



NEWS, NOTES & Notices



OHIO SCHOOLS COUNCIL

GREATER CLEVELAND SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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NEW PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT: OSC OFFERS SCHOOL EMERGENCY PLAN SERVICES

This year, the ODE has introduced new requirements for school safety and emergency planning. Most notably, ***schools will be required to document an Emergency Management Test (EMT) in their online SAFE Accounts before December 31, 2017.*** The ODE will additionally roll out a requirement that will involve select school staff to complete two FEMA Incident Command System (ICS) courses online. Schools must also begin working up procedures for after school activities, more extensive evacuation procedures, anti-bullying strategies, and continuing operations plans. Unfortunately, district staff that do not meet the deadlines will be referred to professional conduct.

The Ohio Schools Council is here to help. At the rate of \$150 per school building, Mr. Tim Del Vecchio, former consultant with the Ohio Department of Homeland Security, will assist schools in understanding and complying with the new requirements.

The OSC will provide the following services, which are no longer offered through the Department of Homeland Security:

- Pre-evaluation of documents to ensure they will pass a formal review by ODE
- Visits to the school(s)/district to assist in the preparation and modification of school emergency plan documents
- Assistance in complying with the new EMT (Emergency Management Test) requirements
- Special instruction for uploading the data into SAFE
- Assistance in complying with new floor plan, site plan requirements, Contact Information requirements and Annual Plan Certifications
- Facilitation of Incident Command Training (ICS) for school administrators
- District Training related to new requirements, forms, and emergency best practices
- Organization of Workshops on relevant emergency plan topics
- 24/7 telephone and email service to provide answers to questions related to ODE emails and correspondence connected with school emergency plans
- Liaison with vendors, such as Navigate and Foremost, which provide document assistance

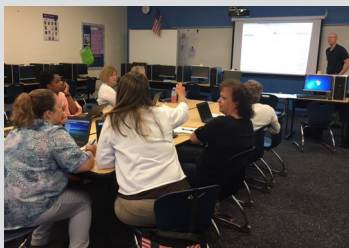
Sign up today! Visit <http://bit.ly/OSCSafety> to complete the online Commitment Form! For questions or more info, email Tim Del Vecchio at tdelvechio@osconline.org or Larry Tomec at ltomec@osconline.org.



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AKRON PUBLIC SCHOOLS LAUNCHES SUCCESSFUL eBUY INTEGRATION



OSC member, Akron Public Schools, began the 2017-18 school year with a successful launch of the OSC eBuy Cooperative Purchasing Platform which was fully-integrated with their MUNIS financial package this summer.



"Save time, save money and get stuff quicker." That's the message Accounts Payable Supervisor, Todd Adkins, delivered to secretaries during a training session this past August.

The OSC eBuy marketplace MUNIS integration allows teachers at Akron Public Schools to shop for competitively-bid school supply items through a robust search bar, price compare and "transfer" their cart to a staff member with purchasing capabilities.

The "purchaser," often the building secretary in Akron's case, can then seamlessly pull the cart into the MUNIS platform, where the requisition is automatically converted to a PO, or multiple POs if there are multiple vendors on the order. The order is then placed with each vendor and - in most cases - delivered within a few days.

OSC Members can access a standard version of the OSC marketplace at osconline.org, which provides free access to OSC co-op purchasing contracts and customized electronic workflows and approval routes.

eBuy can also be integrated with your current financial package including MUNIS, State Software (USAS) and eFinance.

Interested in learning more? Join us for an upcoming webinar. Registration is available at osconline.org.

OSC eBuy Cooperative Purchasing Portal: Fall Webinar Series

Thursday, September 21; 10 am

Tuesday, October 10; 2 pm

Thursday, November 9; 2 pm

Register online at www.osconline.org.

Attend a Fall eBuy Webinar & receive a \$100 credit on any eBuy purchase of \$200 or more!

OSC LAUNCHES NEW LUNCH & LEARN SERIES

This Fall, OSC is excited to announce its new Lunch & Learn Series, which will work to connect you with OSC Preferred Partners and corresponding OSC Programs & Services. The Lunch & Learn Series is designed to pair our members with OSC Preferred Partners, which are vetted for price and quality by OSC staff or Advisory Committee members. All meetings are held at the ESC of Cuyahoga County (6393 Oak Tree Blvd., Independence). **Lunch is included, so register now at www.osconline.org.**

School Safety & Security

Friday, Oct. 6, 2017; 9am-noon

Informative and valuable session on school safety featuring presenters from Sandy Hook Promise, OSC and NaviGate Prepared!

Event Sponsor:



Operational Services

Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2017; 9am-noon

Join us to learn more about proactive approaches to Building Operations that can save your district time and resources. Topics include disaster recovery services, roofing & building maintenance and telecommunications.

Event Sponsors:



Energy Procurement Insights & OSC Utility Program Update

Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2017; 9am-noon

Are you taking advantage of OSC Utility contracts? Learn more about the OSC Natural Gas Program and the Power4Schools Electric program including rate information, projected energy costs, future contract negotiations and additional ways to save.

Event Sponsors: TBD

Insurance Coverage Options

Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2018; 9am-noon

The OSC provides access to discounted life insurance, property, fleet and liability insurance and health insurance through the OSC Health Insurance Alliance. Learn simple steps to help protect your district and save thousands.

Event Sponsors:



GCSSA UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, September 26, 2017

"Reaching and Teaching Students in Poverty"

Presented by Dr. Paul Gorski, Associate Professor, George Mason University and founder of EdChange
In Partnership with the Educational Service Center of Cuyahoga County
Registration: 9 am; Program: 9:30-11 am
Location: Educational Service Center of Cuyahoga County (6393 Oak Tree Blvd., Independence)
Cost: FREE



Tuesday, October 24, 2017

"Closing the Opportunity and Achievement Gap" ****NEW DATE****

Presented by Dr. John King, CEO/President of The Education Trust
In Partnership with Cleveland State's Center for Educational Leadership

Session One:

Registration: 9 am; Program: 9:30-11 am
Location: Union Club of Cleveland

Session Two:

11:30 am-1 pm
Location: City Club of Cleveland
Cost: \$20/person (each session)

Tuesday, December 12, 2017

"Legal Update"

Presented by David Smith, Senior of Council, Smith Peters Kalail & Mike Hanna of Squire Patton Boggs
Registration: 9 am; Program: 9:30-11 am
Location: Educational Service Center of Cuyahoga County

*****NEW** Session Two:***

"GCSSA Salary Survey Analysis"

Presented and sponsored by Eric Smith of Forecast5 Analytics, Inc.
11:15 am -12:15 pm; LUNCH INCLUDED! (12:15-1 pm)

More details and registration info available at www.gcssaohio.org.

GCSSA 2017-18 UPDATED CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Check out the updated 2017-18

GCSSA In-Service and Special Events Schedule!

Friday, January 19; 9 am

GCSSA In-Service: "Rick Hess Straight Up"
Presented by Dr. Fredrick Hess, Resident Educator and Director of Education Policy Studies at American Enterprise Institute (AEI) @ Union/City Club of Cleveland

Wednesday, February 7; 9 am

GCSSA In-Service: "Student Engagement in the Arts"
@ Playhouse Square

****NEW DATE** Friday, March 16; Time TBA**

GCSSA In-Service: "Millennial Leadership-Evolving leadership and adopting cross-generational collaboration as a strategy"
Presented by Ravi Hutheesing, Cultural Diplomat, US Department of State @ TBA

Tuesday, May 1; 6:30 pm

GCSSA Spring Social @ Shoreby Club

Friday, May 11; 9 am

GCSSA In-Service: "Religion and Other Federal Topics-A Practical Guide"
Presented by Dr. Steve Permut, Professor, College of Education, University of South Florida @ Holiday Inn/Rockside

Tuesday, June 12; 11:30 am

Year-End Luncheon/Legislative Update from BASA
@ Embassy Suites

More details and registration info available at www.gcssaohio.org.



**We'll be at the OSBA Trade Show!
Stop by and see us Nov. 13-14 at
Booth 1023!**



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OSC BOARD MEETING MINUTES: MAY 12, 2017

**OSC Governing Board Meeting; May 12, 2017;
Approval of the following:**

- Approval of April 7 Board Meeting Minutes
- March 2017 Financial Report
- Approval of Triway Local Schools as a new OSC Member
- Approval of Oberlin City Schools and Orange City Schools as new Life Insurance Program members
- Approval of reimbursement of 20% of Regional Liaison FY 2018 salary by Mahoning County ESC
- Approval to discount OSC Preferred Partner Membership Fee for FY18 (when GCSSA Associate Membership is purchased)
- Approval of a contract with Squirrels LLC.
- Approval of Auditor of State's Local Government Office (LGS) Office Services for FY17, FY18 and FY19 at maximum cost of \$4,000 per year

Discussion items:

- OSC By Laws and OSC Agreement
- OSC Fall Assembly Meeting (September 2017)
- Tentative FY 2018 Board Meeting Dates
- Contracts and Cost of Living; FY 2018
- Natural Gas Contract; FY 2018
- Cooperative Purchasing

OSC BOARD MEETING MINUTES: JUNE 6, 2017

**OSC Governing Board Meeting; June 6, 2017;
Approval of the following:**

- Approval of May 12 Board Meeting Minutes
- April 2017 Financial Report
- Approval of Steubenville City Schools as a new OSC member
- Approval of Fiscal Year 2018 Employment Contracts and COLA increase
- Approval of new Ohio Schools Council checking account with US Bank for Natural Gas to replace the Natural Gas Lockbox account
- Approval of Signatory Resolution for US Bank and Star Ohio
- Approval of Connect Service Agreement for access to USAS, Data Back-up Services, and Desktop Security Services and Agreement for Managed Email Accounts
- Approval of Independent Contractor Agreement between Westlake City Schools and OSC
- Approval of Cooperative Purchasing Program Awards
- Approval of a renewal agreement with Compass Energy for Natural Gas for Fiscal Year 2018
- Authorization for Executive Director to enter into contracts with OSC Preferred Partners
- Approval of 2017-18 Board Meeting Dates

Discussion items:

- OSC ByLaws
- eBuy
- Power4Schools
- ESC/OASBO Retreat

GCSSA BOARD MEETING MINUTES: MAY 12, 2017

**The GCSSA Executive Committee Meeting; May 12, 2017;
Approval of the following:**

- Approval of April 7 Board Meeting Minutes
- March 2017 Financial Report
- Approval to increase Associate Membership fee for FY18

Discussion items:

- Tentative Board Meeting Dates for FY 2018
- In-Service Calendar FY 2018
- Shoreby Club - May 1, 2018

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**The GCSSA Executive Committee Meeting; June 6, 2017;
Approval of the following:**

- Approval of May 12 Board Meeting Minutes
- April 2017 Financial Report
- Distribution of FY18 Calendar of Events
- Approval of Signatory Resolution for US Bank and Star Ohio
- Approval of 2017-18 Board Meeting Dates

OSC FALL ASSEMBLY MEETING NOTICE

The OSC will host its bi-annual Assembly Meeting on Tuesday, September 26. We encourage you to attend.

We will be highlighting new and current OSC programming as well as of the 2016-17 Annual Report. **You can RSVP and view documentation for the meeting at <http://bit.ly/OSCFallAssembly>.**

If you cannot attend the meeting, please complete the Electronic Proxy Authorization Statement by Friday, September 22, 2017.