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**State Board  
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# Legislative Update

To: State Board of Education  
Re: Legislative Update  
Date: January 25, 2013

## **State Activity**

### **Follow-up from the Board Meeting**

At the State Board meeting last week many of you had questions about the new funding appropriation of \$3.2 million in HB 280. It will be used to provide payments to school districts for the cost of students who both reside in their district and receive a Jon Peterson Special Needs scholarship but never attended a public school. Funding is only available to school districts receiving “guarantee” funding through the Bridge formula. Here is the specific language in the bill:

*The Department of Education shall reimburse school districts that receive supplemental operating funding for fiscal year 2013 under Section 267.30.53 of Am. Sub. H.B. 153 of the 129th General Assembly for the amount deducted for fiscal year 2013 under section 3310.55 of the Revised Code for scholarships awarded under section 3310.52 of the Revised Code to students who have never attended a public school in Ohio.*

We are still working through the data to determine the allocations. For example, for FY13 the student counts being used for the Bridge payments are not yet final. This, as well as other data factors, could cause districts to no longer receive guarantee funding or could cause some districts not currently receiving it to receive it before the fiscal year ends. Because this is one of the primary qualifiers for receiving the payment, we do not yet have the allocations finalized. That said, we will keep you updated on our progress.

There was also a question at the meeting about the average Jon Peterson Special Needs scholarship amount. Based on the January #2 Bridge payment, the average scholarship amount is \$8,650.

During the State Board meeting last week, Ms. Oakar asked how programs become designated as a dropout prevention and recovery program. Until June 30, 2014, a program is designated a dropout prevention and recovery program if it is operated by a school and has been granted a waiver by ODE. In order to receive a waiver, a program must meet all of the following conditions:

1. Serve only students not younger than 16 years of age and not older than 21 years of age;
2. Enroll only students who, at the time of their initial enrollment either are at least one grade level behind their cohort age groups or experience crises that significantly interfere with their academic progress such that they are prevented from continuing their traditional program;
3. Require students to attain at least the applicable score designated for each of the Ohio graduation tests or the end-of-course examinations;
4. Develop an individual career plan for the student that specifies the student’s matriculating to a two-year degree program, acquiring a business and industry credential, or entering an apprenticeship;

5. Provide counseling and support for the student related to the plan during the remainder of the student's high school experience; and
6. Submit to ODE an instructional plan that demonstrates how the academic content standards will be taught and assessed.

Beginning July 1, 2014, a dropout prevention and recovery school is defined as a school in which the majority of its students are enrolled in a dropout prevention and recovery program. These programs will be further defined as the State Board works through the rule development process.

### **House Activity**

The House named their committee membership this week.

- The House Education Committee will consist of the following members:
  - Representative Gerald Stebelton (R-Lancaster), Chair
  - Representative Andy Brenner (R-Powell), Vice Chair
  - Representative John Becker (R-Union Township)
  - Representative Tim Derickson (R-Oxford)
  - Representative Bill Hayes (R-Harrison Township)
  - Representative Michael Henne (R-Clayton)
  - Representative Matt Huffman (R-Lima)
  - Representative Stephanie Kunze (R-Hilliard)
  - Representative Kristina Roegner (R-Hudson)
  - Representative Marilyn Slaby (R-Akron)
  - Representative Ryan Smith (R-Gallipolis)
  - Representative Andy Thompson (R-Marietta)
  - Representative Teresa Fedor (D-Toledo), Ranking Member
  - Representative Nickie Antonio (D-Lakewood)
  - Representative Heather Bishoff (D-Blacklick)
  - Representative Denise Driehaus (D-Cincinnati)
  - Representative Tracy Heard (D-Columbus)
  - Representative John Patterson (D-Jefferson)
  - Representative Fred Strahorn (D-Dayton)
  
- The House Finance and Appropriations Subcommittee on Primary and Secondary Education will consist of the following members:
  - Representative Bill Hayes (R-Harrison Township), Chair
  - Representative Ron Maag (R-Lebanon)
  - Representative Gerald Stebelton (R-Lancaster)
  - Representative Matt Lundy (D-Elyria), Ranking Member
  - Representative Debbie Phillips (D-Athens)

### **Next Week's Committees**

There will not be any committee meetings next week.

### **Federal Activity**

There is no federal activity to report.