

Legislative Update

To: State Board of Education
Re: Legislative Update
Date: July 20, 2012

State Activity

This Week's Committees

The Extended Subcommittee on Primary and Secondary Education met on Wednesday and heard public testimony on tax policy from the following individuals:

- Rabbi A.D. Motzen, Agudath Israel of America
- Ann Riddle, Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund
- Tanyce Addison, Retired teacher and parent
- Diana Whitt, Cincinnati City School District Treasurer
- Wendy Patton, Policy Matters Ohio
- Howard Fleeter, Tax Policy Institute
- Tim Pickana, Coalition for Fiscal Fairness in Ohio
- Ernie Strawser, Public Finance Resources, Inc.

Next Week's Committees

The Extended Subcommittee on Primary and Secondary Education will be meeting on Monday, July 23 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Warren County Educational Service Center, 1879 Deerfield Road, Lebanon, OH 45036, to hear testimony on technology and regional/shared services.

Federal Activity

House Approves Sequestration Transparency Act

On Wednesday, the House approved by a vote of 414-2 HR 5872, which requires, within 30 days, for the Obama administration to provide details on how the administration will implement the first round of spending reductions required under the sequestration. Under the sequestration (which was required since no debt reduction agreement was reached last year), forces the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), by Jan. 2, 2013, to reduce mandatory and discretionary spending by \$109 billion for fiscal year (FY) 2013 unless Congress comes up with a different plan. In total, OMB must reduce such spending by \$1.1 trillion over ten years. The sequestration requires 50% of the reductions to come from defense and 50% to come from other discretionary accounts, including education. The Senate approved a similar request from the administration in June.

House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, HHS and Education Approves FY13 Spending Bill The Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services (HHS) and Education approved by a vote of 8-6 a spending bill for FY13. The mark up provides \$70 billion to the US Department of Education, \$1.1

billion below FY12 levels and \$2.9 billion below the President's request for FY13.

Upcoming Hearings

House Ed and Workforce: July 24: "Education Reforms: Discussing the Value of Alternative Teacher Certification Programs"