

# BRIEF CASE

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## Feds issue guidance on meeting student needs when reopening schools

The U.S. Department of Education has released the COVID-19 Handbook, Volume 2: Roadmap to Reopening Safely and Meeting All Students' Needs. The new volume provides additional strategies for safely reopening all of the nation's schools and promoting educational equity by addressing opportunity gaps that have been exacerbated by the pandemic. It builds off of the first volume, which details health and safety measures that schools should undertake. Volume 2 focuses on research-based strategies to address the social, emotional, mental health and academic impacts of the pandemic on students. Volume 2 is posted at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/46611>. Volume 1 can be found at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/93950>.

## OSBA Black Caucus extends scholarship deadline

The deadline for 2021 OSBA Black Caucus Leo Lucas Scholarship applications has been extended to May 15. The program provides graduating ethnically diverse high school seniors funds for college. It is named for the late **Leo Lucas**, a **Dayton City** school board member and educator who founded the caucus. A link to the application is posted at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/leolucas>. For questions, contact OSBA's **Mark E. Bobo** at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or [mbobo@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:mbobo@ohioschoolboards.org). For more information on the OSBA Black Caucus, visit <https://www.ohioschoolboards.org/osba-black-caucus>.

## OEPA wants to recognize schools' environmental education work

The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency's (OEPA) Encouraging Environmental Excellence (E3) program recognizes organizations for exceptional achievements in environmental stewardship. While the traditional E3 program recognizes any Ohio business, industry, trade association, professional organization or not-for-profit group, the new Encouraging Environmental Excellence in Education (E4) program specifically recognizes any Ohio K-12 school for environmental education efforts and achievements. The E4 initiative recognizes activities that schools and students take part in to encourage environmental protection and sustainability. For more information and to apply for recognition, visit the Encouraging Environmental Excellence webpage at <https://epa.ohio.gov/ocapp/ohioe3>.

## ODE posts new graduation pathways resources for 2020-21 school year

The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) recently released a new resource titled, Graduation Pathways: New for 2020-2021 School Year on its Reset and Restart webpage. This resource was designed to help inform school and district decisions about temporary graduation requirement flexibility provided in light of the ongoing

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pandemic by way of recently enacted legislation. Specifically, the legislation developed two new pathways to graduation for eligible students: Path One: Curriculum-only pathway; Path Two: Curriculum requirements and OhioMeansJobs Readiness Seal. For details about the pathways and student eligibility, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/80797> or contact ODE at [graduationrequirements@education.ohio.gov](mailto:graduationrequirements@education.ohio.gov).

### **Updated resources listed on OhioMeansJobs webpage**

ODE has updated the resources and supports on its redesigned OhioMeansJobs K-12 webpage. OhioMeansJobs K-12 is Ohio's no-cost career planning system that offers comprehensive career exploration tools, online training and resources specifically for students, teachers and school counselors. OhioMeansJobs allows

### **Springboro students create posters for nurses**

Students at **Springboro Community City's** Five Points Elementary School created a "wall of pictures" at Miami Valley Hospital to show their appreciation for nurses in the COVID-19 unit.

The posters were part of the students' building-wide service project for the year.

"Instead of individual pictures, we decided to have each class create a poster," **Angie Duncan**, the school's counselor for second- and third-graders, told a local newspaper. "The theme for this year's project was, 'You're A World Changer.'"

A representative from Miami Valley Hospital told Duncan, "You guys put so many smiles on staff today!"

Source: WDTN-TV

students to learn about careers and in-demand jobs; build résumés; search for college courses and training programs; create a budget based on future expenses; and develop academic and career plans for high school and beyond. The updates are posted at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/91158>.

### **Celebrate your students at the Capital Conference**

The OSBA Student Achievement Fair at the Capital Conference offers many opportunities for districts to showcase their students and programs. The fair highlights outstanding student performing groups, student artwork and innovative education initiatives from public school districts across the state. The conference runs Nov. 7-9, with the fair set for Nov. 8. For more information and to make nominations, visit <http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org/student-achievement-fair>.

### **OSBA online**

● [www.ohioschoolboards.org](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org)  
The association has compiled a wealth of resources to help your school district have critical conversations on diversity and equity issues. For more information, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/96738> or contact OSBA at (614) 540-4000.



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# BULLETIN BOARD

compiled by Melanie Price, senior administrative assistant of communication services

## OSBA executive searches

### Superintendent

#### District

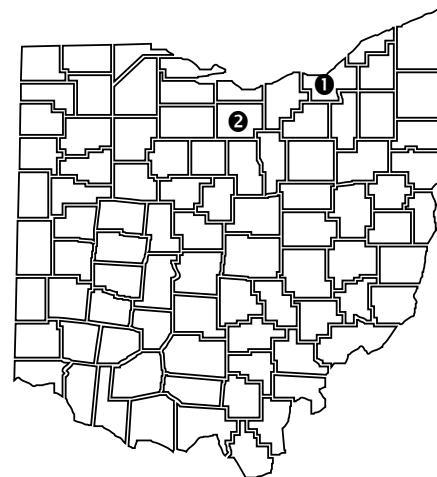
- ❶ North Olmsted City
- ❷ Norwalk City

#### Deadline

- May 14
- May 23

#### Contact

- OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
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## National searches

#### Position

Superintendent

#### Location

Suwanee, Ga.

#### Deadline

May 16

#### Contact

Dr. **Samuel T. King**, director of board development and superintendent searches, Georgia School Boards Association, (770) 995-4384

Superintendent

Sacaton, Ariz.

May 17

**Steve Highlen**, executive search and senior policy consultant, Arizona School Boards Association, shighlen@azsba.org

Superintendent

Chicago, Ill.

May 20

**Thomas F. Leahy**, director, Illinois Association of School Boards, (217) 528-9688, ext. 1135

## Board changes

### Editor's note

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

**Alliance City** Board of Education member **John Gasparik** announced his resignation effective April 16. ●●● **Eastern Local (Meigs)** appointed **Mike Moore** to the board effective April 14. He replaced **M. Adam Will**, who resigned. ●●● **Hamilton City** Board of Education member **Robert Weigel** announced his resignation effective April 22.

## Administrative changes

### Superintendents

**Akron City** hired **Christine Fowler-Mack** as superintendent. She will replace **David W. James**, who is retiring effective June 31. Fowler-Mack currently is chief portfolio officer at **Cleveland Municipal**. ●●● **Chagrin Falls EV** hired **Jennifer M. Penczarski** effective Aug. 1. She will replace **Robert W. Hunt**, who is resigning to become superintendent of a Chicago-area school. Penczarski currently is superintendent at

**Kenton City.** ●●● **Dover City** hired Assistant Superintendent **Karie McCrate** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. She will replace **Carla Birney**, who is retiring. ●●● **Fairview Park City** hired **Keith Ahearn** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace Dr. **Bill Wagner**, who is retiring. Ahearn currently is assistant superintendent at **North Ridgeville City**. ●●● **Lebanon City** hired **Issac Seevers** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace Interim Superintendent **Robert Buskirk**. Seevers currently is superintendent at **Greeneview Local (Greene)**. ●●● **Lexington Local (Richland)** hired High School Principal **Kevin Young** as assistant superintendent effective immediately. ●●● **Monroe Local (Butler)** hired **Robert Buskirk** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace **Kathy Demers**, who is retiring effective July 31. Buskirk currently is interim superintendent at **Lebanon City**. ●●● **North Royalton City** hired **Michael K. Laub** as superintendent effective July 1. He will replace **Gregory J. Gurka**, who is retiring. Laub currently is superintendent at **Avon Local (Lorain)**. ●●● **Norwalk City** Superintendent **George E. Fisk** announced his resignation effective July 31. He has accepted the superintendent position at **Coventry Local (Summit)**. He will replace **Lisa A. Blough**, who took the treasurer position in the district. ●●● **Preble-Shawnee Local (Preble)** Superintendent Dr. **Matt Bishop** announced his resignation effective June 30. He has taken the director of business and campus operations position at the **Miami Valley Career Technology Center**. ●●● **River View Local (Coshocton)** hired high school Principal **Chuck Rinkes** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace **Dalton Summers**, who is taking the superintendent position at **Ohio Valley ESC**. ●●● **Tiffin City** hired **Van E. McWreath** effective Aug. 1. He will replace Interim Superintendent **James Grubbs Jr.** McWreath currently is high school principal at **Painesville City Local (Lake)**. ●●● **Waynesfield-Goshen Local (Auglaize)** hired elementary principal **Tim Pence** as assistant superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will then take the superintendent position on Jan. 1, 2022, when **J. Chris Pfister** retires.

### Treasurers

**Chippewa Local (Wayne)** hired **Ira D. Hamman** as treasurer effective May 17. He will replace Interim Treasurer **Christine Angerer**. Hamman currently is treasurer at **Fremont City**. ●●● **Fostoria City** hired **Paul DeMarco** as treasurer effective Aug. 1. He will replace **Sue Lehmann**, who is retiring. DeMarco currently is a teacher at **Monroeville Local (Huron)**.

### Sympathies

Former **Alliance City** Board of Education member **Robert Roy Denny Clunk** died April 18. He was 91. ●●● Former **Boardman Local (Mahoning)** Board of Education member **Barbara B. Amstutz** died April 17. She was 85. ●●● Former **Boardman Local (Mahoning)** Board of Education member **Clarence R. "Sonny" Smith** died April 13. He was 92. ●●● Former **Danville Local (Knox)** Board of Education member **J. Eugene Woods** died April 13. He was 84. ●●● Former **Fredericktown Local (Knox)** Board of Education member **F. Elinor Bartlett** died April 14. She was 92. ●●● Former **State Board of Education** member **Richard C. Glowacki** died April 20. He was 88. ●●● Former **Zanesville City** Board of Education member **Anne Allison Hoffer** died April 22. She was 62.



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The 44th annual Ohio Council of School Board Attorneys

# School Attorney Workshop

Friday, May 14 • 8:45 a.m.–4 p.m. • Virtual • Cost: \$150

Hear from experienced education lawyers and discuss the latest developing legal issues in schools at the OCSBA School Attorney Workshop. Earn up to 5.5 CLEs (see below for more information).

## Agenda

- 8:45 a.m. Welcome**  
*Van D. Keating, senior staff attorney, OSBA*
- 9 a.m. Emerging transgender student issues**  
Federal and state laws prohibit discrimination, bullying and harassment against transgender students. However, adopting policies and educating students about gender stereotypes or expectations can be complicated for schools. **Columbus City** shares its experiences in addressing transgender student issues.  
*Wanda T. Lillis, Esq., associate legal counsel; Dr. Dionne Blue, chief equity officer; and Jimmie Beall, resource counselor, Columbus City*
- 10 a.m. Successfully navigating the athletic booster/gifts/ethics triangle**  
Athletic booster groups play an important role in school sports but also can inadvertently create legal issues for the school district. This session will examine the interplay among boosters, gifts and ethics and how schools can successfully avoid conflicts that frequently develop.  
*Robert McBride, Esq. and Kyle Wheeler, Esq., Ennis Britton Co. LPA*
- 11 a.m. Break**
- 11:15 a.m. Special education and remote learning – lessons learned**  
The pandemic has forced many changes in special education, especially as schools implemented remote learning for their students. Not all of these changes have been readily accepted, with numerous legal challenges being filed. In this presentation, a school attorney will look at what has and has not worked with special education and remote learning.  
*Jessica L. Dawso, Esq., Scott Scriven LLP*
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch**
- 1:30 p.m. Developments in employee work slowdowns and stoppages**  
The most powerful union tactic in negotiations has always been the strike, yet it has seldomly been used in recent years. However, school employee unions have not forgotten about strikes, and new forms of work stoppages and slowdowns have appeared and been used with growing frequency. The focus of this session will be on the newest types of employee job actions and steps schools can use to effectively counter them.  
*Alexander L. Ewing, Esq., Frost Brown Todd LLC*
- 2:30 p.m. Break**
- 2:45 p.m. Ethical considerations in representing schools remotely**  
With schools conducting most of their meetings remotely, attorneys not only have to adapt to these new settings but also must remain on alert for potential new ethical situations. How best to represent and advise schools in remote settings while avoiding ethical conflicts will be the main focus of this session.  
*Jason R. Stuckey, Esq., Bricker & Eckler LLP*
- 4 p.m. OCSBA membership meeting**
- 4:10 p.m. Adjourn**

*This program has been approved by the Supreme Court of Ohio Commission on Continuing Legal Education for 5.50 total CLE hours, with 1.25 hours of attorney professional conduct instruction.*

**This workshop is open to OCSBA members, school board members and in-house counsel of school districts that are members of OSBA.** Unauthorized audio recording or videotaping of any session is strictly prohibited.

**To register**

Visit [www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops)





# UPCOMING TRANSPORTATION WORKSHOP

## Reasonable Suspicion Training

**Tuesday, June 1 • 10 a.m.–noon • Virtual • Cost: \$60**

OSBA is offering a reasonable suspicion drug and alcohol training program for supervisors. Completion of this course is required for all supervisors of safety-sensitive CDL (commercial driver's license) drivers, including school bus drivers. Best practice is that each district have at least two administrators trained in this requirement.

The course meets the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration U.S. Department of Transportation requirements. Attendees will receive a certificate of completion.

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# Nominations are open for the 2021 OSBA Student Achievement Fair

Monday, Nov. 8, 2021  
10 a.m.–2 p.m.  
Greater Columbus Convention Center

## Nominate your student program, performing group or artwork today!

The OSBA Capital Conference Student Achievement Fair highlights outstanding student performance groups and fresh, innovative initiatives from school districts across the state. The fair will be held during the OSBA Capital Conference.

### Student Achievement Fair district programs

The Student Achievement Fair showcases exemplary programs that improve student achievement. Examples of district programs in the Student Achievement Fair include 1-to-1 technology programs, STEM engineering for middle grades, a workforce exchange program and career center culinary arts program.

One-hundred programs highlighting student achievement will be selected. While multiple programs may be submitted for consideration, no more than two per district will be selected, so districts should prioritize their submissions.

District programs will be showcased in a 10-by-10-foot booth, which can accommodate up to five people. Electricity will be provided. Please note: Internet access *is not* provided with your booth. If you need internet access, you can purchase it from the convention center. The 2019 daily rate for Wi-Fi was \$99 per device. You will need a credit card to make the purchase.

### Student Achievement Fair performing groups

OSBA will choose one performing group from each of the association's five regions to perform during the Student Achievement Fair. Past performances have included cheerleaders, choirs, bands, orchestras and percussion ensembles. Each group will perform for 20 minutes. **The nomination deadline is Wednesday, May 19.**

### Student art display

The Student Achievement Fair features a student art show. Outstanding artwork by students from school districts across the state will be on display. Don't miss this chance to see some of the highly creative work coming out of Ohio's public schools.

### Have questions?

Contact **Gwen Samet** (gsamet@ohioschoolboards.org) or **Teri Morgan** (tmorgan@ohioschoolboards.org) at (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA with any questions.

Visit <http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org/saf-nominations> to nominate a student performing group or district program today!



# WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

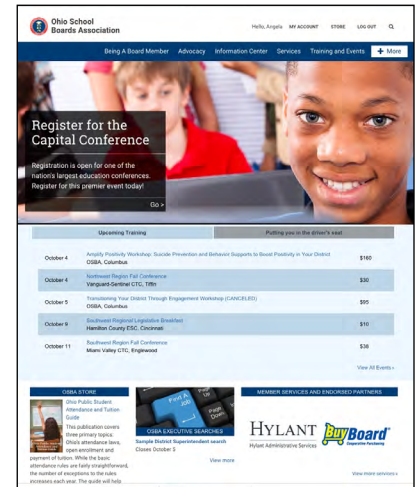
Register at [www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops)

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.



## Is a superintendent or treasurer search in your future?

*OSBA went beyond all expectations we could have imagined. The process allowed us to think about our district's future. Our staff and community were very pleased with the amount of involvement afforded to them. Thanks to our consultant and OSBA, we hired a person who also believed in our district vision.*

— Pamela Freshour,  
Pleasant Local (Marion)

### OSBA's searches are:

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- ✓ Customized to your district's needs
- ✓ Affordable
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## NEWS

by Scott Gerfen, assistant editor

### Senior events manager departs after 16 years with OSBA

If you ever needed help registering for an OSBA workshop or booking a room for the Capital Conference and Trade Show, chances are you encountered **Laurie Miller**.

The association's senior events manager since 2005 managed as many as 100 events annually. They included educational workshops and webinars, virtual learning opportunities and the Capital Conference, which draws more than 9,000 attendees to the Greater Columbus Convention Center.

Miller left OSBA on April 16 to serve as director of professional development for the Ohio Library Council, where she will be responsible for planning and

managing all of the council's continuing education for the state's public library employees.

"The most enjoyable aspect of my position at OSBA was my co-workers and working with members and business partners to create successful events," Miller said. "The pandemic changed the landscape of events and made us all think about how to deliver professional development in new and different ways. I will miss my OSBA family, but I am leaving for a great opportunity for myself and my family."

OSBA Chief Executive Officer **Rick Lewis** said Miller's work with members, vendors and other association partners will be greatly

missed.

"Laurie has been a hallmark of customer service and an enormous part of our workshop and conference teams," he said. "It has been a privilege to work with a dedicated and passionate professional like her."

Miller holds a bachelor's degree in telecommunications from Ball State University and is a certified meeting planner and certified tourism ambassador. She served as a board member for the Ohio Chapter of the Meeting Professionals International and is a member of the Ohio Society of Association Executives and the American Society of Association Executives.



## LEGISLATIVE REPORT

by Will Schwartz, deputy director of legislative services

### House budget bill includes new school-funding formula

The Ohio House of Representatives sent the Ohio Senate its version of the main operating budget bill, Substitute House Bill (HB) 110, on April 21. The bill, which funds state government operations for the

upcoming fiscal year (FY) 2022 and 2023 biennium, also contains a host of public policy changes. The House version contains state and federal appropriations from the state General Revenue Fund (GRF) totaling \$35.30 billion for FY 2022

and \$39.41 billion for FY 2023, increases of 3.4% and 11.7%, respectively.

For education, the House established a new school-funding formula to be phased in over a six-

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year period, with a general phase-in amount of 16.67% in FY 2022 and 33.33% in FY 2023. The proposed formula, often referred to as the Fair School Funding Plan (FSFP), contains the provisions of HB 1 with some modifications. In establishing a formula, the House discarded Gov. **Mike DeWine's** hallmark education initiative: the Student Wellness and Success Fund (SWSF), which contained \$1.1 billion in two-year spending under his executive proposal.

Overall, the House plan spends \$8.93 billion in FY 2022 and \$9.14 billion in FY 2023 to support the funding plan. Of that amount, \$7.15 billion in FY 2022 and \$7.25 billion in FY 2023 are sourced from the GRF, with \$1.28 billion in FY 2022 and \$1.29 billion in FY 2023 coming from lottery profits.

The House plan replaces the current \$6,020 per-pupil formula amount with a variable per-pupil base cost for each district based on various FY 2018 average staff salary and district spending inputs and certain pupil-to-staff ratios. For FY 2022, the statewide average base cost per pupil for traditional school districts is estimated at \$7,202. Instead of the current State Share Index, the House plan computes a per-pupil local capacity amount for each district based on a district's property value and income. This local capacity amount is subtracted from the district's per-pupil base cost to determine the state share of the base cost.

The plan also includes other components to direct additional

funding to districts with lower capacities to raise local revenues, to address students who have different needs and to support districts facing different challenges. These components account for students receiving special education and related services, economically disadvantaged students, gifted students, students receiving career-technical education services and English learners, among others. Unlike current law, the plan funds students where they are educated, rather than where they reside, resulting in direct funding for community school, STEM school, open enrollment and voucher students.

The plan establishes three separate guarantees, one of which ensures that a district's state aid in FY 2022 and FY 2023 will not fall below its combined FY 2021 funding from foundation aid — prior to executive-ordered budget reductions — after school choice transfers, SWSF allocations and the enrollment growth supplement.

Both the original FSFP and the House-passed version of HB 110 increased the base per-pupil amount used to calculate disadvantaged pupil impact aid (DPIA), previously called economically disadvantaged funds, from \$272 to \$422. The FSFP required this increase and the increases in funding for ESCs to be paid out first before all other components of the formula. However, the House version of the budget removed this priority funding provision. It also phased in the DPIA increase at 0% in FY 2022

and 14% in FY 2023.

Another change between the FSFP and the House-passed version of the budget bill pertained to the SWSF. The House maintained the proposed \$1.1 billion in spending on SWSF, but redirected its purpose to paying for DPIA and a portion of the base cost component of the formula.

State estimates indicate six school districts would lose funding over the first two years of the plan, including **East Knox Local (Knox)**, **Jefferson Township Local (Montgomery)**, **Patrick Henry Local (Henry)**, **United Local (Columbiana)**, **Valley Local (Scioto)** and **Wynford Local (Crawford)**. Meanwhile, 96 districts, or 16%, appear to lose funding over the six-year phase-in period.

The House also made several policy changes to HB 110, including:

- extending to Dec. 31, 2021, the current temporary ability for boards of education and other public bodies to meet via electronic technology, which is set expire on July 1, 2021;

- eliminating DeWine's proposed requirement for high school students to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid in order to graduate from high school;

- creating a legislative panel to oversee and review the distribution and spending of federal COVID emergency funds received by school districts and others;

- permitting high school juniors to opt out of the requirement to take

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## PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Scott Gerfen, assistant editor

### Cincinnati school wins Ohio's only national Green Ribbon award

**Cincinnati Public's** James N. Gamble Montessori High School is one of the nation's 27 Green Ribbon Schools honored this year.

The U.S. Department of Education recognizes Green Ribbon Schools for reducing environmental impact and costs; improving the health and wellness of schools, students and staff; and providing effective environmental and sustainability education.

Gamble Montessori was the only Ohio school honored this

year.

"I am incredibly proud of our students, teachers, staff, parents and community," Principal **Taylor Porter** said in a news release. "We have infused respect and appreciation for the natural world into the Montessori-based education we provide our students. This manifests in multiple ways, including through our Agricultural Education program, the gardens, orchards, and entrepreneurship that fuel our

annual Montessori Market and best-in-class water purification, smart lighting and energy efficient facilities."

Students enrolled in the agriculture program most recently held an event on April 10 with dozens of socially distanced local vendors selling fresh fruits, vegetables, candles and honey.

Located in Westwood, the high school serves over 500 students in grades seven through 12.

Source: [cincinnati.com](http://cincinnati.com)

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the SAT or ACT;

- maintaining DeWine's proposed requirement for school districts to offer and pay for student access to computer science curricula;
- maintaining DeWine's proposal to prohibit districts from using mass transit to transport resident students in grades kindergarten through eight who are enrolled in community or chartered nonpublic schools unless the student's school authorizes such transportation;
- maintaining DeWine's temporary prohibition on the establishment of new academic distress commissions through the 2022-2023 school year;
- requiring a report on the cost-effectiveness of the College Credit

Plus Program;

- requiring a district to develop a plan for using its DPIA funding in coordination with a board of alcohol, drug and mental health services and another specified community partner, including an ESC, a county board of developmental disabilities, a community-based mental health treatment provider and other specified entities.

HB 110 is currently pending in the Ohio Senate where it is receiving informal hearings in various committees.

*Editor's note:* Information in this article was current as of May 2, 2021.



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## May 2021

- 14 OCSBA Spring Conference..... Virtual
- 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).
- 18 Coffee Chat: Addressing learning loss: A data-driven approach..... Virtual

## June 2021

- 1 Reasonable Suspicion Training... Virtual
- 1 Last day to take action to nonrenew contracts of administrators other than superintendent and treasurer — RC 3319.02(C); last day to take action on and give written notice of intent not to re-employ teachers — RC 3319.11(D); last day to take action on and give written notice of intent not to re-employ nonteaching employees (Note: this requirement does not apply to municipal school district employees as defined in RC 3311.71) — RC 4141.29(I)(1)(f).
- 24 Sports Law Workshop..... Virtual
- 26 OSBA Northwest Region Executive Committee Meeting..... Virtual
- 30 2020-21 school year ends — RC 3313.62; end of third ADM reporting period — RC 3317.03(A).

## July 2021

- 1 2021-22 school year begins — RC 3313.62; last day for board to notify teaching and nonteaching employees of succeeding year salaries — RC 3319.082, 3319.12; board may begin to adopt appropriation measure, which may be temporary — RC 5705.38(B); treasurer must certify available revenue in funds to county auditor — RC 5705.36(A)(1).
- 6 Last day for voter registration for August election — RC 3503.01, 3503.19(A) (30 days prior to election).
- 10 Pre-Board Candidate Webinar... Virtual
- 10 Last day for termination of teaching contract by a teacher without consent of the board of education — RC 3319.15.
- 15 Last day to adopt school library district tax budget on behalf of a library district — RC 5705.28(B)(1).
- 26 Last day to submit certification for November income tax levy to Ohio Department of Taxation — RC 5748.02(A) (100 days prior to election).
- 30 Last day for board of education to adopt a plan to require students to access and complete online classroom lessons ("blizzard bags") in order to make up hours for which it is necessary to close schools — RC 3313.482(A)(1); semiannual campaign finance reports must be filed by

certain candidates (by 4 p.m.) detailing contributions and expenditures made through June 30, 2021 — RC 3517.10(A) (4); last day to submit emergency, current operating expenses or conversion levy to county auditor for November general election — RC 5705.194, 5705.195, 5705.213, 5705.219(C) (95 days prior to election).

## August 2021

- 1 Last day to file statistical report with Ohio Department of Education — RC 3319.33.
- 2 OSBA Southwest Region Executive Committee meeting..... TBD
- 3 Special Election Day — RC 3501.01 (first Tuesday after the first Monday).
- 4 OSBA Central Region Executive Committee meeting..... Columbus
- 4 OSBA Northeast Region Executive Committee meeting..... TBD
- 4 Last day to file (by 4 p.m.) a nominating petition as a board of education candidate for the November general election — RC 3513.254, 3513.255; 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 November election — RC 133.18(D).