

**Note to reporters/editors:** More than 650 Ohio public school districts are participating in the upcoming OSBA Capital Conference. Admission is free to reporters; however, please check in at the registration desk, located in the Main Concourse at the Greater Columbus Convention Center, to receive a name badge. If you know you will attend, call Crystal Davis, deputy director of communication services, at (614) 540-4000 (or (614) 827-2871 from Nov. 12-14). Visit <http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org> to find out what school districts from your area are participating.

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### **— — MEDIA ALERT — —**

#### **Premier OSBA Capital Conference draws thousands of public education leaders**

COLUMBUS — A student-designed electric car; a Hollywood actor and writer who graduated from an Ohio public high school and numerous student performing groups highlight one of the nation's premier education conferences in Ohio's capital Nov. 12-14.

The second-largest education conference in the country, the Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) Capital Conference and Trade Show draws more than 9,000 school board members, superintendents, treasurers and other education professionals from Ohio and elsewhere. The Greater Columbus Convention Center, 400 N. High St., in downtown Columbus, will host the 62nd annual event.

The conference features nationally known speakers, more than 150 workshops and seminars and the hugely popular and successful Student Achievement Fair, which highlights 100 public school programs from around Ohio.

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Keynote speakers include Josh Radnor, a Bexley City Schools' graduate who is best known for his role as Ted on the Emmy Award-nominated CBS comedy "How I Met Your Mother," and Sonia Manzano, who inspired, educated and delighted children and families as Maria on "Sesame Street."

Also speaking is 11-year-old Cleveland Municipal Schools student Madison Reid, who gained fame when a local TV station covered an event featuring the Little Free Library, a nonprofit organization that inspires a love of reading through mini neighborhood book exchanges.

Co-founders Joe Ehrmann and Jody Redman of the InSideOut Initiative, which aims to change the win-at-all-costs sports culture, will discuss their efforts to encourage the educational, social and emotional well-being of today's student athletes.

One of the conference's more popular events is the Student Achievement Fair, featuring 100 booths filled with outstanding student programs from across state. Student performance groups also will provide entertainment, and student artwork will be on display. Visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/52500> for more information on participating districts.

The conference delivers myriad opportunities to learn from experts, who explore subjects in dozens of disciplines. Topics include school board development, career education, community relations, facilities, finance, school law, technology, human resources, social media, student achievement, 21<sup>st</sup> century education and more.

Another highlight is the conference Trade Show — the largest exhibition of educational goods and services in the U.S. The show will be filled with vendors showcasing their products and services in nearly 600 booths.

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Both General Sessions feature prestigious statewide awards, including the OSBA All-Ohio School Board and President's awards; Ohio Teacher of the Year; Buckeye Association of School Administrators Superintendent of the Year Award; Ohio Association of Secondary School Administrators Distinguished Principal awards; Ohio Association of Elementary School Administrators Distinguished Principal awards; and Ohio Association of School Business Officials awards for treasurer, business manager, transportation director and food service directors of the year.

OSBA also will recognize veteran school board members.

In its 62nd year, OSBA leads the way to educational excellence by serving Ohio's public school board members and the diverse districts they represent through superior service, unwavering advocacy and creative solutions.

For more information, contact OSBA or your local school board members.

**For a complete list and descriptions of all Capital Conference events, please visit**

**<http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org>**