks program is just one of the economic benefits our state forests bring to rural communities," ODNR Division of Forestry Chief **Dan Balser** said in a news release. "Sharing these funds locally helps communities provide necessary services and can go a long way in making good schools better."

The Ohio Division of Forestry

began distributing timber revenues to counties and townships in the early 1980s.

Since the Trees to Textbooks program started in 1999, more than \$34 million has been shared with Ohio school districts and local governments. The Ohio Division of Forestry is responsible for the care of more than 20,000 acres of state forests. State forestry experts manage these woodlands.

Source: Ohio Division of Natural Resources

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districts to permit parents, upon their request, to promptly examine the following information:

- surveys and questionnaires prior to their administration;
- textbooks, workbooks, software, videos or other instructional materials;
- completed and graded tests and completed surveys and questionnaires;
- copies of the statewide academic content standards and model curriculum, copies of which must be always available during school hours in each school.

This law does not apply to chartered nonpublic schools, charter schools, STEM schools or

public or private colleges or universities.

Another provision of law, RC 3313.212, requires school districts to provide an opportunity for parents to review the selection of textbooks and reading lists, instructional materials and the academic curriculum used by schools in the district. That statute also requires each board of education to establish a parental advisory committee or another method for review to meet this requirement.

This law also does not apply to chartered nonpublic schools, charter schools, STEM schools or public and private colleges or

universities.

Finally, RC 3313.60 contains another provision that requires public school building principals to provide parents, upon written request, an opportunity to review the school's dating violence prevention instruction materials.

This law, like the others previously mentioned, does not apply to chartered nonpublic schools, charter schools, STEM schools or public and private colleges and universities.

HB 529 is pending referral to a standing committee in the House.

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- 25 Coffee Chat: Online payment systems that drive parent adoptions Virtual
- 25 Reasonable Suspicion training Stark County ESC
- 27 Introduction to Community Learning Centers Virtual
- 28 Last day to submit May emergency, current operating expenses or conversion levy to county auditor for May election — RC 5705.194, 5705.195, 5705.213, 5705.219(C) (95 days prior to election).
- 31 Deadline for educational service center (ESC) governing boards and joint vocational school districts (JVSD) boards of education to meet and organize — RC 3313.14; deadline for secondary schools to provide information about College Credit Plus to all students enrolled in grades six through 11 — RC 3365.04(A); annual campaign finance reports must be filed by certain candidates (by 4 p.m.) detailing contributions and expenditures from the last day reflected in the previous report through Dec. 31, 2021 — RC 3517.10(A)(3).

February 2022

- 2 OSBA Master of Transportation Administration: Federal regulations, guidance and agencies Columbus or Virtual

- 2 OSBA Northeast Region Executive Committee meeting Virtual
- 2 OSBA Southwest Region Executive Committee meeting Franklin
- 2 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 May election — RC 133.18(D); last day for county auditor to certify school district bond levy terms for May election — RC 133.18(C); last day to submit continuing replacement, permanent improvement or operating levy for May election to board of elections — RC 5705.192, 5705.21, 5705.25; last day to certify resolution for school district income tax levy or renewal of conversion levy for May election to board of elections — RC 5748.02(C), 5705.219(G); last day to submit emergency levy for May election to board of elections — RC 5705.195; last day to submit phased-in levy or current operating expenses levy for May election to board of elections — RC 5705.251(A) (90 days prior to election).
- 5 OSBA Northwest Region Executive Committee meeting Virtual
- 12 Board Member 201: A deeper dive Toledo and Miamisburg
- 13 OSBA Southeast Region Executive Committee meeting Logan

- 15 Coffee Chat: District finances, sustainability & ROI Virtual
- 24 Valuing Evaluations Columbus
- 25 School Finance 101 Columbus and Virtual
- 25 OSBA Executive Committee meeting Columbus
- 26 OSBA Board of Trustees meeting TBD

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- 1 Last day to take action and deliver written notice of nonrenewal of superintendent's contract — RC 3319.01; last day to take action on and deliver written notice of nonrenewal of treasurer's contract — RC 3313.22; last day to publish joint statement describing how district's business advisory council has fulfilled its responsibilities — RC 3313.821.
- 2 OSBA Master of Transportation Administration: Laws, rules and policy — what, how and why Columbus or Virtual
- 5 Board Member 201: A deeper dive Lewis Center and Warrensville Heights
- 8 OSBA Southwest Region Spring Conference Wilmington
- 9 OSBA Central Region Spring Conference Columbus