

September 24, 2012

Greetings:

At its September meeting, the State Board of Education voted to approve the framework of the FY14-15 budget recommendations we presented in June. The State Board will consider budget recommendations on early childhood education, technology infrastructure, the Ohio Young Farmers program and the Third Grade Reading Guarantee at the October meeting and finalize the budget proposal to the Office of Budget and Management. The proposal continues to support the progress made in transforming our schools to prepare children for college and careers. The budget recommendations will be posted after the meeting. If you would like to review the budget proposal and presentations shared with the State Board, click [here](#).

Also, there are currently two opportunities to join ODE's leadership team. We are currently seeking candidates for the [Associate Superintendent for Accountability and Quality Schools](#) and the [Executive Director for the Center of Accountability and Continuous Improvement](#). These positions work closely together to provide school districts with the tools and guidance to strengthen curriculum, instruction, assessment, and teacher quality to impact student achievement. The deadline to apply is Wednesday, Oct. 3.

Have a great week.

Sincerely,



Michael L. Sawyers

Approaching deadlines or important dates mentioned in previous editions of EdConnection

- Today** General effective date for SB 316 provisions, unless otherwise noted ([9/4/2012](#))
- 9/30** Complete reading diagnostic testing for all K-2 students ([8/27/2012](#))
- 10/5** Student growth measures pilot proposals due ([9/17/2012](#))
- 10/16** National Stop Bullying video challenge submissions due ([9/4/2012](#))
- 10/19** Statewide Education Conference (Nov.1-2) registration closes ([9/17/2012](#))
- 10/31** Beginning Principal Mentorship Program grant applications due ([9/17/2012](#))

For School superintendents and treasurers

Parents of Students with Disabilities must be notified about scholarship programs

Under Ohio law, each time a school district completes an evaluation for a child with a disability, or undertakes the development, review or revision of the child's IEP, the district must notify the child's parent by letter or electronic means about both the Autism Scholarship Program and the Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship Program.

For information about the language that must be used in the notifications, click [here](#).

Hispanic Heritage Month is Sept 15 to Oct 15

National Hispanic Heritage Month, Sept. 15 to Oct. 15, is a time for recognizing the contributions of Hispanic Americans to the United States and also celebrating Hispanic heritage and culture. To help plan related activities, there is extensive information available on the websites of the [Library of Congress](#) and the [Smithsonian](#), which include history, exhibits and profiles of notable Hispanic Americans. Scholastic also offers [activities](#) and [resources](#) for teachers. In addition, the Ohio Historical Society has information about famous [Hispanic Ohioans](#).

National District of Character offers free character education workshop

The Hamilton City School District, named a 2012 National District of Character, and Ohio Partners in Character Education will host a free workshop on Oct. 18 for school staff members who are interested in learning more about developing a successful character education program.

The workshop will include breakout sessions on service learning, aligning positive behavior supports and character education, ways to integrate character in the classroom, data on the impact of character education, and how administrators can support character education.

The workshop will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. at Fairwood Elementary School, 281 N. Fair Ave. in Hamilton. For more information, click [here](#) or email info@charactereducationohio.org.

U.S. Presidential Scholars for 2013 nomination period open

ODE is seeking Ohio's best and brightest high school seniors to recommend for consideration as U.S. Presidential Scholars of 2013. School districts are encouraged to submit **one** exceptional candidate to ODE by **Oct. 19, 2012**.

Students must meet the following criteria:

- Will graduate between January and June 2013;
- Be a U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident; and
- Demonstrate outstanding scholarship or is well accomplished in the visual and performing arts or creative writing.

To nominate a student, click [here](#). For questions or additional information, please contact Stacey.Brinkley@education.ohio.gov or at (614) 752-1368.

For curriculum directors, teachers and school counselors

Register now for Sept. 26 Physical Education Standards workshops in Dayton

Two interactive workshops will help physical education teachers learn how to use Ohio's new Physical Education Academic Content Standards. Both will be held Wednesday, Sept. 26 and will be taught by Garry Bowyer, Associate Professor of Physical Education at Miami University.

- 8 – 11 a.m. Physical Education Standards-Based Curriculum Design will help teachers align their own physical education curriculum to the Ohio K-12 new Standards;
- Noon – 3 p.m. Elementary Physical Education Curriculum Design will present developmentally appropriate curriculum content for K-6 students.

These workshops are presented by the Buckeye Healthy Schools Cadre of Trainers, a collaborative effort of ODE, the Ohio Department of Health, Buckeye Healthy Schools Alliance (BHSA), and the Ohio Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

They will be held at the Charles R. Drew Health Center, 1323 W. 3rd St., Dayton, Ohio 45402. For more details, including a flyer and registration information, click [here](#). If you have other questions, please contact Jackie Sharpe at (614) 387-2241 or via email at jacqueline.sharpe@education.ohio.gov

Master Teacher training scheduled Oct. 15

On Oct. 15, ODE will conduct training for Ohio's Master Teacher program. This two-hour session will

include a brief overview of the Master Teacher program, as well as program updates. The focus of the training will be the scoring process for Master Teacher portfolios. The training will be held at the Westerville Public Library, 126 S. State St. in Westerville, a Columbus suburb. Participants can attend either the 10 a.m. to noon or 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. session.

Please register in [STARS](#), key words: *Master Teacher*. For more information, contact Brinda.price@education.ohio.gov or Sharon.flinders@education.ohio.gov.

Register now for national School Mental Health conference Oct. 25-27

Promoting Positive Outcomes for Students, Families, School and Communities is the theme for the 17th annual Conference on Advancing School Mental Health. It will be held Oct. 25-27 in Salt Lake City, Utah. The conference offers opportunities to learn new skills and knowledge related to practice, research, training and policy, as well as the chance to network with others working in school mental health.

The conference is sponsored by the Center for School Mental Health (CSMH) at the University of Maryland School of Medicine and the IDEA Partnership, funded by the Office of Special Education Programs, sponsored by the National Association of State Directors of Special Education. More information, including online registration materials, is available [here](#).

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