

BRIEF CASE

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ECOT refuses to release attendance records despite court's ruling

As of July 15, the Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow (ECOT) had refused to release certain records the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) is seeking to conduct an attendance audit. ECOT's move came despite a July 11 court ruling denying the state's largest online charter school's request for a temporary restraining order to prevent the audit. ODE is trying to determine if ECOT students are logging in for 920 hours of classes a year as required by state law. An earlier audit found that students were not logging in for the required number of hours. ECOT contends it is only required to offer 920 hours of "learning opportunities" a year to be eligible for state funding and that students are doing enough offline work to meet that threshold.

State offering reimbursement to help schools replace lead plumbing

The state is launching a grant program to help schools cover the cost of testing and replacing lead plumbing fixtures. The program will provide reimbursement funding to eligible schools for testing and possibly replacing drinking fountains, water coolers, plumbing fixtures and limited connected piping. Schools built before 1990 can apply to be reimbursed for up to \$15,000 if tests show lead above the federal action level. Specific guidelines will be available in late July. The program is a joint effort of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Ohio Water Development Authority and Ohio Facilities Construction Commission. For more information, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/91809>. Questions can be sent to grants.info@ofcc.ohio.gov.

Report: Rate of increase in prison spending far outpaces education

State and local spending on prisons and jails has increased at triple the rate of funding for pre-K through grade 12 public education in the last 33 years, according to the U.S. Department of Education. Between the 1979-80 and 2012-13 school years, state and local expenditures for education doubled from \$258 billion to \$534 billion while corrections expenditures quadrupled from \$17 billion to \$71 billion. In the majority of the states, the rate of increase for corrections spending was more than 100 percentage points higher than the growth rate for education spending. In Ohio, that gap was 166 percentage points. For details, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/63274>.

OSBA Media Honor Roll program marking 15th year

OSBA is set to kick off the 15th annual Media Honor Roll program, which gives districts the opportunity to recognize journalists for providing fair, accurate coverage of their schools. Reporters have the power to influence community attitudes about public schools, which makes it crucial for districts to maintain good relationships with them. The Media Honor Roll program helps districts build and sustain those

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Route workshop information to:

- Administrators
- EMIS coordinators
- New board members

relationships. Details will be emailed to superintendents and communications directors and posted at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/35524> in August.

OSBA Capital Conference information posted online

Information about the 2016 OSBA Capital Conference and Trade Show — including registration details and forms — is now posted at <http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org>. The site also features information about keynote speakers, housing, special events, travel information, Student Achievement Fair nominations and more. The conference, which draws more than 9,000 education leaders to Columbus each year, features General Session speakers **Ernie Hudson**, an activist and actor who starred in the original “Ghostbusters” film; “Breaking Bad” actor and Albuquerque,

After 3,000 readings, story-time hero retires

Over the course of telling 3,000 stories, **Sam Pathy** began every one the same way — with a little magic dust.

Last month, the 55-year-old librarian led his last story, ending a 27-year career with the Columbus Metropolitan Library, where he led the popular story time. People who attended as a child brought their own children to hear Pathy read.

“Sometimes, it’s hard to think I’m getting paid to do this because it’s so much fun,” he told a local newspaper.

Abby Nelson brought her daughters to Pathy’s story times at the Whetstone branch for nearly 10 years and attributes their accomplishments in school to Pathy’s readings.

“He’s always been so creative,” Nelson said.

Source: The Columbus Dispatch

N.M., school board member **Steven Michael Quezada**; and **Leeza Gibbons**, an Emmy award-winning journalist and host known for her work on “Entertainment Tonight,” “Leeza” and “America Now.” The conference runs Nov. 13-16 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center.

State’s back-to-school sales tax holiday drawing near

Ohio’s three-day sales tax holiday — created to help parents and teachers save money on back-to-school purchases — is set for Aug. 5 through Aug. 7. Sales tax will be suspended on clothing, school supplies and instructional materials within certain price ranges. The holiday also applies to mail, telephone and online purchases. For details, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/78583>.

OSBA online

● www.ohioschoolboards.org

OSBA offers an online guide to help districts prepare for and recover from a disaster. Lessons Learned: Disaster Tool Kit for Schools, covers a range of issues districts might have to face in the event of a disaster. The kit’s Web page also offers a number of other resources. Visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/62488> to learn more.



Briefcase

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BULLETIN BOARD

compiled by Melanie Price, administrative assistant of communication services

Board changes

Mansfield City appointed **Gary Feagin** to the board effective July 5. He replaced **Dina J. Davis**, who resigned. ●●● **North Baltimore Local (Wood)** Board of Education member **Russell Bretz** announced his resignation effective June 30. He is moving out of the district.

Administrative changes

Superintendents

Auglaize County ESC hired **Shawn Brown** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace **Ann Harvey**, who has taken a position as associate superintendent at the ESC. Brown currently is the superintendent at **St. Marys City**. ●●● **Conneaut Area City** Superintendent **Michael R. Notar** announced his resignation effective Aug. 1. He has taken a high school principal position at **Buckeye Local (Ashtabula)**. ●●● **East Liverpool City** hired **Randy Taylor** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace **Melissa Watson**, who took the superintendent position at **Ashtabula Area City**. Taylor currently is the district's junior/senior high school principal. ●●● **Finneytown Local (Hamilton)** hired **Theresa Noe** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. She will replace **Tyrone L. Olverson**, who resigned. Noe currently is a middle school principal at **Beavercreek City**. ●●● **Kirtland Local (Lake)** hired **William Wade** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace **Steve Barrett**, who took the superintendent position at **Gahanna-Jefferson City**. Wade currently is the high school principal at **Mentor EV**. ●●● **Piqua City** hired Assistant Superintendent **Dwayne Thompson** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace **Richard A. Hanes**, who has accepted a position with Edison State Community College. ●●● **Tuslaw Local (Stark)** hired **Melissa Marconi** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. She will replace **Alan D. Osler**, who is retiring effective Aug. 1. Marconi is the district's high school principal. ●●● **Woodmore Local (Sandusky)** Superintendent **Linda Ruiz-Bringman** announced her retirement effective July 1. ●●● **Copley-Fairlawn City** hired **Brian Williams** as assistant superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace **Aaron J. Sable**, who took the superintendent position at **Medina City**. Williams currently is the superintendent at **Buckeye Local (Medina)**. ●●● **Troy City** hired **Jeremy Miller** as assistant superintendent effective Aug. 1. Miller currently is the director of curriculum, instruction and assessment at **Centerville City**.

Treasurers

Ashtabula County Technical & Career Campus hired **Lindsey M. Elly** as treasurer effective Aug. 1. She will replace **Mary Ann Wayman**, who is retiring. Elly currently is the treasurer at **Conneaut Area City**. ●●● **Celina City** hired **Thomas S. Sommer** as treasurer effective Aug. 1. He will replace **Mick Davis**, who took the treasurer position at **Indian Hill EV**. Sommer currently is the treasurer at **St. Marys City**. ●●● **Riverside Local (Lake)** Treasurer **Michael A. Rock** announced his resignation effective June 30. He has taken the treasurer position at **Warrensville Heights City**. ●●● **Weathersfield Local (Trumbull)** hired **Steven Haynie** as treasurer effective Aug. 1. He will replace **Laurena Rouan**, who took the

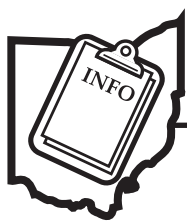
Editor's note

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

treasurer position at **Champion Local (Trumbull)**. Haynie previously was a financial assistant for the state of Ohio. ●●● **Wellington EV** hired **Tina Gabler** as treasurer effective Aug. 1. She will replace **Michael Pissini**, who took the treasurer position at **Sheffield-Sheffield Lake City**. Gabler previously was the fiscal services director at META Solutions. ●●● **West Liberty-Salem Local (Champaign)** Treasurer **Steve Godwin** announced his retirement effective June 30, 2017.

Sympathies

Former **Bloom-Carroll Local (Fairfield)** Board of Education member **Norman Eugene Brehm** died June 24. He was 83. ●●● Former **Fairless Local (Stark)** and **Stark County ESC** Board of Education member **John D. Regula** died June 28. He was 89. ●●● Former **Fostoria City Superintendent Paul H. Cramer Jr.** died June 26. He was 82. ●●● Former **Kalida Local (Putnam)** Superintendent **John G. Phillips** died July 3. He was 88. ●●● **Marysville EV** Board of Education member **Ed Pleasant** died June 17. He was 70. ●●● Former **Weathersfield Local (Trumbull)** Board of Education member **Bradford Baker** died June 23. He was 88.



INFORMATION

by Laurie Miller, CMP, senior events manager

Capital Conference hotel registration opens Sept. 1

Hotel registration for the 2016 OSBA Capital Conference and Trade Show will open at 9 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 1. Included in the OSBA Capital Conference Brochure is a list of hotels from which OSBA has secured room blocks; there are 11 properties to choose from with varying overnight rates. The brochure was mailed to all board members, superintendents, treasurers, Ohio Council of School Board Attorneys members and OSBA sustaining members.

The association wants to make attending this unique professional development opportunity as cost-effective as possible for all members and exhibitors.

Please note that all the hotels are in downtown Columbus, which makes the free shuttle service OSBA provides run more

efficiently for all attendees. It is easy to take a shuttle from most hotels to the Greater Columbus Convention Center (GCCC) High Street entrance. The walking distance using this option is shorter than from the hotels surrounding the center. The shuttle also alleviates the need to find and pay for additional parking near the center. Parking options are marked on the map included in the brochure on page 13.

The housing process is online through Lanyon Passkey. OSBA does not authorize any other housing company or independent broker to make housing reservations for the conference. If any other company contacts you, please do not book with them, as your housing reservations will not be confirmed.

The process will work the same

as in the past. District treasurers and exhibitors register their staff to attend; the contact person receives a link and unique housing code to use on Sept. 1 at 9 a.m. to secure hotel reservations for their attendees.

OSBA encourages districts to be realistic about how many hotel rooms are needed when making reservations. Remember that after your reservations are made, you can change the name on the reservation, the dates of the stay and even the hotel, subject to availability. Modifications can be made at no charge until Wednesday, Nov. 9. Canceling a reservation completely will cost \$100 per reservation after 5 p.m., on Friday, Sept. 2.

Many attendees from the same district or company like to stay at

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Attendance, Tuition and Custody Law Workshop

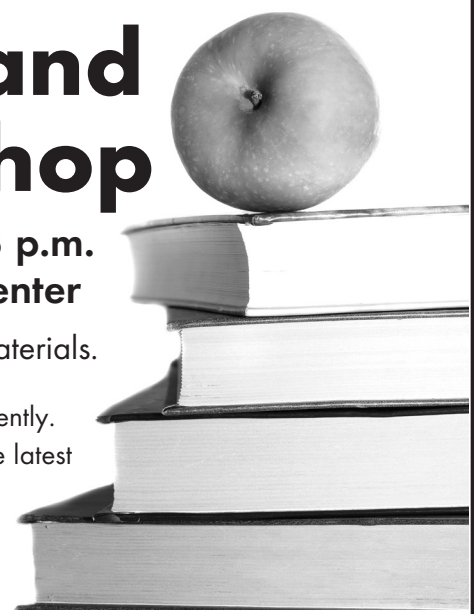
Friday, Aug. 5

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Nationwide Hotel and Conference Center, Lewis Center

Cost: \$160, includes registration, continental breakfast, lunch and materials.

The law addressing attendance and tuition matters is complex and changes frequently. How your district handles these matters affects your district's bottom line. Learn the latest legal developments at this information-packed seminar.



Agenda

8:30 a.m. Registration and continental breakfast (provided)

8:50 a.m. Welcome

9 a.m. Documentation: What you need to enroll

Learn what documentation is required when enrolling both traditional and nontraditional students, including homeless students, undocumented students, foreign exchange students and students on VISAs. *Wanda T. Lillis, Esq., and Tonya L. Freeman, supervisor, Columbus City*

10 a.m. Break

10:15 a.m. Truancy and withdrawal

Get an update on House Bill 410 and what you can do to get involved in the legislative process, as well as an overview of what you need to know about student withdrawals. *Jennifer Hogue, lobbyist, Ohio School Boards Association; Tammy Hrosch, EMIS services manager, META Solutions*

11:15 a.m. Records retention and disposal in the digital age

Join the chair of the Ohio Electronic Records Committee for a discussion about the retention and disposal of student enrollment and attendance records and whether districts may transition to a digital storage system. *Darren Shulman, Esq., chair, Ohio Electronic Records Committee*

Noon Lunch (provided)

1 p.m. Ask the panel: hypothetical custody and enrollment scenarios

Panelists will discuss how to handle previously submitted questions about custody and enrollment. This session provides a great opportunity to get your questions answered and work through difficult custody and enrollment scenarios with our panelists and your peers. *Rosalind C. Florez, magistrate, Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas, Division of Domestic Relations; Giselle S. Spencer, Esq., Ennis Britton Co. LPA, Cleveland; and Janie Gildersleeve, supervisor/specialist/truant officer, Ashtabula County ESC*

3 p.m. Adjourn

The workshop will be held at Nationwide Hotel and Conference Center (formerly NorthPointe Hotel & Conference Center), 100 Green Meadows Drive South, Lewis Center, 43035. The phone number is (614) 880-4300. Register online at www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops or contact **Laurie Miller**, OSBA senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org.

2016 Treasurers' Clinics

*Sharing knowledge, developing solutions
and growing professionally*

- ◆ *Designed for treasurers, business managers, board members, administrators and treasurer's office personnel*
- ◆ *Attend general sessions and breakout sessions*
- ◆ *Fulfill local and state professional development needs, including CPE and auditor of state in-service credits*
- ◆ *Six convenient locations across Ohio*

Choose the date and location that best fits your schedule:

Thursday, Sept. 8	OSBA office, Columbus
Tuesday, Sept. 13	Ohio University Inn and Conference Center, Athens
Friday, Sept. 16	The Galaxy Restaurant and Banquet Center, Wadsworth
Thursday, Sept. 29	Hilton Garden Inn Dayton South, Miamisburg
Thursday, Oct. 6	Hilton Garden Inn, Findlay
Tuesday, Oct. 11	Kent State University at Tuscarawas, New Philadelphia

Plan now to attend the 2016 OSBA Treasurers' Clinics to be held in six locations around the state. These clinics provide the most current information on school district fiscal issues. Treasurers, business managers, board members, administrators and treasurer's office personnel are encouraged to attend.

The Treasurers' Clinics offer timely information on a multitude of topics relevant to all members of a district's management team. Attendees also can fulfill their local and state professional development needs, including in-service, LPDC and continuing professional education credits.

Registration and continental breakfast begin at 8 a.m. The fee is \$160, which includes registration, continental breakfast, lunch and materials. You can register by contacting **Laurie Miller**, senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000; (800) 589-OSBA; or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org.



Central Region Fall Conference

Wednesday, Sept. 28

Villa Milano, 1630 Schrock Road, Columbus, 43229 • (614) 882-2058

5 p.m. **Networking**

5:50 p.m. **Welcome and introductions**

Kevin Crosthwaite, Central Region president; board member, North Union Local (Union)

Presentation of 2017 Central Region Executive Committee slate of nominations

6 p.m. **Legislative update**

Damon Asbury, director of legislative services, OSBA

6:15 p.m. **Dinner**

Entertainment — *student performance*

7 p.m. **Program**

OSBA update

Eric K. Germann, OSBA president; board member, Lincolnview Local (Van Wert) and Vantage Career Center

OSBA comments

Richard Lewis, executive director, OSBA

Keynote speaker

Recognitions

- 2016 Outstanding Teachers of the Central Region
- Friends of Public Education
- Exemplary school employees
- Outstanding board members
- Recognition of board members celebrating service milestones of 35 and 40 years

8:30 p.m. **Adjourn**

Authority for reimbursement

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

Award of Achievement

This conference entitles board members to five Award of Achievement credits.

Reservation

The cost to attend is \$40 per person or \$320 per table (seats up to eight) for OSBA members, guests and spouses. This covers the cost of the meal.

Enclosed is a check for \$ _____ or PO # _____ to cover _____ tables or _____ individual reservations.

Please make checks payable to OSBA Central Region and mail to Kim Miller-Smith, regional manager, 15046 Harbor Point Drive West, Thornville, OH 43076. If you have questions or need to cancel your reservation, email kmillersmith@ohioschoolboards.org or call (614) 635-1926. The deadline to RSVP is Tuesday, Sept. 20. Individuals who cancel at least three workdays before the day of the meeting may request a full refund. All others will be charged the full fee.

District/county _____

Name, title _____

Name, title _____

Name, title _____

Name, title _____

Name, title _____

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Name, title _____

Name, title _____



_____ Check here if you require special accommodations, including food allergies or special dietary needs such as a gluten-free meal. Attach a written description of needs.

Please enter an email address for confirmation of your reservation: _____

Please complete this form and mail to Kim Miller-Smith OR email the following information to kmillersmith@ohioschoolboards.org: District/county; number of individuals attending; names and titles of each individual attending; and special accommodations.

Northeast Region Fall Conference

Wednesday, Oct. 5

The Galaxy Restaurant and Banquet Center
201 Park Center Drive, Wadsworth, 44281 • (877) 659-0054

5 p.m.	Networking	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● OSBA legislative update
6 p.m.	Welcome and introductions <i>Thomas F. Brophy, Northeast Region president; board member, Wellsville Local (Columbiana)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Recognition of Lester M. Marrison Education Scholarship recipient● Recognition of Northeast Region Friend of Public Education
	Election of 2017 officers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Recognition of outstanding Northeast Region board members
6:15 p.m.	Dinner	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Recognition of Northeast Region most outstanding board of education
7:15 p.m.	Program <ul style="list-style-type: none">● OSBA update <i>Eric K. Germann, OSBA president; board member, Lincolnview Local (Van Wert) and Vantage Career Center</i>● OSBA comments <i>Richard Lewis, executive director, OSBA</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Recognition of outstanding Northeast Region school district programs● Student Achievement Fair recognition awards● Recognition of 2016 Northeast Region Schools of Promise● Recognition of 2016 Northeast Region A Schools

Award of Achievement

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Authority for reimbursement

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Reservations

The cost to attend is \$40 each for OSBA members, guests and spouses, which covers the cost of the meal. You may make your reservation online at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/nefall2016> or email your reservation to **Melanie Price** at mprice@ohioschoolboards.org. Please make checks payable to Ohio School Boards Association and send the reservation form to **Melanie Price**, administrative assistant of communication services, Ohio School Boards Association, 8050 N. High St., Ste. 100, Columbus, OH 43235. The deadline to RSVP is Friday, Sept. 30. Please include payment or a purchase order number with reservation. Individuals who cancel by Friday, Sept. 30 may request a full refund. All others will be charged the full fee.

Enclosed is a check for \$ _____ and/or purchase order number _____ to cover _____ reservations.

District/county _____

Name, title _____

Name, title _____

Name, title _____

Name, title _____



_____ Check here if you require special accommodations. Attach a written description of needs. (*Please photocopy this form for additional reservations.*)

Northwest Region Fall Conferences

Celebrating school and community heroes

Thursday, Oct. 20 — Vantage Career Center

818 N. Franklin St., Van Wert, 45891
(419) 238-5411

5:30 p.m. Networking

5:50 p.m. Welcome and introductions

Jaimie L. Beamer, Northwest Region president; board member, Seneca East Local (Seneca) and Vanguard-Sentinel Career and Technology Centers; and Staci Kaufman, superintendent, Vantage Career Center
National anthem: *Ottoville Local (Putnam) Schools*

OSBA welcome

Eric K. Germann, OSBA president; board member, Lincolnview Local (Van Wert) and Vantage Career Center

Presentation of Northwest Region slate of candidates

Invocation

6 p.m. Dinner

Vantage Career Center Culinary Arts Program, Robin Burns, instructor

OSBA legislative update

Jennifer Hogue, lobbyist, OSBA

Entertainment: *Spencerville Local (Allen) Spencerville Jazz Band, directed by Josh Van Gorder*

OSBA update

Richard Lewis, executive director, OSBA

Awards and recognitions

- Outstanding Board Member recognition
- Recognition of board members serving more than 10, 15, 20, 30, 35 and 45 years
- National Blue Ribbon Schools recognition
- Schools of Promise recognition
- Northwest Region Excellence in Community Service Award
- Recognition of Northwest Region Educational Book Grant recipients
- Northwest Region Humanitarian Award
- Who's Who Excellence Award for Outstanding Leadership

Northwest Region Executive Committee election results

8:30 p.m. Announcements and adjourn



Thursday, Oct. 27 — EHOVE

Career Center

316 W. Mason Road, Milan, 44846
(419) 499-4663



5:30 p.m. Networking

5:50 p.m. Welcome and introductions

Jaimie L. Beamer, Northwest Region president; board member, Seneca East Local (Seneca) and Vanguard-Sentinel Career and Technology Centers; and Sharon Mastroianni, superintendent, EHOVE Career Center
National anthem: *Sandusky City Schools*

OSBA welcome

Eric K. Germann, OSBA president; board member, Lincolnview Local (Van Wert) and Vantage Career Center

Presentation of Northwest Region slate of candidates

Invocation

6 p.m. Dinner

EHOVE Career Center School of Culinary Arts, Beth Funk, instructor

OSBA legislative update

Damon Asbury, director of legislative services, OSBA

Entertainment: *Toledo City's Bousher High School Rebellaires, directed by Karen Giffin*

OSBA update

Richard Lewis, executive director, OSBA

Awards and recognitions

- Outstanding Board Member recognition
- Recognition of board members serving more than 10, 15, 20, 30, 35 and 45 years
- National Blue Ribbon Schools recognition
- Schools of Promise recognition
- Northwest Region Excellence in Community Service Award
- Recognition of Northwest Region Educational Book Grant recipients
- Northwest Region Humanitarian Award
- Who's Who Excellence Award for Outstanding Leadership

Northwest Region Executive Committee election results

8:30 p.m. Announcements and adjourn

Recognition award nomination forms are available at www.ohio-schoolboards.org/nw-region.

Award of Achievement

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Authority for reimbursement

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Reservations

Please check which conference you will attend: Oct. 20, Vantage Oct. 27, EHOVE

The cost to attend is \$30 per person or \$160 per table (seats six) for OSBA members, guests and spouses, which covers the cost of the meal. The cost is \$20 for students and their parents. Please include a list of attendees and titles with your reservation. **Please make checks payable to OSBA Northwest Region and mail to Dr. Judy Jackson May**, regional manager, 1513 Cobblestone Drive, Bowling Green, OH 43402. Phone is (419) 581-9782; fax is (419) 372-8448; email address is jjacksonmay@ohioschoolboards.org. The deadline to RSVP for the Vantage conference is Friday, Oct. 14. The deadline for the EHOVE conference is Friday, Oct. 21. Please include payment with reservation. Individuals who cancel at least three workdays before the day of the meeting may request a full refund. All others will be charged the full fee. While checks are preferred, we can accept purchase orders for districts reserving one or more tables.

Enclosed is a check for \$ _____ to cover _____ reservations or _____ tables.

District/County _____

Name, Title _____

Name, Title _____

Name, Title _____



_____ Check here if you require special accommodations. Attach a written description of needs.
(Please photocopy this form for additional reservations.)

Southeast Region Fall Conference

Thursday, Sept. 29

Nelsonville-York Middle School, 3 Buckeye Drive, Nelsonville, 45763

Phone: (740) 753-1254

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| 5:30 p.m. | Networking | 7:35 p.m. | Annual business meeting and election of 2017 officers |
| 6:15 p.m. | Presiding and welcome
<i>Bruce D. Nottke, Southeast Region president; board member, Athens City and Tri-County Career Center</i>
Dinner
Entertainment | 7:45 p.m. | Award presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Recognition of veteran board members● Presentation of Southeast Region President's Award● Outstanding School Board Member awards● Annual Southeast Region recognition awards● Southeast Region's Advocate of Education award
<i>Recipient: Paul D. Mock, southeast regional manager, OSBA</i> |
| 6:55 p.m. | OSBA update
<i>Eric K. Germann, OSBA president; board member, Lincolnview Local (Van Wert) and Vantage Career Center</i>
OSBA comments
<i>Richard Lewis, executive director, OSBA</i>
Legislative update
<i>Jennifer Hogue, lobbyist, OSBA</i> | 8:30 p.m. | Adjourn |

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Authority for reimbursement

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Reservations

The cost to attend is \$38 each for OSBA members, guests and spouses, which covers the cost of the meal. **Please make checks payable to OSBA Southeast Region and mail to Paul Mock**, regional manager, 685 E. Main St., Logan, OH 43138. Phone is (740) 469-2724; fax is (614) 540-4100; email pmock@ohioschoolboards.org. Deadline for reservations is Friday, Sept. 23. Please include payment with reservation. Please call for special dietary considerations. Individuals who cancel at least three workdays before the day of the meeting may request a full refund. All others will be charged the full fee.

Enclosed is a check for \$ _____ to cover _____ reservations.

District/county _____

Name, title _____

Name, title _____

Name, title _____



_____ Check here if you require special accommodations. Attach a written description of needs. *(Please photocopy this form for additional reservations.)*

Southwest Region Fall Conference

Thursday, Oct. 13

Miami Valley Career Technology Center, 6800 Hoke Road, Englewood, 45315 • (937) 837-7781

5 p.m. **Networking**

5:30 p.m. **Presiding**

Sue Steele, Southwest Region president; board member, Goshen Local (Clermont) and Great Oaks Career Campuses

Entertainment

Little Miami Local's (Warren) Little Miami High School Select Women's Chorale, directed by Sarah Baker

5:55 p.m. **Presentation of colors**

Mad River Local's (Montgomery) Stebbins High School Air Force Jr. ROTC, instructed by retired Maj. Melvin Whitlow and retired Master Sgt. Mike Hood

Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence

Warren Stevens, Southwest Region president-elect; Urbana City and Ohio Hi-Point Career Center

6 p.m. **Buffet dinner**

6:40 p.m. **Welcome and introductions**

Sue Steele

Recognition of Blue Ribbon Schools and Schools of Promise

Southwest Region Executive Committee

OSBA update

Eric K. Germann OSBA president; board member, Lincolnview Local (Van Wert) and Vantage Career Center

OSBA comments

Richard Lewis, executive director, OSBA

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Nominating Committee report and election

Gail Martindale, Southwest Region immediate past president; board member, Cedar Cliff Local (Greene) and Greene County Career Center

Legislative update

Jay Smith, deputy director of legislative services, OSBA

Presentation of the annual Friend of Education Hall of Fame award

Presiding: Sue Steele

Recipient: Hal McCoy, award-winning former Dayton Daily News reporter recognized by the National Baseball Hall of Fame, Cincinnati Journalists Hall of Fame, National Sportswriters and Sportscasters Hall of Fame and Irish-American Baseball Hall of Fame for his coverage of the Cincinnati Reds

Presentation of certificates to Ohio Teacher of the Year candidates from the Southwest Region

Eric K. Germann and Sue Steele

Recognition of 2016 Southwest Region outstanding student programs

Sue Steele, Warren Stevens and Rob Delane, deputy executive director, OSBA

Presentation of Al Kettlewell Awards for Outstanding Board Members

Sue Steele, Richard Lewis and Cindy Kettlewell

Recognition of 2016 Capital Conference Southwest Region Student Achievement Fair participants

Eric K. Germann, Warren Stevens and Rob Delane

Adjournment



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Cancellation and refund policy

- Cancellations received by OSBA at least five workdays before the date of the workshop will receive a full refund or no charge to the district.
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- No-shows and cancellations the day of the workshop will be charged the full registration amount.

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the same hotel. This may make it challenging to get rooms close to GCCC because they fill up faster than those for attendees making single reservations.

Properties with larger blocks of rooms are the Hyatt Regency, Hilton Columbus Downtown, Crowne Plaza and Renaissance hotels. Rooms will be available at these hotels slightly longer because they start with a larger number in

their blocks.

GCCC is in the second year of a two-year renovation and the food court will be undergoing some work during the convention. The Terrace Ballroom is now called the Short North Ballroom and the Grand Ballroom has been renamed the Union Station Ballroom. Rooms B 200–201 are now named Eisenman.

Enjoy the summer but hold the

dates on your calendar now for the 2016 Capital Conference, Nov. 13-16. The knowledge and networking you will take back to your district is priceless. All the information you need will be available in the Capital Conference Guide, which will be mailed to attendees prior to their arrival in Columbus.

OSBA looks forward to hosting you soon.



COMMUNICATIONS

by Jeanne Magmer, communications consultant

Building parent partnerships

Every educator knows the partnership between parents and schools is essential to students' school success. With high demands on parents' time, making that partnership meaningful for parents and beneficial for schools is a challenge. And keeping parents engaged in supporting schools from kindergarten through high school graduation is even harder.

Parent groups vary in their effectiveness, too. Some schools boast parent participation of almost 100%, while many others, especially at the middle school and high school levels, have almost no parent participation in classroom and school activities.

Parent engagement is a given in districts with few school buildings and fewer than 1,000 students. In

these small districts, schools are the center of community activity, and teachers and administrators know all students and their parents by name.

This kind of participation also flourishes in schools that are welcoming. Schools that invite parent involvement and address specific parent needs with flexible event scheduling bring parents into their children's schools in meaningful ways.

Consider the following tips for successfully involving parents as volunteers and leaders in your school community.

- Work with your staff to set expectations for parent participation and include flexibly scheduled parent education opportunities regularly. For

example, take time to plan back-to-school nights that include an orientation on the core curriculum for each grade. Provide handouts that list what parents can do at home and specific ways they can be involved at school to support their students' education during the school year and in that grade level.

- Work with local businesses to promote the importance of supporting release time for parents to volunteer, attend school conferences or participate in special school activities. At the same time, provide parents who can't volunteer during the school day with volunteer opportunities at other times or from home.

- Consider using the "Three for

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Me” model of asking parents to pledge just three hours of volunteer time over nine months (www.pta.org/three_for_me.asp). Two Indiana moms, **Dee Keywood** and **Kris Thompson**, designed this program and introduced it at their children’s school, generating more volunteers and volunteer hours than they thought possible. The program, described in *Got Three Hours? A School Needs You* (<http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/10084>), is now being promoted by the National PTA as a fail-safe method for bringing parents into their children’s schools in mutually beneficial ways.

- Build your parent group with classroom parent representatives. Ask teachers to enlist a room parent for each grading period to shorten the time commitment for

parent volunteers and build more capacity for leadership in the parent organization. Plan convenient times when all classroom parents can meet to organize all school activities and determine the volunteer roles required to make the events successful. Make sure there are enough assignments to involve as many parents as possible in the events’ success.

- Find ways to build bridges between elementary schools and middle schools and between middle schools and high schools. Research shows that engaging parents in their children’s education at the secondary level is as important to students’ success as their involvement at the primary and intermediate levels. Parents that are highly involved in

middle and high school tend to have children with higher grades and test scores regardless of the level of family income or background, a research study by the Iowa Statewide Parent Information Resource Center shows (<http://links.ohio.schoolboards.org/90108>).

According to the study, at the middle school level, it is especially important for parents to:

- ◆ discuss school activities;
- ◆ contact school staff;
- ◆ volunteer and attend parent-teacher conferences and other school events.

At the high school level, parents’ volunteering and attendance continues to be important along with:

- ◆ guiding their students toward

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Looking for a new superintendent or treasurer? Look no further.

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PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Scott Gerfen, assistant editor

Braillists help visually impaired students by connecting dots

For decades, **Bonita Ferracane** and **Susan Mertz** have been arranging dots to form letters, numbers, punctuation marks and musical notes.

The braillists for **Akron City** spend hundreds of hours during the summer months transcribing textbooks into braille for the next school year.

"We're helping students get the same benefits as their sighted classmates," Mertz told a local newspaper. "It feels good to know

that we have made sure the students who read braille have the same materials at the same time that sighted children have them."

Mertz, who has been a braillist for 50 years and taught special education for 25 years, works part time. Ferracane works full time.

Both earned literary braille certification through the Library of Congress.

"Every book is different, so it can be a challenge," said Ferracane, who has transcribed

braille for 36 years. "But it is also rewarding to know that what we do helps students succeed in the classroom."

The women still use older tools to convert material. However, a computer and an electronic braille translation program do most of the work.

"To get these kids through school, it really does take a village," Ferracane said. "I'm happy to be part of that village."

Source: Akron Beacon Journal

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postsecondary education;

- ◆ making sure their students read and do their homework;
- ◆ stressing the value of education.

North Clackamas School District in Milwaukie, Ore., has enlisted the aid of its foundation to bring parent groups together in ways they hope will bridge these inter-level gaps and help the district's parent organizations grow and be more effective.

The foundation started this initiative by building an up-to-date database of the 19 elementary, four middle and six high school parent groups. Then, for two years, the foundation hosted a fall social event to bring parent leaders from

the schools together to get to know each other in an informal setting and give them time to share organizational and fundraising ideas.

This effort has expanded to add an August workshop with opportunities for participants to meet and work in high school attendance area groups, as well as participate in workshop sessions for building membership, fundraising, budgeting and grantwriting efforts. The groups were organized by high school attendance area to help foster friendships and working relationships to bring parent leaders together at the middle and high school levels. The goal is to promote connections and skills

among parents that can help keep the parent groups at these levels viable and active.

Parent involvement is and always will be key to a student's success in school. These suggestions from successful school-parent involvement programs can help you think of ways to expand the parent involvement programs in your district's schools. They also may inspire new ways to look at your involvement programs and make adjustments for greater success in bringing parents into schools in ways that make a difference for your students and their parents.

Source: Washington State School Directors' Association

July 2016

- 26 Last day to submit certification for November conversion levy to tax commissioner — RC 5705.219(B) (105 days prior to election).
- 29 Semiannual campaign finance reports must be filed by certain candidates, political action committees, caucus committees (legislative campaign funds) and political parties (by 4 p.m.) detailing contributions and expenditures through June 30, 2016 — RC 3517.10(A)(4).

August 2016

- 1 Southwest Region Executive Committee meeting.....Riverside
- 1 Last day to submit certification for November income tax levy to Ohio Department of Taxation — RC 5748.02(A) (100 days prior to election); last day to submit to the Ohio Department of Education 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; last day to file statistical report with Ohio Department of Education — RC 3319.33.
- 2 Special Election Day — RC 3501.01 (first Tuesday after the first Monday).

- 5 Attendance, Tuition and Custody Law WorkshopLewis Center
- 5 Last day to submit November emergency, current operating expenses or conversion levy to county auditor for November general election — RC 5705.194, 5705.195, 5705.213, 5705.219 (95 days prior to election).
- 10 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); last day for county auditor to certify school district bond levy terms for November election — RC 133.18(C); last day to submit continuing replacement, permanent improvement or operating levy for November election to board of elections — RC 5705.192, 5705.21, 5705.25; last day to certify resolution for school district income tax levy, conversion levy or renewal of conversion levy for November election to board of elections — RC 5748.02(C), 5705.219 (C) and (G); last day to submit emergency levy for November election to board of elections — RC 5705.195; last day to submit phased-in levy or current operating expenses levy for November election to board of elections — RC 5705.251(A) (90 days prior to the election)

- 21 Southeast Region Executive Committee meeting..... Marietta
- 29 Last day to file (by 4 p.m.) as a write-in candidate for November general election — RC 3513.041 (72 days prior to the election).

September 2016

- 8 Treasurers’ ClinicColumbus
- 13 Treasurers’ ClinicAthens
- 14 Diversity and Inclusion in the Law Workshop Columbus
- 15 Social media webinar
- 16 Treasurers’ ClinicWadsworth
- 21 Management Development Series #3..... Columbus
- 23 OSBA Child Welfare SeminarColumbus
- 28 New Board Member webinar: Policy
- 28 Central Region Fall Conference..... Columbus
- 29 Treasurers’ ClinicMiamisburg
- 29 Southeast Region Fall Conference..... Nelsonville
- 30 Deadline for boards of education to adopt a standards-based school counselor evaluation policy — RC 3319.113(C).

October 2016

- 1 Last day for board to adopt annual appropriation measure — RC 5705.38(B).