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Free school safety, threat assessment training available

The Ohio Department of Education is partnering with Sandy Hook Promise to provide Safety Assessment and Intervention, one of Sandy Hook Promise's proven Know the Signs programs, at no cost to districts and schools in the 2020-21 school year. Safety Assessment and Intervention teaches multidisciplinary school teams how to identify, assess and respond to threats of violence or at-risk behavior before a tragedy takes place. These virtual workshops will allow school threat assessment teams to brainstorm and process how to handle new types of safety circumstances due to remote learning. Learn more at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/44052>.

RemotEDx offering microgrants for remote education partners

RemotEDx, Ohio's suite of remote learning supports, is offering grants to build and strengthen nonprofit and community-based partnerships to enrich remote education opportunities. Microgrants of up to \$150,000 are available to nonprofit organizations partnering with a school, district, or consortium of schools or districts to help improve and enrich remote caring, teaching and learning opportunities for Ohio's most underserved students. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations focused on education or student success; children services and behavioral and mental health partners; nonprofit organizations that represent the voices of key stakeholders; institutions of higher education; and business-related nonprofit organizations. Learn more at <https://remotedx.infohio.org/funding>. Applications are due Jan. 15.

Deadline for scheduling 2021 organizational meeting is drawing near

School boards must set the date of their January organizational meeting by Dec. 31. OSBA's legal division gets a lot of calls this time of year as school boards prepare for these meetings, and the association offers a number of resources to help board members plan and conduct them. Some quick reminders for board members and administrators are available at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/88178>. Another resource is posted at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/49649>. For further questions on the organizational meeting, call OSBA's legal hotline at (855) OSBA-LAW.

CompManagement Health Systems renamed after merger

CompManagement Health Systems, part of Ohio SchoolComp, is a workers' compensation managed care organization (MCO) focused on bringing injured employees back to work safely and quickly. On Dec. 21, CompManagement Health Systems and CareWorks of Ohio Ltd. merged to become Sedgwick Managed Care Ohio. For districts that are in the Ohio SchoolComp program, there will be no change in MCO contacts for you or your injured workers as a result of this merger. Contact

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Route workshop information to:

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

OSBA's Van D. Keating at (614) 540-400 with any questions.

Fall 2020 high school end-of-course test window extended

The Ohio Department of Education announced that the fall end-of-course test window has been extended by one week to provide more time for testing in January. It now runs from Nov. 30, 2020, to Jan. 15, 2021. Districts must administer the exams within 15 consecutive school days, including makeups. However, students who are attending remotely will only have days counted when they are in the buildings to test. Additional information is available at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/75508>.

NSBA hosting free virtual equity symposium

The National School Boards Association's (NSBA) 2021 Equity Online Symposium will be held Feb. 10. Sessions will focus on

Westerville students perform classic holiday tale on radio

Students in Westerville City's Westerville Central High School's theater department delivered a holiday classic to the community in a unique way, as a live 1940s radio broadcast.

"'It's a Wonderful Life' reminds us how we all make a difference in other people's lives, even if we don't know it," director **Stephanie Matushoneck** told a local newspaper. "We really wanted to get the kids back on stage but knew we had to not only be creative about it but also responsible. That's when the idea of a radio show came up." A few adult actors were in the production and helped introduce the students to live-action sound effects and radio jingles.

"It's enjoyable to see how this was done in the past," said junior **Aaron Dick**, who played Clarence, the guardian angel.

Source: ThisWeek Community Newspapers

identifying the inequities that exist in schools and the key role school boards play in fostering equitable access and opportunities for students to succeed. Registration is free but space is limited for the live event. For details, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/28645>.

OSBA NW Region offering educational funds for college

Applications are being accepted for the 2021 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.

OSBA online

● www.ohioschoolboards.org
January is School Board Recognition Month, and OSBA is providing resources to help districts honor their board members. Visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/sbrm to view ideas and download an OSBA resource kit to help you recognize these dedicated public servants. For details on the program, contact **Angela Penquite** at (614) 540-4000 or apenquite@ohioschoolboards.org.



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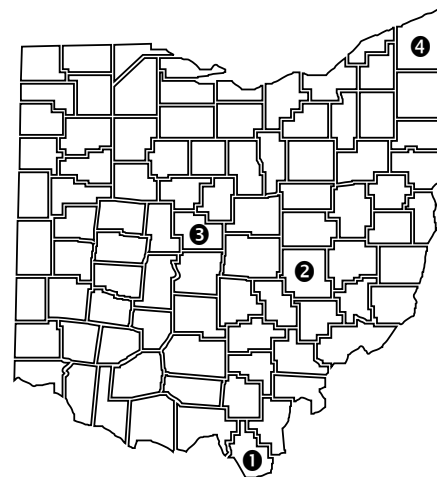
BULLETIN BOARD

compiled by Melanie Price, senior administrative assistant of communication services

OSBA executive searches

Superintendent

District	Deadline	Contact
❶ Collins Career Technical Center	Jan. 14	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
❷ Franklin Local (Muskingum)	Jan. 15	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
❸ Delaware Area Career Center	Jan. 18	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
❹ Geneva Area City	Feb. 1	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000



Other searches

Position	Location	Deadline	Contact
Superintendent	Monroeville Local (Huron)	Jan. 13	Brooke Moore, personnel & licensure, North Point ESC, (419) 627-3908

National searches

Position	Location	Deadline	Contact
Superintendent	Tecumseh, Kan.	Jan. 5	Sue Givens, leadership services field specialist, Kansas Association of School Boards, (316) 621-1123
Superintendent	Belle Plaine, Kan.	Jan. 5	Sue Givens, leadership services field specialist, Kansas Association of School Boards, (316) 621-1123
Superintendent/K-6 principal	Victoria, Kan.	Jan. 7	Dr. Brian Jordan, deputy executive director, Kansas Association of School Boards, (800) 432-2471
Superintendent	Ellsworth, Kan.	Jan. 15	Gary Sechrist, leadership services 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

Parma City appointed **Cynthia Bratz** to the board effective Dec. 3. She replaced **Karen Dendorfer**, who resigned. ●●● Warren City Board of Education member **Robert L. Faulkner Sr.** announced his resignation effective Dec. 8.

Administrative changes

Superintendents

Mayfield City hired Dr. **Michael Barnes** as superintendent effective Aug. 1, 2021. He will replace Dr. **W. Keith Kelly**, who is retiring. Barnes currently is the superintendent at **Lakewood City**.

Sympathies

Former **Bath Local (Allen)** Board of Education member **Timothy L. McKinney** died on Dec. 9. He was 69. ●●● Former **Conotton Valley Union Local (Harrison)** Board of Education member **David Allan Bower Sr.** died Dec. 1. He was 79. ●●● Former **Gallia-Vinton ESC** Governing Board member **Roberta Duncan** died on Nov. 22. She was 56. ●●● Former **Jackson Center Local (Shelby)** Board of Education member **Eldon Craig Wical** died Dec. 7. He was 85. ●●● Former **Jackson-Milton Local (Mahoning)** Board of Education member **Jack Reese** died Nov. 30. He was 85. ●●● Former **Wellsville Local (Columbiana)** Board of Education member **Edward R. "Ed" Bauer Jr.** died Dec. 1. He was 78. ●●● Former **Whitehall City** Board of Education member **Walter Scott Armes** died Dec. 3. He was 81.



INFORMATION

by Angela Penquite, deputy director of communication services

OSBA trustees approve association 2021 budget, resolution to honor education advocate

During its final meeting of the year, the OSBA Board of Trustees approved the association's preliminary 2021 budget as well as a resolution honoring Dr. **R. Kirk Hamilton**, executive director of Buckeye Association of School Administrators (BASA), and heard updates on the association's 2020 activities.

The trustees met virtually on Nov. 21. OSBA President **Lee Schreiner**, **South-Western City**, led the meeting, expressing his appreciation for all that the association has done this year.

"I'm so proud of what we've done in a different world," he said.

Chief Financial Officer **Allison Morris** provided an update on the association's finances. She also presented the association's preliminary 2021 budget, which was approved by the trustees. OSBA Audit Committee Chair **Susie Lawson**, **Tri-County ESC** and **Wayne County Schools Career Center**, updated trustees on OSBA's completed 2019 financial audit.

The trustees also approved a resolution for Hamilton, who is retiring Dec. 31 after nearly 40

years of service in public education. He has served as BASA's executive director for 10 years and previously served as superintendent for **South-Western City** and **Batavia Local (Clermont)**, among other positions.

Later in the meeting, BASA Deputy Executive Director **David Axner** and Ohio Association of School Business Officials (OASBO) Executive Director **Jim Rowan** briefed trustees on the activities of their respective associations, which frequently collaborate with OSBA.

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Although each association works distinctly, Axner, Rowan and OSBA Chief Executive Officer **Rick Lewis** pointed out how effective the three organizations and their members are when they work together.

“OSBA, BASA and OASBO have a long tradition of working together on legislative issues and other partnerships, including endorsed programs that will benefit Ohio’s school districts,” Lewis said. “We appreciate the value each association and its members bring to the table in our discussions, and look forward to continued partnerships.”

OSBA Deputy Executive Director **Dr. Kathy McFarland** highlighted several projects completed in 2020 that contributed to the Visionary Initiative for Strategic Action

(VISA), OSBA’s strategic plan. Currently, the association is in year three of its five-year strategic plan, and 20 of the 30 of the strategies outlined have been completed.

Some of the 2020 initiatives include:

- Conducting a member needs assessment to ensure the association is offering products and services that members value.
- Creating more on-demand training for members to access at their convenience. OSBA offers an On-Demand Learning library, available at www.ohioschoolboards.org/events/webinar, and will launch a new, six-part on-demand governance series in 2021.
- Partnering with other groups and associations to offer resources

on timely topics, such as the Mental Health and Social-Emotional Learning Summit, held in February. Review resources and recordings of presentations from this event at www.ohioschoolboards.org/mental-health-summit.

- Creating the OSBA Diversity and Equity Committee, which has compiled tool kits on overcoming barriers to student achievement, available at www.leadingourlearners.org/overcoming-barriers-to-achievement.
- Offering workshops and resources to keep school board members up to date on options when placing levy or other tax options on the ballot, available at www.ohioschoolboards.org/levy-success.

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OSBA part-time administrative associate positions available

The Ohio School Boards Association is seeking to hire two part-time administrative associates to each work 25 hours per week. These positions will collaborate with and support a division within the association consisting of school board, policy and transportation service areas.

Responsibilities include performing general support services, word processing, copying, filing, proofreading, preparing correspondence, maintaining division records and preparing and tracking invoices for the division’s services. Strong ability in using software for project management and editing, excellent word processing, proofreading, report production, organizational skills and experience with database management are required. Macintosh and desktop publishing and college experience are preferred.

OSBA offers a competitive salary, benefits and a retirement plan. Please send cover letter, resume and salary requirements to: apply@ohioschoolboards.org. Application deadline is Jan. 15, 2021. Cover letters and/or resumes without salary expectations will not be considered. EOE.

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-to-day operations.

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 to learn about the MTA certification program.



Workshop dates and descriptions

Feb. 3 — 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 — 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 — 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. You also can purchase a subscription plan for all the workshops in this series; contact Paulins for more information.



WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

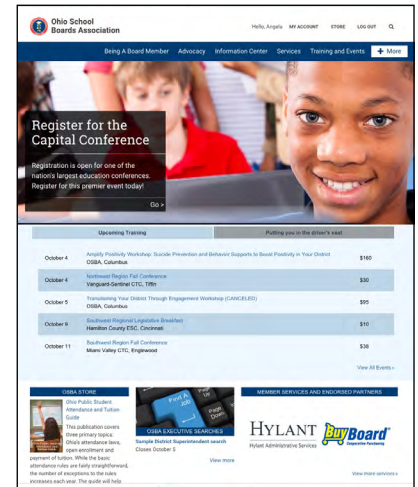
Register at www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops

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.



Advocating for public education

Kids PAC gives board members the opportunity to belong to a political action committee (PAC) whose members are aware of the problems facing public education and whose goals are aimed at dealing with these issues.

With a PAC, we have a voice and can advocate for the future of public education. *Kids PAC* allows OSBA to advance its legislative platform by supporting candidates who believe in its goals.

Why is *Kids PAC* important?

Kids PAC supports candidates who are involved with and passionate about public education. It also raises the visibility of school board members' views, interests and concerns among influential legislators.

Join *Kids PAC* today!

Invest in their future

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In light of the change in business activities the association faced due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the OSBA directors provided a review of the association's 2020 activities, outlining the continuity of business as well as the new activities staff initiated to support members.

OSBA Director of Communication Services **Jeff Chambers** and Director of Board and Management Services **Cheryl W. Ryan** provided a summary of the virtual 2020 OSBA Capital Conference. The conference featured more than 60 learning sessions and four Spotlight Sessions; two General Sessions and a Monday Town Hall, each with a keynote speaker; a Trade Show with more than 150 booths; and a Student Achievement Fair and Student Performing Arts. More than 2,800 people attended the conference, representing 372 OSBA-member districts.

"We're proud of our first virtual conference," Chambers said. "We were able to continue to provide our members with cost-effective professional development, networking opportunities and access to companies offering products and services to help their districts run efficiently."

Director of Legislative Services **Jennifer Hogue** reviewed recently passed legislation, including House Bill (HB) 404, which includes COVID-19-related education items; HB 123, which requires schools to implement certain programs on and provide instruction in suicide awareness and prevention and

violence prevention; and Senate Bill (SB) 89, which changes the eligibility criteria for the Educational Choice Scholarship Program (EdChoice) and expands the number of eligible school buildings for performance-based vouchers to 473 for the 2021-22 school year. The bill also increases the poverty threshold from 200% to 250% for the income-based voucher program eligibility.

Hogue told trustees that the House and Senate finance committees were holding hearings on HB 305 and SB 376, respectively, which address the Fair School Funding Plan. The goal, she said, is to get the plan passed and enacted during this General Assembly so it can serve as framework for the next biennial budget.

"We need you to discuss this plan with your board members, community and neighboring board members," said Hogue. "This funding plan answers the charges from the *DeRolph* court cases and takes into account equity, which we need desperately."

In other business:

- Ryan reviewed the 2020 board self-assessment survey, which is the board's assessment of its work.
- President-elect **Scott E. Huddle, Mad River Local (Montgomery)**, gave a report on the activities of OSBA's Legislative Platform Committee.
- Chief Legal Counsel **Sara C. Clark** provided an update on the work of the OSBA Governance Review Committee. Recommendations will be

presented to the trustees next year.

- Trustees approved an update to eligibility for OSBA products and services to allow agents or representatives of a member district to attend and directly pay for an OSBA workshop if approved in writing by the district prior to the workshop.

- OSBA Past President **John W. Halkias, Plain Local (Stark)**, who serves on the National School Boards Association's Board of Directors, provided an update on the association's activities.

The next OSBA Board of Trustees meeting is Feb. 27.



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LEGISLATIVE REPORT

by Will Schwartz, deputy director of legislative services

Education bills signed, pending as lame-duck session nears end

The Ohio House of Representatives and Senate worked late into the night on Dec. 17 as lawmakers hoped to conclude their legislative work, adjourn sine die and head home early to enjoy the Christmas holiday. However, a bevy of unfinished business, including farewell speeches, overrides of governor vetoes and reduced attendance due to coronavirus illnesses, forced lawmakers to schedule additional session days to wrap up the 133rd General Assembly. Leading up to the lame-duck session, lawmakers sent many bills to Gov. **Mike DeWine** for his signature, several of which he signed.

Senate Bill (SB) 89 was signed into law on Nov. 27 and substantially revises the Educational Choice (EdChoice) Scholarship Program. It revises student eligibility for the program's performance-based option and increases the poverty threshold from 200% to 250% for the program's income-based option. Eligibility for performance-based vouchers applies if at least 20% of a student's school district is composed of Title I-eligible students for the three most recent years and the student's building was ranked in the lowest 20% of buildings according to the

Performance Index rankings for the 2017-18 and 2018-19 school years. SB 89 would designate 473 buildings as EdChoice eligible, 110 of which most recently received an A, B or C grade on their state report card. Forty-three buildings that had never before been on the list were added to it.

DeWine signed House Bill (HB) 404 on Nov. 23, which was amended late in the legislative process to include certain pandemic-related flexibility and relief measures from SB 358. Those provisions include permitting boards of education and other public bodies to hold and conduct their meetings electronically through July 1, 2021, and exempting districts from penalties for not administering the fall administration of any diagnostic assessment, kindergarten readiness assessment or third-grade English language arts assessment if a student is quarantined, medically compromised, remote learning or subject to a stay-at-home order. The act also extends the temporary teacher and administrator evaluation flexibilities to the 2020-21 school year and provides flexibility and exemptions regarding routine, state-required health screenings for kindergarten and first-grade students that must

normally be completed annually by Nov. 1.

Awaiting DeWine's signature are HB 123, HB 450 and HB 231. HB 123 requires public schools to implement certain programs on and provide instruction in suicide awareness and prevention and violence prevention and provides \$2.5 million in payments to dropout prevention and recovery e-schools that meet certain standards. HB 450 requires certificates of transition for outgoing school treasurers, among other similar local government officers, that must include a prescribed inventory of documents, accounts, books, maps and other information. Finally, HB 231 requires the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) to annually compile a list of entities that offer free and reduced-cost epinephrine autoinjectors and make that list available to school districts and others. It also allows districts to create and implement training for staff and students on food allergies and permits them to procure and administer glucagon without a license for use in emergency situations for individuals with diabetes.

The following education-related bills are in the final stages of the legislative process, needing either

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one or two votes to send them to the governor:

● HB 409, which added provisions of SB 358, including prohibiting the issuing of the state report card for the 2020-21 school year, implementing an accompanying safe harbor, exempting districts from retaining a student under the third-grade reading guarantee for the 2020-21 school year and authorizing the superintendent of public instruction to temporarily adjust certain deadlines, including the filling of a vacancy on a board of education. A House concurrence vote will send the bill to DeWine.

● SB 310, which contains the capital appropriations bill provisions, including appropriating \$385 million in debt-financed spending for the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission. The bill also temporarily adjusts the starting application date for the EdChoice Scholarship program to March 2, 2021, appropriates \$3 million to fund required studies on components of the school-funding formula and authorizes the redistribution of any unused Student Wellness and Success

funds, among other changes. A Senate concurrence vote will send the bill to the governor.

● HB 436, which requires districts, by the 2022-23 school year, to administer annual dyslexia screenings and establish a multisensory structured literacy certification process for teachers employed by the district or school providing instruction in grades K-three; and requires all K-three teachers and special education teachers in grades four-12 to complete between six and 18 hours of professional development over a set time frame. A House concurrence vote will send the bill to DeWine.

● SB 68, which requires a state model curriculum for high school students on proper interactions with peace officers during traffic stops and other encounters and requires districts to incorporate this curriculum into at least one course required for high school graduation. A Senate concurrence vote will send the bill to the governor.

● SB 259, which prescribes minimum drinking fountain and water bottle-filling station

requirements for new classroom facility construction projects and requires districts to ensure that each drinking fountain and water bottle-filling station installed as part of a project is regularly cleaned and maintained. A Senate concurrence vote will send the bill to DeWine.

● HB 75, which requires school districts, before filing a property tax complaint, to pass a resolution approving the complaint at a public meeting; limits the circumstances under which initial, residential property tax complaints may be filed; and limits counter-complaint filings only when that initial complaint alleges a change in fair market value of \$75,000 or more. Two votes — a Senate vote and House concurrence vote — will send the bill to the governor.

● SB 212, which provides a full or partial tax exemption to developers and owners of newly constructed homes within specified municipal or township areas during the construction period and for 10 years after the home is occupied. Two votes — a House vote and Senate concurrence

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PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Scott Gerfen, assistant editor

River View Local senior's volunteerism is cut above

Zach Balo, a senior at **River View Local's (Coshocton) River View High School**, always thinks he can do more.

He's been helping his grandparents clear trees from the family farm since the summer, selling the cords of wood and keeping the money.

"I thought maybe I can find a way to incorporate this into my senior project," Balo told a local newspaper.

So, instead of keeping all the

money, Balo kept cutting and offered the firewood for sale to help benefit the Coshocton County Handicapped Society, which advocates for residents with disabilities and provides equipment to those in need.

Balo has sold wood before, but it never went this fast. In less than 12 hours, he sold three cords of wood and raised \$420 for the organization.

Candy Angle, president of the handicapped society, described

Balo as a great volunteer.

"He's an amazing young man," she said. "He has a heart of gold. He'll do whatever you need. If he's available, he's there."

Seniors at River View engage in projects that have them working with community mentors. The idea is to increase self-awareness, self-management, relationship skills, responsibility and decision-making skills while improving themselves, school or community.

Source: The Times-Reporter

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vote — will send the bill to DeWine.

● HB 210, which requires ODE-licensed preschool programs and other entities to screen and test prospective employees for tuberculosis. Two votes — a Senate vote and House concurrence vote — will send the bill to the governor.

● HB 425, which exempts the requirement that peace officer basic training be obtained by certain employees whom a board of education authorizes to be armed in a school safety zone. Two votes — a Senate vote and House concurrence vote — will send the bill to DeWine.

● HB 38, which provides a reduced property valuation for tax years 2020, 2021 and 2022 for businesses

and eligible individuals as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Two votes — a Senate vote and House concurrence vote — will send the bill to the governor.

● SB 95, which requires the tax commissioner's biennial report on state tax expenditures to include information on property tax exemptions, requires a periodic review of each property tax exemption and creates a property tax exemption for certain housing used by individuals diagnosed with mental illness or substance use disorder. Two votes — a House vote and Senate concurrence vote — will send the bill to DeWine

Despite the fury of activity as the

legislative session nears its end, HB 305, the much-discussed school-funding proposal jointly sponsored by House Speaker **Robert R. Cupp** (R-Lima) and **John Patterson** (D-Jefferson) failed to gain approval in the Senate. Although the House voted Dec. 3 to approve the measure by an overwhelming 87-9 margin, top legislators in the upper chamber, including Sens. **Matt Huffman** (R-Lima) and **Matt Dolan** (R-Chagrin Falls), stressed their desire to consider the proposal during the state's upcoming budget process.

Editor's note: Information in this article was current as of Dec. 17, 2020.

December 2020

- 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 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, 2020 — RC 3517.10(A)(3).

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- 3 OSBA Master of Transportation Administration Program: The transportation handbook..... Virtual
- 3 Northeast Region Executive Committee Meeting..... Virtual
- 3 Southwest Region Executive Committee Meeting..... Virtual
- 3 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).

- 14 Southeast Region Executive Committee Meeting..... Virtual
- 21 Northwest Region Executive Committee Meeting..... Virtual

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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.
- 3 OSBA Master of Transportation Administration Program: Public relations and working with the media Virtual
- 3 Northeast Region Spring Conference..... Virtual
- 9 OSBA Southwest Region Spring Conference..... Virtual