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It's time to register for OSBA virtual region spring conferences

The OSBA spring region conferences again will be conducted virtually via Zoom. The free events run from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Register today at **www.ohioschoolboards. org/events** for an outstanding professional development opportunity and a chance to celebrate achievements from throughout your region. Regional managers have developed programs to replicate the in-person events as much as possible. The schedule is: Northeast Region, March 3; Southwest Region, March 9; Central Region, March 10; Northwest Region, March 11; Southeast Region, March 16. For more information, contact OSBA or your regional manager. Managers' contact details are posted at **www.ohioschoolboards.org/osba-regions**. Once on that page, find your region in the left-hand column and click on the link.

ODE seeks sponsors for Summer Food Service Program

The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) is seeking schools and other nonprofit agencies to be sponsors or meal sites for the Summer Food Service Program, which provides children meals during the summer when they don't receive meals at school. Sponsors are reimbursed for the costs of providing food to children in eligible areas. The program is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and administered by ODE. Any organization interested in becoming a sponsor or site should complete the potential sponsor survey at http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/39822.

Additional child food assistance extended through end of school year

The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services has received approval to provide additional food benefits for Ohio children through the end of the school year. The Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) payments help children who normally get free or reduced-price meals through the National School Lunch Program but are receiving remote or hybrid instruction during the school year due to the COVID-19 pandemic emergency. When possible, P-EBT benefits are added to the existing Ohio Direction cards of families that receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits. Other eligible families will receive a P-EBT card with the benefit already added. No application is needed. For more information, visit http://jfs.ohio.gov/ofam/p-ebt.stm.

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 very important for districts to keep their OSBA rosters up to date. Districts should update their rosters whenever there is a change in key personnel. The association has developed a new system to make the process quick and easy. Visit http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/rosterhelp for step-by-step



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instructions for updating the roster and a corresponding 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.

NSBA announces keynotes for online annual conference

The National School Boards Association (NSBA) has converted its annual in-person conference into the NSBA 2021 Online Experience. The keynote speakers will be Shawn Achor and Leslie Odom Jr. Achor, a former Harvard University professor, is The New York Times bestselling author of "The Happiness Advantage," "Big Potential" and the children's book. "How to Make a Shark Smile." Odom is an award-winning actor and singer best known for his breakout role as Aaron Burr in the Broadway play "Hamilton," for which he won a Tony Award for

Signs of gratitude greet Middletown teachers, staff

The bright purple sign in **Andrea Alexander**'s front yard reads, "A Difference Maker Lives Here."

"It was a big surprise, actually," Alexander, a first-grade teacher at **Middletown City**'s Creekview Elementary School, told a local TV station. "I came home, I had no idea."

The southwest Ohio district put up signs for teachers, custodians and bus drivers to show its appreciation. Alexander, who's been with Middletown City for 14 years, said it's nice to recognize the work she and other staff members do. "This year has been really challenging for, I think, everyone: families, teachers, kids," she said. "Just to know that our district is thinking about us and knowing that there is a struggle, it's just nice to be appreciated."

Source: WCPO-TV

Best Actor in a Musical. The

Conference, April 8-10, also

features 64 learning sessions and

The early registration deadline is

Feb. 26. Registration details and

available at http://links.ohio

schoolboards.org/52907.

more information on the event are

loads of networking opportunities.

DeWine names new member to State Board of Education

Gov. **Mike DeWine** has appointed **John Timothy Miller** of Akron to the open District 7 seat on the State Board of Education. He replaces **Sarah Fowler Arthur**, who is the new state representative for the 99th House District. At its first meeting of the year, the board reelected **Laura Kohler** as president and **Charlotte McGuire** as vice president.

OSBA online

• www.ohioschoolboards.org OSBA continues to update and share information to support its member districts during the COVID-19 pandemic. Those updates are posted at www. ohioschoolboards.org/ coronavirus. Most OSBA staff is working remotely but can be reached at (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA. Staff email address are listed at http://links.ohioschool boards.org/40922.



Briefcase

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compiled by Melanie Price, senior administrative assistant of communication services

OSBA executive searches

Superintendent

District	Deadli
• West Holmes Local (Holmes)	Feb. 8
Akron City	Feb. 28
Tiffin City	March

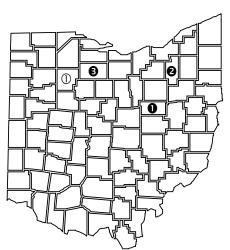
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Treasurer

District ① Findlay City

Other searches

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Position	Location	Deadline	Contact
Superintendent	Circleville City	Feb. 12	http://circlevillecityschools.org/
-	-		Employment.aspx
Superintendent	Norwayne Local (Wayne)	Feb. 16	James J. Ritchie or Kris Pipes-Perone,
			Tri-County ESC, (330) 345-6771, ext. 232
National searches			
Position	Location	Deadline	Contact
Superintendent	Spring Valley, Wis.	Feb. 18	Cheryl Gullicksrud, consultant,
			Wisconsin Association of School
			Boards, (715) 530-0121
Superintendent	Palmyra, Va.	Feb. 19	Gina Patterson, executive director,
			Virginia School Boards Association,
			(434) 295-8722
Superintendent	Wrangell, Alaska	Feb. 15	Lon Garrison, executive director,
			Association of Alaska School
		Boards, (902	7) 463-1660

Board changes

Ashland City appointed Gina Deppert to the board effective Jan. 13. She replaced Dustin Kruty, who resigned in December. **●●●** Ayersville Local (Defiance) appointed Matt Hanenkrath to the board effective Jan. 11. He replaced David Kern, who resigned in December. **●●●** Claymont City Board of Education member Collin

Editor's note

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

Fawcett announced his resignation effective Jan. 15. He is moving outside of the district. ••• Ottawa Hills Local (Lucas) appointed Adam Smidi to the board effective Jan. 19. He replaced Lisa Brown, who resigned in December. ••• Southeast Local (Wayne) and Wayne County Schools Career Center Board of Education member Sue Williams announced her resignation effective Jan. 11. She is moving out of state.

Administrative changes

Superintendents

Chagrin Falls EV Superintendent Robert W. Hunt announced his resignation effective June 30. He has taken the superintendent position at a school district in Chicago. **●●● Chesapeake-Union EV** hired Interim Superintendent **Doug Hale** as superintendent effective March 1. **•••** Woodridge Local (Summit) Superintendent Walter C. **Davis** announced his resignation effective July 31, 2023.

Treasurer

Minerva Local (Stark) Treasurer Larry Pottorf announced his retirement effective April 30.

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Central Region Spring Conference



Wednesday, March 10 • 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. • Free

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Welcome Kevin Archer, Central Region president; board member, Teays Valley Local (Pickaway)

Legislative report Will Schwartz, OSBA deputy director of legislative services

OSBA comments

Scott E. Huddle, OSBA president; board member, Mad River Local (Montgomery) Rick Lewis, OSBA chief executive officer Mark E. Bobo, OSBA membership retention and engagement consultant

Musical selection

Keynote speaker

Presentation of awards

Make your reservation online at http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/crspring2021



Welcome

Albert Haberstroh, Northeast Region president; board member, Trumbull County ESC and Trumbull Career & Technical Center

National anthem Cleveland Municipal Schools music program

Pledge of Allegiance Cuyahoga Heights Local (Cuyahoga) Cuyahoga Heights Elementary School

Regional Update Reno Contipelli, OSBA Northeast regional manager

OSBA update Rick Lewis, OSBA chief executive officer

OSBA update Scott E. Huddle, OSBA president; board member, Mad River Local (Montgomery) Recognition of Blue Ribbon Schools Reno Contipelli Recognition of ODE Teacher of the Year nominees

Lester C. Marrison Teacher Education Book Grant winner

Legislative update Jennifer Hogue, OSBA director of legislative services

OSBA Membership/Retention update Mark E. Bobo, OSBA membership retention and engagement consultant

OSBA veteran board member awards

OSBA STAR awards

Northeast Region President's Award

Sponsor recognitions Kevin J. Locke Esq., Pepple & Waggoner Ltd. J.C. Fields, Field Turf

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Northwest Region Spring Conference

Thursday, March 11 • 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. • Free

Welcome

Jim Witt, superintendent, Lake Local (Wood)

Pledge of Allegiance

OSBA remarks Scott E. Huddle, OSBA president; board member, Mad River Local (Montgomery)

Greetings and OSBA update

Rick Lewis, OSBA chief executive officer Mark E. Bobo, OSBA membership retention and engagement consultant

Legislative update Jennifer Hogue, OSBA director of legislative services

Awards and presentations

Recognition of Award of Achievement/Master Board Member honorees Northwest Region Excellence in Community Service Award Northwest Region Humanitarian Award Northwest Region Excellence Award for Outstanding Leadership Ohio Department of Education awards Neil Pohlmann Award of Excellence in Education

Make your reservation online at http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/nwspring2021





Welcome and Opening Remarks

Terry Gibson, Southwest Region president; board member, Lockland Local (Hamilton) and Great Oaks Career Campuses

Pledge of Allegiance

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

OSBA President Comments

Scott E. Huddle, board member, Mad River Local (Montgomery)

OSBA Comments

Rick Lewis, OSBA chief executive officer

Southwest Region Spring Conference

Tuesday, March 9 • 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. • Free

OSBA Membership Update

Mark E. Bobo, OSBA membership retention and engagement consultant

OSBA legislative update

Nicole Piscitani, OSBA lobbyist

Awards

- Special recognition
- Spahr-Steele Award
- Warren Stevens Award
- President's Award
- Effective School Board A-Z
- Purple Star districts

Make your reservation online at http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/swspring2021

OSBA Cyberlaw Workshop

Thursday, March 11 • 12:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m. and Friday, March 12 • 9 a.m.–noon • Virtual • Cost: \$100

This webinar will ensure you have the knowledge and resources to maintain compliance and thrive within the many laws and technological issues schools face.

Key takeaways will include:

- compliance and best practices for the new technological issues all schools are confronting;
- how to handle discipline in remote education settings with students and staff;
- which educational apps to use and what contract language in the apps should make you leery.

To register

Visit **www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops** or email **Laurie Miller** at Lmiller@ ohioschoolboards.org.

WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

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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.





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> — Pamela Freshour, Pleasant Local (Marion)

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Sympathies

Former Batavia Local (Clermont) Board of Education member Hugh L. Nichols II died Jan. 6. He was 95. ••• Joy Colleen Shoemaker, Chillicothe City Board of Education member and former member of the Pickaway-Ross Career & Technology Center Board of Education, died Dec. 31. She was 83. ••• Former Danville Local (Knox) and Olentangy Local (Delaware) Superintendent Dr. Ralph L. Hall died Jan. 10. He was 85. ••• Former Newton Falls EV Board of Education member Carol Kamens died Jan. 11. She was 79. ••• Former Salem City Superintendent Randy Engle died Jan. 9. He was 74. ••• Former Strasburg-Franklin Local (Tuscarawas) Superintendent and Tuslaw Local (Stark) Treasurer Richard M. Gummere died Jan. 4. He was 83. ••• Gary Eugene Stoller, a former board of education member at the Van Wert City and former Ohio City school districts, died Jan. 10. He was 83.

OSBA Master of Transportation Administration (MTA) Program

Don't miss the 2020-21 MTA program. This series of workshops will help those involved in student transportation better understand and perform day-today operations.

Each class is \$100, or you can purchase an MTA subscription for the workshop series; contact **Pete Japikse**, senior transportation consultant, or **Doug Palmer**, transportation consultant, for subscription information.

Visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/transportation-training-programs to learn about the MTA certification program.

Workshop dates and descriptions

March 3 — Public relations and working with the media (virtual)

We will have two related focus points for this session. First, we will experience a live interview process to refine our skills in developing talking points and staying on target in an interview about a real event. Second, after focusing on reactive news responses, we will shift focus to proactive news relationships to inform your community about the resources your transportation department offers.

April 7 — Designing your operational plan and building keys for success (virtual)

We will start this final class of the year by looking at how to put the operational plan together. What is your work calendar? When do you need to do what, and how do you schedule or delegate that project? Much of what we do has a critical work path, and unless you plan your work in advance, it is easy to get "behind the curve" and feel like you are trying to catch up. We also will focus on building support networks, identifying friends and foes and recognizing where you need allies to succeed. Building your stakeholders' group and support network is key to your success and helps broaden your potential for positive impact.

Register by contacting Japikse or Palmer at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or mta@ohioschoolboards.org. You also can purchase a subscription plan for all the workshops in this series; contact Japikse or Palmer for more information.



LEGISLATIVE REPORT

by Will Schwartz, deputy director of legislative services

State revises spending cuts as new budget is unveiled

Only a few weeks after the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the powerful impact it would have on Ohio's economy became both evident and pervasive. State budget officials would begin to craft a narrative detailing a grim outlook for the state's finances and also prepare Ohioans for a bumpy ride of fiscal and personal restraints.

Gov. **Mike DeWine** continued this pattern of tough choices on Jan. 22 by signing Executive Order 2021-01D, which formalized a reduced state spending cut of \$390 million for fiscal year (FY) 2021. This decision would allow Ohio to balance the remainder of the FY 2020-2021 biennium without a negative balance.

That order marks DeWine's second significant spending control, the first of which occurred on May 5, 2020, and reduced state spending by \$782 million for the remaining weeks of FY 2020. K-12 education bore the brunt of that reduction, as \$300 million was cut from school districts' subsidy payments for the state foundation formula, representing a 3.7% cut on an annual basis.

As FY 2020 concluded and the next sixth months ensued, payments to school districts were made at reduced FY 2020 levels, effectively continuing the FY 2020 cuts well into FY 2021. On Jan. 22, DeWine made official the FY 2021 cuts, effectively restoring \$160 million to school districts for the remainder of the fiscal year. The result is a net \$140 million reduction for districts who can expect increased funding levels to occur beginning with their first February payment. On a per-pupil basis, the FY 2021 cuts amount to an \$82.42 average annual reduction for traditional school districts, with \$21.70 and \$137.42 serving as the lowest and highest cuts, respectively.

Like the FY 2020 cuts, reductions continued to be applied in an equalized manner, meaning school districts with less capacity to raise revenue locally received a smaller per-pupil reduction than school districts with a higher capacity to raise local revenue. In other words, poorer school districts received a smaller per-pupil cut than did their wealthier counterparts. This methodology is similar to the equitable manner in which state aid is distributed to each school district. A modification to the FY 2021 cuts was factoring in \$23.3 million previously authorized through House Bill 164 of the

133rd General Assembly.

In making the revised reductions, DeWine stressed the importance of returning students to in-classroom instruction, saying "As many schools, colleges and universities return to in-person learning, it's important that the funding be reinstated."

Despite the two rounds of state spending controls, DeWine has yet to tap the state's \$2.7 billion Budget Stabilization Fund, also known as the rainy day fund. The governor has been consistent in his defense for avoiding using the state's reserves, saying the pandemic's impact on Ohio's economy will last for years to come.

Meanwhile, the softened cut signals an acknowledgement by DeWine and his administration that the previously estimated \$2.3 billion budget hole has shrunk. According to the January 2021 Monthly Financial Report from the Office of Budget and Management, Ohio's total tax receipts for the six-month period from July through December of 2020 show \$457.7 million, or 3.7%, above estimates. In a show of consistency, revenue exceeded estimates in five of the first six months of FY 2021.

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PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Scott Gerfen, assistant editor

Plain Local students' creation shields shoppers from germs

Research shows that the handles on a shopping cart can be 270 times dirtier than a public toilet handle.

So, when **Janson Maynard**, a senior at **Plain Local**'s **(Stark)** GlenOak High School, heard his grandmother complaining about how a store wasn't properly wiping down shopping carts to reduce the spread of COVID-19, he mentioned the problem to members of his business class. They had been trying to come up with a business idea to develop and operate through Junior Achievement of North Central Ohio.

The team created its business, Disease Defense, and developed the Shopping Cart Shield, a 12-inch-by-6-inch washable fabric cover that wraps around the handle of a shopping cart.

"We knew we wanted to do something that had an actual impact and not something that was just a novelty," Disease Defense Chief Executive Officer **Aeden Begue** told a local newspaper.

The Shopping Shield, which comes with a washing bag, can be purchased for \$10 each or three shields for \$25 by sending an email to diseasedefense@gmail.com.

So far, sales have been strong, Begue said. Ten percent of profits will be donated to Partners in Health, which supports workers on the front lines of the pandemic. Source: The Repository

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In the coming days, DeWine is expected to submit to the legislature his executive budget proposal for FY 2022 and 2023. A question on the minds of many education observers is what baseline will DeWine propose for K-12 funding in the upcoming biennium? Will it reflect the pre-FY 2020 reduction funding levels, the reduced FY 2020 funding levels, the new, revised FY 2021 levels or something else entirely? Ohioans will learn the answer in early February, and the budget debate will then be underway.

Editor's note: Information in this article was current as of Jan. 29, 2021.

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February 2021

- OSBA Southeast Region Executive 14 Committee Meeting Virtual
- 21 **OSBA** Northwest Region Executive Committee Meeting Virtual
- 23 Urban Network Winter Meeting Virtual

March 2021

- Last day to take action and deliver written 1 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.
- OSBA Master of Transportation 3 Administration Program: Public relations and working with the media Virtual
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- SchoolComp Workshop Virtual 5 9 OSBA Southwest Region Spring
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- 25 Special Education Law Workshop.....Virtual
- End of second ADM reporting period RC 3317.03(A). 31

April 2021

- Last day for voter registration for May 5 election - RC 3503.01, 3503.19(A) (30 days prior to election).
- **OŠBA** Southwest Region Executive 6 Committee Meeting Virtual
- 7 OSBA Master of Transportation Administration Program: Designing your operational plan and building
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- 26 tax levy to Submit Completion for Incom for August election - RC 5748.02(A)(100 days prior to the election).
- 30 Last day to submit emergency or current operating expenses levy to county auditor for August election — RC 5705.194, 5705.195, 5705.213 (95 days prior to the election).

May 2021

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- Special Election Day; Primary Election Day — RC 3501.01 (first Tuesday after first Monday).
- 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 August election – RC 133.18(D); last day for county auditor to certify school district bond levy terms for August election – RC 133.18(C); last day to submit continuing replacement, permanent improvement or operating levy for August election to board of elections RC 5705.192, 5705.21, 5705.25; last day to certify resolution for school district income tax levy for August election to board of elections – RC 5748.02(C); last day to submit emergency levy for August election to board of elections – RC 5705.195; last day to submit phased-in levy or current operating expenses levy for August election to board of elections - RC 5705.251(A)(90 days prior to the election).
- 15 Last day for certain board members and all administrators to file 2020 financial disclosure statements with the Ohio Ethics Commission - RC 102.02(A)(4)(a).