

# WEEKLY SNAPSHOT FROM ESCLEW CENTER FOR COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

## SEPTEMBER 6, 2018

### IMPORTANT NEWS UPDATES

#### **FIVE-YEAR FINANCIAL FORECASTS**

Recent legislative changes included in House Bill 87 extend the deadline for submitting five-year financial forecasts from Oct. 31 to Nov. 30 beginning in 2019. The deadline for the submission of the October 2018 submission continues to be Oct. 31. Should you have any questions, please contact the Office of Community Schools at [Community.Schools@education.ohio.gov](mailto:Community.Schools@education.ohio.gov).

#### **OHIO ETHICS COMMISSION FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REMINDER FOR NEW ADMINISTRATORS**

The Ohio Ethics Commission would like to remind anyone who recently started serving as a school district or ESC superintendent, treasurer, or business manager\* (including interims) about the requirement to file a financial disclosure statement for calendar year 2017.

The statement is due within ninety days after starting service as superintendent, treasurer, or business manager\* (including interims). For example, if a person started serving as superintendent on August 1, 2018, he or she must file a 2017 statement with the Ohio Ethics Commission no later than Tuesday, October 30, 2018.

**I left one filing position and began a different one. Do I have to file two separate statements?** *No. The Ethics Law states that no person is required to file more than one financial disclosure statement for any one calendar year. If you are required to file in your new position as well as your former position, you need to file only one annual statement.*

The statement can be filed using the [Ohio Ethics Commission's Online Filing System](#).

\*Business managers who are **licensed** by the Ohio Department of Education as business managers, perform the functions of a business manager need to file. (Any "business manager" who is not **licensed** by the Department of Education is not required to file an FDS.)

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jen Boger, Financial Disclosure Coordinator, the Ohio Ethics Commission, at 614-721-8670.

#### **AUTOMATED WITHDRAWAL FOR NONPARTICIPATION**

With the passage of Senate Bill 216, the requirement that community schools automatically withdraw a student after 105 consecutive hours of unexcused absences changes to withdrawal after 72 hours. The Ohio Secretary of State has not yet posted the official effective date of the legislation, but the effective date of this change is expected to be the beginning of November 2018. Additional guidance will be forthcoming from the Office of ODE Community Schools in early September.

## TEACHER LICENSURE

Effective July 1, 2019, **community schools** are prohibited from employing teachers of core subject areas unless they are "properly certified or licensed teachers." Per the statute, being properly certified or licensed means the teacher has completed all certification or licensure requirements applicable to the subject, grades and type of students being taught.

### **RECENTLY APPROVED CREDENTIALS FOR 2018-2019; CYBER SECURITY PATHWAY INTENT AND SENIOR-ONLY INDUSTRY CREDENTIAL PROGRAM INTENT DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 21**

To meet the need of the state's evolving workforce, Ohio is offering [cyber security courses for the 2018-2019 school year](#) as a new pathway in the information technology career field.

### **2018-2019 GREEN RIBBON SCHOOLS APPLICATION NOW ONLINE – DEADLINE NOVEMBER 20**

Ohio is again taking part in the [U.S. Department of Education's Green Ribbon Schools](#) program.

### **DATA APPEAL WINDOW OPEN FOR SUMMER THIRD GRADE READING**

From Monday, Aug. 27, through Friday, Aug. 31, superintendents and EMIS coordinators should check summer third grade reading data on their test vendor files. Like last year, ODE will use the assessment vendor file instead of requiring schools to report the summer third grade reading assessment data via EMIS. If a superintendent finds inaccurate assessment vendor data, he or she should [submit an appeal by the Aug. 31 deadline as described here](#), using the *Data Appeal for Summer Third Grade Reading* form within the [Forms application in SAFE](#).

The superintendent, EMIS coordinator and superintendent designee can access and complete the data appeal form. ODE does not consider the form to be officially submitted, however, until the superintendent or designee approves it in SAFE.

For answers to questions about data appeals, contact the [Office of Data Quality](#).

### **OHIO LAUNCHES STRATEGIC PLAN FOR EDUCATION: EACH CHILD, OUR FUTURE**

On August 28, 2018 the State Board of Education and State Superintendent of Public Instruction Paolo DeMaria joined key partners to unveil *Each Child, Our Future*, Ohio's five-year strategic plan for education. Co-designed over the last year by parents, educators, employers, philanthropic leaders, policymakers and students, the plan seeks to lift aspirations, guide development of state-level policies and promote quality education practices across the state.

*"Each Child, Our Future* aims to ensure every child is challenged, prepared and empowered to become a resilient, lifelong learner who contributes to society," said State Board of Education President Tess Elshoff. "By meeting the needs of the whole child, we're giving children tools for success that will last far beyond their years in Ohio's preK-12 education system. I'm proud of the State Board of Education's work on this plan and excited to strengthen the partnerships essential for implementing the plan."

"The education of Ohio's students is everyone's business, and the most exciting part of building this plan was seeing the engagement of partners from every corner of the state who care about student success," said DeMaria. *"Each Child, Our Future* provides a clear direction to help make our education system the best it can be for Ohio's 1.7 million schoolchildren."

State Senator Peggy Lehner (Kettering), State Representative Andrew Brenner (Powell) and Ohio's 2018 Teacher of the Year Jonathan Juravich (Liberty Tree Elementary, Olentangy Local School District) helped launch the plan at a morning press conference, which was followed by a day-long school bus tour. The bus tour featured three Central Ohio learning sites: a high-tech robotics, engineering and advanced manufacturing training program at Tolles Career and Technical Center in Plain City; effective approaches to school leadership, social-emotional learning and integrated student support services at Etna Road Elementary School in Whitehall; and high-quality after-school learning programs at the Columbus Museum of Art.

"I am most enthused that educators in the field were highly invested in the process to develop *Each Child, Our Future*," said Juravich. "With the four equal learning domains, traditional academic areas are equal to well-rounded content, leadership and social-emotional learning in the development of students as human beings. This strategic plan amplifies the good work being done in classrooms across Ohio to support the development of the whole child."

The five-year plan recognizes that equity continues to be Ohio's greatest education challenge — making sure each child has access to relevant and challenging academic experiences and resources across race, gender, ethnicity, language, disability, family background and/or income. The plan also stresses the importance of partnerships and quality schools. It identifies one goal focused on student success after high school and 10 supporting strategies that address excellent educators, standards for students, accountability for learning, supports for the whole child, expanding early learning and transforming the high school experience.

This plan was built by Ohioans for Ohioans. Started by Superintendent DeMaria and the State Board of Education in the summer of 2017, more than 150 Ohio-based partners rolled up their sleeves to develop the plan. Moreover, an additional 1,200 Ohio citizens attended 13 regional meetings across the state to review the plan and provide feedback. In total, more than 1,300 Ohioans had a hand in crafting the plan.

To bolster plan implementation, we're reorganizing the Ohio Department of Education so that we can better support schools and districts as you prepare each child for success. More information on this will be forthcoming.

A full copy of *Each Child, Our Future* can be [found online here](#).

### **2018 PBIS NETWORK SHOWCASE**

#### **November 29 & 30 (Columbus)| Call for Proposals: Posters & Presentations**

The PBIS Network is inviting submissions for poster sessions and presenter sessions for the 2018 PBIS Network Showcase. The deadline for submissions is September 21, 2018.

#### **Horizon Science Academy – Springfield to Receive Bronze Award**

Congratulations to ESCLEW sponsored Horizon Science Academy – Springfield, who has been one of six Region 1 schools to be recognized with a Bronze Award for their practical approaches to build positive school culture and climate through the Ohio multi-tiered PBIS framework during the November 29 & 30, 2018, PBIS Network Showcase.

Learn more at [http://www.sstr1.org/?page\\_id=44915](http://www.sstr1.org/?page_id=44915)

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**THE FOLLOWING WEBINARS ARE NOW AVAILABLE ON THE ESCLEW COMMUNITY SCHOOLS CENTER WEBSITE**

### **ELA Machine Scoring of OST - Important Information for Your ELA Teachers:**

Presented by Suzy Short, Director of Curriculum and Instruction within the Center for Teaching and Learning at the ESC of Lake Erie West.

Suzy will further explain the use of machine scoring for Ohio's State Tests in English Language Arts and offer classroom teachers practical ways to prepare students for this change. Strategies discussed will be appropriate for all grade levels and will include concrete examples.

Follow this [link](#). Click on the "Webinars" tab. Click on the webinar title. The video will open in a new tab. Press play! As always, should you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

### **Specially Designed Services - Section 7 of IEP:**

Presented by Jackie Jacoby, SSTR1 Consultant

Jackie dives deeper into Section 7, addressing compliance, forms, instructional practices, and impact.

Follow this [link](#). Click on the "Webinars" tab. You may select the webinar recording or the PowerPoint presentation.

### **UPCOMING EPICENTER BASIC TRAINING WEBINAR**

Are you new to Epicenter or need a refresher on the basic functions? If so, the Epicenter Support Team will be hosting online webinars to provide you with the information needed to be successful.

To join this webinar, register for one of the dates below:

[Thursday, September 13, 2018 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM EDT](#)

[Wednesday, September 19, 2018 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM EDT](#)

Epicenter will review the following basic functions (Summer 2018 Release features will be incorporated within the webinar):

- General Overview of the Homepage
- Compliance Center and How to Satisfy Compliance Tasks
- Document Center and Generating Reports
- Overviews of Board Center, Management Center and School Center

The same topics will be covered at each training, so you only need to register for one.

Each training will last about an hour, and you will have the chance to ask your technical questions directly to the Epicenter Support Team. They will not be discussing any specific organization's tasks or processes.

Any Epicenter user is welcome to attend.

Call the Epicenter support team with any questions at 1-855-889-1624.

**PRINCIPAL LEADERSHIP COHORT – LOCATIONS TBA: OCTOBER 23 | NOVEMBER 28 | DECEMBER 18\* | JANUARY 23 | MARCH 21\*\* | MAY 7**

The Principal Leadership Cohort will address the needs of principals who want to increase their skills and become stronger instructional leaders within their buildings. Through targeted professional development and on site leadership coaching, principals will be given the tools and resources needed to fully implement inclusive instructional practices in their building that will improve results for each child, including those with disabilities and other challenges to learning. Principals will receive a copy of *Everyday Courage for School Leaders*, written by Cathy J. Lassiter, Ed.D. Learn more at <http://cal.sstr1.org>

\*December 18 session features Brandon Doubek, Ed.D., president of EdSuccess, LLC, and senior partner of Creative Leadership Solutions.

\*\*March 21 session features consultant and author Cathy J. Lassiter, Ed.D., with the AEI Speakers Bureau.

**OCALICON - NOVEMBER 14-16 (COLUMBUS)**

This event is for state and national leaders, educators, parents, service providers, self-advocates, and policy makers. It focuses on common concerns and share proven solutions that address issues and challenges experienced by individuals with autism, sensory disabilities, and low-incidence disabilities across their lifespan. Learn more at <https://conference.ocali.org/registration>

**OHIO SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT INSTITUTE - NOVEMBER 15-16 (COLUMBUS)**

The Ohio School Improvement Institute showcases best practices in Ohio schools and provides up-to-date research-based information from state and national education experts. Learn more at <http://www.ohiohstw.org/osii2018/index.cfm>

**OLAC 2018 ACTION FORUM - DECEMBER 12 (COLUMBUS)**

The Ohio Leadership Advisory Council (OLAC) is pleased to host the 2018 Action Forum: Empowered to Lead, Inspired to Act. This December 12, 2018, event will feature Ohio superintendents, principals, teachers, and others sharing their stories about the work of their district and building leadership teams, teacher-based teams, and the impact on all learners—students and adults. Learn more at <https://ohioleadership.org>

*The above information is pertinent to community schools. This information is a consolidation from multiple sources and the majority was not created by the Educational Service Center of Lake Erie West. This is meant for informational purposes only and should not be considered a directive to the school or legal advice. If you have particular questions pertaining to your school, please contact your ESCLEW Regional Technical Assistance Representative/Educator.*