

March 5, 2012

Good Afternoon:

This week's report is overshadowed by somberness after the tragic events at Chardon High School last Monday. My thoughts have been with the families of Daniel Parmertor, Demetrius Hewlin and Russell King, Jr. as they grieve and bury their children, and also with Joy Rickers and Nickolas Walczak and their families as they heal and cope with their injuries in the aftermath. Chardon City School superintendent Joe Bergant and Auburn Career Center's superintendent Maggie Lynch are also in my thoughts as they tackle the immense task of restoring a sense of normalcy for their students, school staff and school community.

The Chardon community and school district are not alone in dealing with this tragedy. Teachers and administrators, students and parents across the state are processing the horrific events and realizing that this can happen anywhere. I encourage all of you to review your school safety plans and take all necessary steps to assure that you are living your plans.

Last week, Ohio officially applied for a waiver to provisions of the federal No Child Left Behind law. More than 300 school administrators were able to join us last Monday for a webinar that gave an overview of the waiver, or were able to watch a recording of the event. If you have not seen the video, you can view it [here](#). You can also find a copy of our full waiver submission; a fact sheet and the news release about the overall waiver proposal and the ESEA Waiver PowerPoint slides used at the news conference by clicking [here](#).

With many changes to Ohio's K-12 education system on the horizon, the State Board of Education, the Ohio Educational Service Center Association, the Ohio School Boards Association and the Ohio Department of Education invite members of your school community to attend one of 13 *Start Ready, Graduate Ready* forums being held across the state in March and April. The evening forums will focus on Ohio's college and career ready standards and the new state tests for social studies, English language arts, mathematics and science that will be used, starting with the 2014-15 school year. During the two-hour meeting, the upcoming changes will be discussed and what you can do now to prepare.

Please share this [flyer](#) with your local school board, teachers, staff, local community leaders and families. It is important we reach a cross-section of the community at these forums.

Thanks for your continuing efforts on behalf of Ohio's children. Make it a great week.

Sincerely,



Stan W. Heffner

**Note:** Below are news items of interest to all superintendents and principals. Please share these items as appropriate with other suggested educators who will benefit from the information.

**For school superintendents and treasurers** – ARRA and EdJobs 1512 Quarterly Reporting begins today, OLAC unveils new Website features, Process to request funds for Resident Educator Program has

changed, Register now for National Principals Leadership Institute

**For curriculum directors, administrators, teachers and counselors – Teen Dating Violence Intervention webinar scheduled for March 7**

***For school superintendents and treasurers***

***ARRA and EdJobs 1512 Quarterly Reporting begins today***

The quarterly data collection period for calendar year 2012 first quarter begins today and will run through March 23. If you have received any of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) continuation grants (Race to the Top, School Improvement Grants, Teacher Incentive Fund) or the Education Jobs (EdJobs) funding, you are required to complete this quarterly reporting. Some districts also may see their FFY09 carryover for the Math and Science Partnerships funding and/or their Title II, Part D Education Technology (non-ARRA) funding listed as well. For questions concerning these two funds, please contact the federal programs office at (614) 466-4161.

Access to the Web-based application ARRA 1512 is available through the user's [SAFE](#) home page. Districts should be sure that their annual [Central Contractor Registration](#) (CCR) is renewed. To learn about the short, three-step process to submit renewals without changes, click [here](#). Questions can be directed to [Recovery@education.ohio.gov](mailto:Recovery@education.ohio.gov).

***Process to request funds for Resident Educator program has changed***

Because of strict requirements regarding the use of federal funds, there has been a change to the funding request process for the Resident Educator (RE) program in the CORE system for the 2011–12 school year.

While the dollar amount for the program has not changed (\$350 per Resident Educator), the process for requesting the funds has changed. The Resident Educator Web page has been updated with the [Resident Educator Funding Memo for February 2010](#), which contains specific details about the funding request process.

***OLAC unveils new Website features***

There is no such thing as a one-size-fits-all approach to professional development. That's why the new Ohio Leadership Advisory Council (OLAC) website places a distinct emphasis on providing tools and resources that are relevant to educators' unique needs as leaders in education. The newest features include:

- 17 research-based online learning modules that cover a variety of topics useful to education leaders in any role;
- Video resources, organized by topic, that show best practices in action;
- Learning recommendations based on your topic of interest or role;
- An easy-to-navigate, fresh design.

Additional enhancements coming soon include:

- Personalized learning recommendations based on your OLAC Assessment Tool results
- A new module dedicated to teacher-based teams;
- Integration of early learning and special education information into all modules;
- All Ohio Improvement Process (OIP) resources housed within the new OLAC website, as well as training modules for each stage of the OIP.

Please send any questions, comments or feedback to [OLAC@BattelleforKids.org](mailto:OLAC@BattelleforKids.org). If you do not have an OLAC account, sign up today at [www.OhioLeadership.org](http://www.OhioLeadership.org).

***Register now for National Principals Leadership Institute***

*Understanding the Leadership We Need* is the theme for the 15<sup>th</sup> annual National Principals Leadership

Institute (NPLI), being held in New York City from July 14-20. The Institute will focus on relevant issue, inspiring presenters, problem-based learning, leadership consultations and more.

Save \$100 with early bird registration by March 15. Brochures and registration forms are available from the [NPLI website](#).

***For curriculum directors, administrators, teachers and counselors***

**Teen Dating Violence Intervention webinar scheduled for March 7**

A free webinar to build skills to talk with teens about the importance of healthy relationships and identify resources to prevent and respond to dating violence will be Wednesday, March 7 from 3 to 4 p.m. This webinar is part of a series of Anti-Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (Anti-HIB) events designed to provide resources for families, schools and communities.

Webinar speakers are Rebecca Cline from the Ohio Domestic Violence Network, and Debra Seltzer and Beth Malchus from the Ohio Department of Health. It is open to 100 participants who register on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration opens 30 minutes before each program. The webinar will be recorded and posted online after the event. Registration and links to archived webinars are available [here](#).

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