

Legislative Update

To: State Board of Education
Re: Legislative Update
Date: July 27, 2012

State Activity

This Week's Committees

The Extended Subcommittee on Primary and Secondary Education met on Monday and heard public testimony on technology and regional/shared services from the following individuals:

- Frank DePalma, Superintendent, Montgomery County ESC
- Sam Orth, Chief Technology Officer, Management Council, Ohio Education Computer Network
- Craig Burford, Executive Director, Ohio ESC Association
- David Varda, Ohio Association of School Business Officials
- Shared Services Concepts, OASBO Shared Services Sub-Committee
- Eli Hurwitz, Ninth Grade Teacher, David H. Ponitz Career Technology Center

Upcoming Committees

The Extended Subcommittee on Primary and Secondary Education will be meeting on Tuesday, August 14, 2012 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Lima High School, 1 Spartan Way, Lima Ohio 45801, to hear testimony on human capital management, productivity and performance-based funding.

Federal Activity

Senate Hearing on Impact of Sequestration on non-defense services

On Wednesday, the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services (HHS) and Education held a hearing on the impact of sequestration on non-defense jobs and services. During the hearing, Chairman Tom Harkin (D-Iowa) released a report entitled *Under Threat: Sequestration's Impact on Nondefense Jobs and Services*. U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan and State Superintendent of North Carolina June Atkinson testified on the potential impacts on education related services. Superintendent Atkinson noted the need for the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to provide guidance to stakeholders in order to have a complete picture of the potential impact. A webcast of the hearing and copy of the Chairman's report may be accessed here.

House Education Subcommittee holds hearing on Alternative Teacher Certification Programs

On Tuesday, the House Education and Workforce Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education held a hearing entitled *Education Reforms: Discussing the Value of Alternative Teacher Certification Programs*. Chairman Duncan Hunter (R-CA) mentioned the importance of schools to have the ability to recruit, hire and retain effective teachers and cited reports showing alternatively certified teachers are equally effective. He also noted the concern of NCLB's highly qualified teacher

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requirements as it relates to a schools ability to hire teachers certified through alternative pathways. A