

# BRIEF CASE

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## Registration opens for virtual Capital Conference and Trade Show

It's time to register for the 2020 OSBA Capital Conference. Set for Nov. 7-10, this virtual event offers a first-rate program filled with the same high-quality professional development that participants have enjoyed at past conferences. It features over 60 learning sessions, the Trade Show, Student Achievement Fair, networking opportunities, two General Sessions and more. Registration is \$175 per person for each of the first six individuals from an OSBA member district. Group registration, seven or more people from a member district, is a flat fee of \$1,225. There is no limit to how many people a district can register under the group rate. Ohio Council of School Board Attorneys member registration is \$175 per person. Attorneys employed by a school district may register with their district. All learning sessions will be recorded and available to attendees through Dec. 31, 2020. New this year: Your district designee can register your team online at <http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org/registration>. For conference updates, visit <http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org>.

## Ohio School for the Deaf instructor is 2021 Ohio Teacher of the Year

State Superintendent of Public Instruction **Paolo DeMaria** surprised Ohio School for the Deaf teacher **Anthony Coy-Gonzalez** on Sept. 3 by naming him the 2021 Ohio Teacher of the Year. Coy-Gonzalez teaches upper elementary students at the school in Columbus. DeMaria made an unannounced appearance during a video conference staff meeting to share the unexpected news with Coy-Gonzalez and several of his colleagues. "I'm blown away by (his) commitment to his students and their success," DeMaria said in a news release. "He models persistence, hard work, positive attitude and civic mindedness. He brings an energy and enthusiasm to the classroom that is infectious not only among his students but among his colleagues as well."

## It's time to register for free OSBA virtual region conferences

Just like the Capital Conference, OSBA's annual fall region conferences will be virtual events. Registration is now open for these conferences, which are free. Each region has created agendas to replicate the conferences as much as possible while adapting them as online events. Following are the conference dates: Central Region, Sept. 23; Southeast Region, Sept. 24; Northeast Region, Oct. 7; Southwest Region, Oct. 8; Northwest Region, Oct. 15. To register, visit the OSBA Upcoming Training page at [www.ohioschoolboards.org/events](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/events) and scroll down to your region.

## Association launches on-demand learning library

It's difficult to travel for professional development opportunities and gather with other people during the COVID-19 pandemic. OSBA understands those challenges

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and has created the OSBA On-Demand Learning program. The on-demand library of webinars allows for easy, flexible and convenient learning that fits your schedule. Titles include: Assessing your district's financial, operating and academic health; Back to School Safely: Communicating effectively amid a pandemic; Education Equity; Fill Your Tank; Levy Success in the COVID-19 Era; The Dirty Dozen: 12 tips for staying legally compliant; and Understanding Five-Year Forecasts. Visit <https://www.ohioschoolboards.org/events/webinar> to learn more about these flexible learning options that allow you to learn on your schedule at your pace.

### State offering pandemic mental health resources

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, families and students have experienced unprecedented

changes and challenges in school and home life. The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services has created a list of resources that school administrators, parents and caregivers, students and the public can use to find support and respond to mental health needs

during these challenging times. A list of those resources is posted at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/94926>.

### OSBA online

● [www.ohioschoolboards.org](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org)  
A new season of OSBA's Leading the Way podcasts is underway. In Season 2, Episode 1, **South-Western City** officials discuss the district's reopening plans and what they are doing to keep students and staff safe. The episode also features the Ohio PTA president and president-elect talking about the importance of community engagement. Episode 2 highlights the work of the OSBA Transportation Task Force. Episode 3 examines the legalities of fall sports and COVID-19. You can subscribe to OSBA Leading the Way podcasts through Apple Podcasts and Google Podcasts. Episodes from Season 1 and 2 also are posted at [www.ohioschoolboards.org/osba-podcasts](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/osba-podcasts).

### Boatload of school supplies arrives at Southington Local

**Southington Local (Trumbull)** students got a boatload of school supplies — literally — when a pickup truck towing a motorboat pulled up to one of the district's schools last month. The vessel was stuffed with supplies ranging from routine items like backpacks to things to help students learn from home during the pandemic.

"These materials are going to help our kids in need," Superintendent **Rocco Nero** told a local TV station. "Not only the supplies, but the masking and everything we need to do."

Southington Local was one of several districts to receive supplies through the Ohio Striving Readers Comprehensive Literacy Grant.

**Trumbull County ESC**, the United Way and local Dollar General stores helped make the school supplies drive possible.

Source: WKBN-TV



## Briefcase

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# BULLETIN BOARD

compiled by Melanie Price, senior administrative assistant of communication services

## National searches

Position	Location	Deadline	Contact
Superintendent	Rocky Mount, Va.	Sept. 18	<b>Gina Patterson</b> , executive director, Virginia School Boards Association, (434) 295-8722

## Other searches

Position	Location	Deadline	Contact
Treasurer/CFO	Lucas Local (Richland)	Oct. 1	<b>Brad Herman</b> , superintendent, Lucas Local, Herman.Brad@LucasCubs.org

## Board changes

**Bellefontaine City** appointed **Karen Wilson** to the board effective Aug. 10. She replaced **Anne Marie Reames**, who resigned in July. ●●● **Cuyahoga Falls City** Board of Education member **Dave Martin** resigned effective Aug. 11. ●●● **Jefferson Local (Madison)** appointed **Whitney Duemmel** to the board effective Aug. 10. She replaced **Jerry A. Doran**, who passed away in June. ●●● **Lake Local (Stark)** appointed **Adam J. Doane** to the board effective Aug. 24. He replaced **David Poling**, who resigned in July. ●●● **Mentor EV** appointed **Ambreen Hasan** to the board effective June 9. She replaced **Deanne Roberts**, who resigned in April. ●●● **Van Wert City** Board of Education member **Tom Losh** announced his resignation effective immediately. ●●● **West Branch Local (Mahoning)** Board of Education member **John Wallace** resigned effective Aug. 26.

## Administrative changes

### Superintendents

**Akron City** Superintendent **David W. James** announced his retirement effective June 30, 2021. ●●● **Buckeye Local (Medina)** hired **Jeffrey Harrison** as superintendent effective Aug. 17. He replaced **Kent Morgan**, who is retiring Dec. 31. Harrison previously was the high school principal at **Medina City**. ●●● **Gibsonburg EV** hired **Tom Peiffer** as interim superintendent effective immediately. He replaced **Tim Murray**, who retired Aug. 14. Peiffer is a former superintendent at the district. ●●● **Solon City** hired Interim Superintendent **Fred E. Bolden** as superintendent effective Aug. 1.

### Treasurers

**Boardman Local (Mahoning)** hired **Terry Armstrong** as treasurer effective Aug. 31. He replaced **Nicholas Ciarniello**, who took the treasurer position at **Willoughby-Eastlake City**. Armstrong will continue to serve as treasurer at **Newton Falls EV**. ●●● **Franklin City** Treasurer **Jana Bellamy** announced her resignation effective

### Editor's note

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

Aug. 17. ●●● **Jefferson Local (Madison)** hired **Mark Ingles** as treasurer effective Aug. 10. He replaced **Jill Smith**, who took the treasurer position at **Mansfield City**. Ingles previously worked for the state auditor's office.

## Sympathies

Former **Alliance City** Board of Education member **Rev. Jack H. Dawson** died Aug. 11. He was 94. ●●● Former **Ayersville Local (Defiance)** Board of Education member **Garry Richard Breese** died Aug. 20. He was 82. ●●● Former **Berne Union Local (Fairfield)** Superintendent **Hoy J. Seckinger** died Aug. 8. He was 87. ●●● Former **Brunswick City** Board of Education member **Grant D. Relic** died Aug. 17. He was 66. ●●● Former **Eastern Local (Meigs)** Board of Education member **Ernest "Ernie" Whitehead** died Aug. 8. He was 91. ●●● Former **Holgate Local (Henry)** Board of Education member **Victor Sonnenberg** died Aug. 10. He was 95. ●●● Former **Middle Bass Local (Ottawa)** Board of Education member **Karl Henry Schmidlin** died Aug. 9. He was 75. ●●● Former **Morgan Local (Morgan)** Board of Education member **Ina Horner** died Aug. 18. She was 97. ●●● **Muskingum Valley ESC** Governing Board Member **W. Bryce Watt** died Aug. 21. He was 78. ●●● Former **Old Fort Local (Seneca)** and **Vanguard-Sentinel Career & Technology Centers** board member **John C. "Jack" DeMoss** died Aug. 9. He was 88. ●●● **John "Jack" Henry Ruth**, a member of the former **Shade School** Board in Athens County, died Aug. 22. He was 94. ●●● Former **Waverly City** Board of Education member **Gerald Ray Towler** died Aug. 21. He was 86. ●●● **Wilmington City** Board of Education member **Stephen "Steve" Murphy** died Aug. 14. He was 68.



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# Administrative Professionals Workshop

**Friday, Oct. 2 • 10 a.m.–2 p.m. • Virtual • Cost: \$60**

The Ohio School Boards Association invites all central office staff and school building administrative assistants and professionals to attend this engaging and informative workshop. Join our experts virtually to discuss relationship-building, communication strategies and self-care tips to assist in your day-to-day needs.

- 10 a.m. Welcome**  
*Teri Morgan, senior deputy director of board and management services, OSBA*
- 10:05 a.m. How do you communicate and work?**  
We all communicate and work in different ways. Our internal wiring makes us unique in who we are. This session will look at different communication and work styles and ways these differences can be a strength for the work team rather than points of conflict.  
*Steve Horton, senior board and management services consultant, OSBA*
- 10:40 a.m. Stretch break**
- 10:45 a.m. Policy management in ever-changing times**  
Your board policies are a critical part of district operations, but how do you manage them when many provisions are temporarily changed or rescinded? We will discuss ways to manage policy updates, communications and questions in light of current temporary provisions and regulations.  
*Kenna S. Haycox, senior policy consultant, OSBA*
- 11:25 a.m. Lunch break**
- 11:55 a.m. Dealing with difficult parents**  
We all have to deal with angry people and difficult situations at one time or another. The best approach is prevention, but sometimes you don't have that option. There are times when you will find yourself on the receiving end of someone's built-up anger. When it's not possible to prevent people from getting angry, the best thing you can do is defuse them effectively. Learn specific techniques to help with these challenging situations.  
*Kim Miller-Smith, senior student achievement consultant, OSBA*
- 12:30 p.m. Stretch break**
- 12:35 p.m. Fall legal roundup: What now?**  
Whenever someone would knock on her door, writer **Dorothy Parker** would say, "What fresh hell is this?" Lately, it seems that we are inundated with education-related news, sometimes conflicting or confusing, and we don't always know where to turn for help and information. This session will feature some of the most current legal issues related to the changing education landscape. We'll talk about attendance laws and the Ohio Department of Education's attendance guidance; health and other student records; public records requests; and other emerging legal issues.  
*Jennifer A. Hardin, deputy director of legal services, OSBA*
- 1:15 p.m. Stretch break**
- 1:20 p.m. Filling your tank**  
Sometimes we need to be reminded that it is OK to make ourselves a priority. When we improve ourselves, everyone around us benefits. Learn strategies that can help you be the best version of yourself.  
*Dr. Kathy McFarland, deputy chief executive, OSBA*
- 2 p.m. Adjourn**

**To register**

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# OSBA Master of Transportation Administration (MTA) Program

Don't miss the kickoff of the 2020-21 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. Some classes are scheduled twice; participants may sign up for either session. Each class is \$100, or you can purchase an MTA subscription for the workshop series; contact **Diana Paulins**, OSBA senior administrative assistant of board and management services, for subscription information. All workshops will be at the OSBA office, 8050 N. High St., Columbus, 43235. Visit [www.ohioschoolboards.org/transportation-training-programs](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/transportation-training-programs) to learn about the MTA certification program.



## Workshop dates and descriptions

### **Sept. 16 — Routing and technology (virtual)**

In today's school environment, it is essential to maximize route efficiency and get the best use out of your buses. This also becomes key as we manage continuing driver shortages. No one can afford to run extra buses or run buses with only a few students. We will look at some proven strategies for determining how many buses you really need and different styles of routing. This conversation also requires us to look at routing cost analysis. We will examine some of the technologies available to districts to assist with routing and their costs and benefits.

### **Oct. 28 — Personnel management (virtual)**

Employees can either “make or break” any operation. A transportation administrator must have some knowledge of labor practices to effectively manage staff, especially when there is a bargaining unit. Discussion will include not only working with contracts but also discipline, grievances, arbitration, negotiations and practices. We also will review driver qualifications and how to manage issues, evaluations and monitoring driver license records.

### **Dec. 2 — Transportation rules and regulations (virtual)**

Without a working knowledge of the laws and rules, the transportation administrator is flying blind. This class will walk through the key regulations that you might have overlooked, forgotten or not even have known existed. We will explore the relationship between federal, state and local regulations, talk about policy versus practice and then look at a checklist that every transportation department can use to measure its performance and compliance. This class is a favorite not only for brand new supervisors but also veterans and other school administrators who are responsible for pupil transportation service.

### **Feb. 3 or 10 — The transportation handbook (virtual or in-person)**

Transportation administrators cannot afford to “fly by the seat of their pants” or to be inconsistent in management practices. Guidelines and procedures are essential and can be the manager's best friend. Other issues that are related include board policy, administrative guidelines, labor agreements and other local resources. We will discuss the handbook development process as well as what to include in the handbook and how to keep it current.

### **March 3 or 10 — Public relations and working with the media (virtual or in-person)**

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 or 14 — Designing your operational plan and building keys for success (virtual or in-person)**

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. After that, we will focus on building support networks, identifying friends and foes and how to recognize 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 **Diana Paulins** at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or [mta@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:mta@ohioschoolboards.org). You also can purchase a subscription plan for all the workshops in this series; contact Paulins for more information.



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No matter your role, the conference is sure to renew and refresh you and elevate your skills to the next level. Embrace the conference philosophy of leadership for learning and register today for this exciting professional development opportunity.



Opening General Session

**Kai Kight**

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violinist and inspiring  
keynote speaker



Monday Town Hall

**Kate Fagan**

New York Times  
bestselling author, writer  
and podcast host

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# WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

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## LEGAL WEBINAR

### Accommodating Transgender Staff and Students in 2020

**Tuesday, Oct. 6 • noon–1 p.m. • Cost: \$50**

The laws regarding the rights of transgender staff and students and what public schools may or must do to accommodate their needs continue to evolve. In addition to examining the current status of the law, panelists will discuss frequently requested accommodation requests, including the use of names and pronouns consistent with gender identity, updates to school records, field trips and access to restrooms and locker rooms aligned with gender identity.

*Alex Shanks, associate director, Equitas Health; Dr. Scott F. Leibowitz, child and adolescent psychiatrist, Nationwide Children's Hospital; medical director of behavioral health, THRIVE; and associate clinical professor, Ohio State University College of Medicine; Heather Throbe, clinical coordinator, THRIVE; and Sara C. Clark, chief legal counsel, OSBA*

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## LEGISLATIVE REPORT

by Will Schwartz, deputy director of legislative services

### Bill would extend pandemic relief measures for schools

As the 2020-21 school year begins under the cloud of the COVID-19 pandemic, a bipartisan duo of state lawmakers has introduced legislation to extend the flexibility and relief measures previously afforded to school districts in the 2019-20 school year. Sens. **Teresa Fedor** (D-Toledo) and **Nathan H. Manning** (R-North Ridgeville) on Sept. 1 introduced Senate Bill (SB) 358, which will continue certain provisions of House Bill (HB) 197 and HB 164 into the 2020-21 school year. Those bills, enacted in March and June, respectively, reflected the General Assembly's initial attempts at tackling the pandemic's effects on K-12 education. SB 358 contains an emergency clause and would take

effect immediately upon the governor's signature.

In joint testimony to the Senate Education Committee, Fedor and Manning expressed their support for the emergency legislation, telling the panel, "Without the extension of these provisions, the uncertain learning conditions in the 2020-2021 school year will be even more stressful for teachers, students and families. ... Any pressure we can relieve so that the focus is on teaching and learning, rather than testing and evaluating, will help our students succeed in the long term. Schools need to know what adjustments will be made to any requirements in order to have as much time as possible to achieve what needs to be accomplished."

SB 358 extends many provisions of HB 197 and HB 164 through the 2020-21 school year, including the following:

- an exemption from the requirement to administer state assessments;
- an extension of the prohibition on deducting state funding from districts if they did not administer assessments to one or more students;
- an authorization for districts to grant high school diplomas up until Sept. 30, 2021;
- an authorization for high school students to use final course grades in lieu of the corresponding end-of-course exam if that exam was not administered in the 2020-21

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school year;

- an extension of the partial freeze in eligibility for the Educational Choice (EdChoice) Scholarship program, with minor exceptions;
- an authorization for the superintendent of public instruction to waive or extend deadlines for certain actions;
- a prohibition on the use of value-added from being used in teacher evaluations;
- an authorization for districts to complete performance evaluations of principals without student growth measures;
- an authorization for districts to evaluate certain “accomplished” and “skilled” teachers on separate evaluation schedules.

Not all education provisions of HB 197 and HB 164 were extended in SB 358, like the provision that temporarily permitted boards of education, and other public bodies, to hold their meetings electronically.

The bill extends some provisions of HB 197 and HB 164 beyond the 2020-21 school year. For example, the bill prohibits the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) from publishing the 2020-21 and 2021-22 state report cards and issuing letter grades to districts and schools based on those report cards. Accordingly, any data from those report cards also cannot be used to determine eligibility for penalties like EdChoice program vouchers or academic distress

commissions.

In addition to the bill’s test exemption, the bill requires ODE to seek a federal waiver from federal test requirements for the 2020-21 school year. In the event a waiver is not received, ODE must determine which state assessments are federally required and administer those assessments.

The possibility of a federal waiver now appears unlikely as U.S. Secretary of Education **Betsy DeVos** recently poured cold water on the issue in a Sept. 3 letter to the directors of state education departments. DeVos said education leaders should not anticipate waivers from federal test

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# PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Scott Gerfen, assistant editor

## Granville mom organizes fundraiser for teacher safety shields

The mother of a **Granville EV** fourth-grader wanted to help educators feel more comfortable about returning to in-person learning.

"There was a lot of discussion on Facebook about kids going back to school," **Chrissy Wissinger** told a local newspaper. "It kind of emerged from ... teachers (having) mixed emotions about (returning)."

That's when Wissinger started thinking about what the

community might be able to do beyond the safety precautions provided through district resources.

"They had plexiglass for common areas, sanitary wipes, but what outside of those normal things could we do for teachers?" Wissinger asked.

She also posed that question to the community on Facebook, asking what teachers needed. "This theme emerged about (how) it would be nice to have plexiglass

dividers," she said.

Through a PayPal pooling effort, Wissinger said the community contributed more than \$4,000 to fund plexiglass dividers for numerous classrooms throughout the district.

With the help of local businessman **Ryan McGuire** and an Ace Hardware store, nearly 200 dividers were distributed throughout the district's three buildings.

Source: Newark Advocate

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requirements to be granted. DeVos also defended federal test requirements in general and stressed the importance of using data to assess students during the pandemic.

During the first hearing on the bill, which occurred on Sept. 2, Sen. **Peggy Lehner** (R-Kettering) stated that she expects the bill to be expedited to provide certainty to the education community.

Normally, SB 358 would face a long road to enactment. However, due to the time sensitivity of the legislation and its bipartisan support, it very well could be incorporated into another bill much further along in the legislative

process, similar to what occurred in the summer with HB 197 and HB 164. Potential vehicles for SB 358 include HB 9 or SB 89, both of which pertain to education and could incorporate the provisions of SB 358 in a conference committee.

The House of Representatives has several if-needed session dates scheduled in September, and its next official session date is scheduled for Nov. 10. Meanwhile, the Senate has official session dates scheduled for Sept. 23 and Oct. 14, in addition to several if-needed sessions for those months.

*Editor's note:* Information in this article was current as of Sept. 8, 2020.



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- 30 Last day to file business advisory council plan with the Ohio Department of Education — RC 3313.821.

## October 2020

- 1 Last day for board to adopt annual appropriation measure — RC 5705.38(B).
- 2 Administrative Professionals Workshop..... Virtual
- 5 Last day for voter registration for November election — RC 3503.01, 3503.19(A) (30 days prior to election).
- 6 Accommodating Transgender Staff and Students in 2020 ..... Webinar
- 7 Northeast Region Fall Conference..... Virtual
- 8 Southwest Region Fall Conference..... Virtual
- 15 Northwest Region Fall Conference..... Virtual
- 15 Last day for certification of licensed employees to State Board of Education — RC 3317.061.

- 22 Briefing for the Annual Business Meeting of the OSBA Delegate Assembly ..... Virtual
- 28 OSBA Master of Transportation Administration Program: Personnel management..... Virtual
- 29 Annual Business Meeting of the OSBA Delegate Assembly ..... Virtual
- 31 End of first ADM reporting period — RC 3317.03(A).

## November 2020

- 1 Last day for classroom teachers to develop online classroom lessons (“blizzard bags”) in order to make up hours for which it is necessary to close schools — RC 3313.482(A)(3)(a).
- 3 General Election Day; Special Election Day — RC 3501.01 (first Tuesday after the first Monday).
- 4 2020 Capital Conference Orientation - Ask us anything! ..... Virtual
- 7-10 OSBA Capital Conference..... Virtual
- 30 Deadline to file consolidated school mandate report — RC 3301.68.

## December 2020

- 2 OSBA Master of Transportation Administration Program: Transportation rules and regulations..... Virtual
- 31 Last day for treasurer to canvass the board

to establish a date for the organizational meeting — RC 3313.14.

## 2021 January 2021

- 15 Deadline for boards of education of city, exempted village, vocational and local school districts to meet and organize — RC 3313.14; last day for boards of education of city, exempted village, vocational and local school districts to adopt tax budgets for the coming school fiscal year — RC 5705.28(A)(1).
- 20 Last day for boards of education to submit fiscal tax year budget to county auditor — RC 5705.30.
- 25 Last day to submit certification for income tax levy to Ohio Department of Taxation for May election — RC 5748.02(A) (100 days prior to election).
- 29 Last day to submit 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 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