



NEWS, NOTES & Notices



OHIO SCHOOLS COUNCIL

GREATER CLEVELAND SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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OSC eBuy
Cooperative Purchasing Portal

OSC SAVINGS SPOTLIGHT:
*SIMPLIFY YOUR DISTRICT'S PURCHASING
PROCESS, SAVE TIME AND MONEY!*

Simplify your district's purchasing process, save time and money with OSC's eBuy Online Marketplace, which launched this November.

- Seamless access to OSC approved vendor contracts
- One shopping cart, multiple vendors
- Unlimited user access for robust purchasing
- Search for items by keyword, categories, item numbers, etc
- Compare products and pricing from several different vendors
- Customized purchase approval routes
- Option for financial software integration including USAS State Financial Software, Tyler MUNIS and SunGard K-12

**Text "eBuy"
to 31996
to watch a
demo video!**

OSC eBuy Marketplace Packages:

OSC eBuy Cooperative Purchasing Portal

- ✓ Access to OSC-approved vendor contracts
- ✓ Unlimited user access and set-up
- ✓ Customized purchase approval routes
- ✓ Ability to search for items by keyword, categories, item numbers
- ✓ Compare products and pricing from several different vendors
- ✓ Orders sent to vendor electronically
- ✓ Support provided by OSC

Pricing:
NO COST to OSC Members!



OSC eBuy Sponsored Private View

- ✓ All benefits of OSC eBuy Cooperative Purchasing Portal, PLUS:
- ✓ Full USAS/SunGard/MUNIS financial package integration
- ✓ Online approval routes based on dollar amount, item or person
- ✓ Up to 3 additional district vendor catalogs
- ✓ Marketplace, integration, set-up and support provided by EqualLevel
- ✓ Co-branded with district logo

Pricing:

USAS Integration: \$1,188/annual fee

Tyler MUNIS, SunGard Integration:
\$1,998/annual fee (first year)
\$1,548/annual (beyond year 1)



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Call us for a demo: 216-447-3100.

NEWS & EVENTS

P4S SECURES SUBSTANTIALLY LOWER FUTURE ELECTRICITY PRICING

The P4S Program continues to ensure that school districts receive a stable supply of electricity at the best possible price.

While the current FES price for 'full service' electricity for P4S districts is \$0.0602/kWh, we are pleased to report that we've secured substantially lower future pricing. **Beginning June 2017, P4S member districts will pay \$0.0518/kWh for 'full service' electricity through the end of the agreement in 2019.**

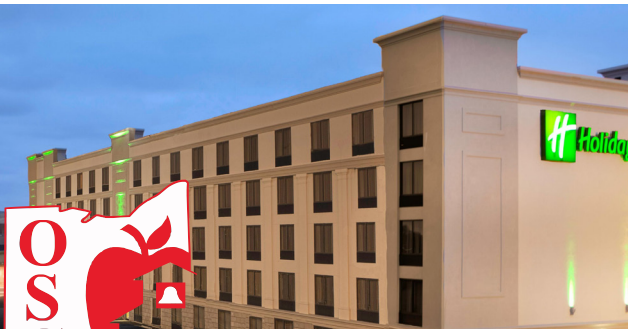
The P4S Program not only saves school districts millions of dollars, but also leverages the strength of over 250 school districts in representing the interests of students and taxpayers before the PUCO (Public Utilities Commission of Ohio).

Interested in learning more? Contact OSC Utility Coordinator Barb DelRoso at bdelroso@osconline.org or 216-447-3100.

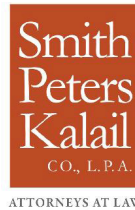


SAVE THE DATE: 2017 OSC VENDOR FAIR: APRIL 7, 2017

We are excited to announce a new date and location for our annual vendor fair. Please mark your calendars for **Friday, April 7, 2017** at the Holiday Inn on Rockside. The OSC Vendor Fair is the perfect opportunity to test vendor products and samples. Attendees can also earn 'Credit' Vouchers good toward OSC member fees. Registration info will be distributed in February - we hope to see you there!



2017 OSC Vendor Fair Friday, April 7, 2017
at Holiday Inn, Rockside



2016-17 LEGAL SEMINAR SERIES

Presented by:
Smith Peters Kalail Co., L.P.A.

- **January 18, 2017 – 9-10 a.m. Webinar Wednesday**
"Hot Topics in Special Education Law"
This webinar presentation will provide participants with an overview of critical and timely legal topics and trends in Special Education and their practical implications for schools.
- **February 15, 2017 – 9-10 a.m. Webinar Wednesday**
"Making the Most at Your County Board of Revision"
Does your district have an effective strategy for participating in the real estate valuation process? This webinar presentation will provide practical suggestions for ensuring you are maximizing your financial outcome.
- **March 7, 2017 – 11:00 a.m. to noon**
"Legislative Update"
Important updates on key legislation on the state and federal levels.
- **April 5, 2017 – 9-10 a.m. Webinar Wednesday**
"What's New at the State Employment Relations Board?"
Listen in to hear about SERB's latest developments related to public sector labor relations.
- **May 11, 2017 – 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**
David Smith will present with Squires Patton Boggs at the Spring Legal Update Seminar.

All in-person sessions will be held at the Educational Service Center of Cuyahoga County; 6393 Oak Tree Blvd., Independence, OH 44131.
Register online: www.osconline.org.

WISHING YOU A JOYOUS HOLIDAY SEASON!



Happy holidays from your friends and partners at Ohio Schools Council and GCSSA. We hope you have a joyous and relaxing break with your friends and family.

Our offices will be closed on Friday, December 23, and Monday, December 26, as well as Friday, December 30, and Monday, January 2. Happy New Year!

GCSSA Events: JANUARY REGULAR IN-SERVICE MEETING

Tuesday, January 10, 2017; 9 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

ESC of Cuyahoga County 6393 Oak Tree Blvd.,
Independence

“Public Education Works!” Communications, Branding and Marketing Your District

Presented by John Rubesich, Superintendent, Ashtabula
County ESC



Cost: *FREE*

Register online: www.gcssaohio.org.

GCSSA Events: FEBRUARY REGULAR IN-SERVICE MEETING

Friday, February 3; 2017

Session One: 9-11 a.m.; Union Club of Cleveland

Session Two: 11:30 am-1 pm; City Club of Cleveland

“Uplifting Leadership”

Presented by Andy Hargreaves; In partnership with
Cleveland State University's Centre for Educational
Leadership



*Program in partnership with Cleveland State University's
Centre for Educational Leadership*

Cost: \$20/session

Register online: www.gcssaohio.org.



SOMETHING GOOD IS HAPPENING IN OUR SCHOOLS

By: Kathi Powers

Superintendent

Twinsburg City School District

Meeting the Needs of Every Child in the Twinsburg City School District

The Twinsburg City School District is dedicated to continuous quality improvement and meeting the needs of every student by knowing each child's story. We strive to provide a rigorous and comprehensive academic experience, balanced with a breadth of extra-curricular and athletic programs aimed at developing the “whole child”.

Additionally, the District provides a number of wrap-around support programs including guidance services, mental health programs and a supplemental food program. According to a recent national survey by No Kid Hungry (http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2015/03/04/public-schools-breakfast_n_6794012.html), 76 percent of teachers surveyed report an increase in the number of students who regularly come to school hungry. Research indicates that hunger can have many negative effects on student achievement.

Thanks to a unique community partnership with The Emergency Assistance Center, the Twinsburg City School District is addressing students' food insecurity by offering a supplemental food program known as PAWS on Child Hunger. PAWS on Child Hunger provides nutritious, child-friendly snacks to qualifying students to enjoy over weekends. Qualifying students participate in the Federal Lunch Program and are opted into the program by their parents/guardians.

The PAWS on Child Hunger Program initially began with our youngest Tigers – students at Wilcox Primary School and was then expanded to Samuel Bissell Elementary School and George G. Dodge Intermediate School. During the 2015-16 school year over 150 students in grades K-6 received healthy snacks and food supplements. Throughout the year, our students, staff members and PTA's collaborate to raise money through a variety of fundraisers to support the PAWS on Child Hunger Program. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we are able to provide this program at no cost to the District.

The nondescript blue bags include healthy and safe-to-prepare (no cooking needed) snacks for students to enjoy during the weekends at home. The program has been a great success. The Twinsburg City School District plans to expand the program to serve students at R.B. Chamberlin Middle School (Grades 7-8) in the coming school year.

Thanks to partnerships with our community, such as our partnership with The Emergency Assistance Center, the Twinsburg City School District is able to provide unique opportunities to our students which address their needs and assist them in achieving success.





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OSC BOARD MEETING MINUTES: SEPTEMBER 9

**OSC Governing Board Meeting; September 9, 2016;
Approval of the following:**

- June 10, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes
- June 2016 Financial Report
- July 2016 Financial Report
- Approval of Contract Extension for Gasoline and Diesel Fuel
- Approval of Contract for Food Service Consulting
- Approval of Contract for Printer and Copier Services
- Approval of Contract for Security Equipment
- Approval of Contracts with Connect
- Approval of New OSC Members: Elida Local Schools, Jackson Milton Local Schools and Poland Local Schools
- Approval of New OSC Affiliate Member: Hebrew Academy of Cleveland
- Approval of Life Insurance Member: Orange City Schools
- Approval of Employment Contracts
- Approval of Employment Contract Extension
- Revise Sick Leave Policy 2.5

Discussion items:

- Organizational Study
- Staffing
- Meta Article
- Finding Leaders
- Marketplace
- Power4School
- Board Member

GCSSA BOARD MEETING MINUTES: SEPTEMBER 9

**The GCSSA Executive Committee Meeting; September 9, 2016;
Approval of the following:**

- June 10, 2016 GCSSA Board Meeting Minutes
- June 2016 Financial Report
- July 2016 Financial Report

Discussion items:

- Salary Survey on Forecast 5
- Board Member

OSC BOARD MEETING MINUTES: OCTOBER 11

**OSC Governing Board Meeting; October 11, 2016;
Approval of the following:**

- September 9, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes
- August 2016 Financial Report
- Appointment of Keith Kelly to the OSC Board of Directors
- Approval of IGS Energy Electricity Affinity Program Agreement
- Approval of Contract with EqualLevel
- Approval of Extension of Paper Products II Award

Discussion items:

- Regional Road Tour
- Safety Planning Meeting - Monday, October 24, 2016 at ESC of Cuyahoga County
- OSC at OSBA Trade Show November 14 & 15; Booth 1508 & 1510
- Commercial Paper Investments
- Next Board meeting date is Friday, November 11, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. at OSC, Essex Place, 6393 Oak Tree Blvd., Independence in Room 320

GCSSA BOARD MEETING MINUTES: OCTOBER 11

**The GCSSA Executive Committee Meeting; October 11, 2016;
Approval of the following:**

- September 9, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes
- August 2016 Financial Report
- Appointment of new Director to GCSSA Executive Committee

Discussion items:

- GCSSA Inservice Meetings
- Change Retired Representative on Board from ex-officio to voting member – requires GCSSA Constitution change
- The next GCSSA Board meeting will be held on Friday, November 11, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. at GCSSA/OSC, Essex Place, 6393 Oak Tree Blvd., Independence in Room 320