

**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 Angela Penquite, deputy director of communication services, at (614) 540-4000 (or (614) 827-2871 from Nov. 10-12). Visit <http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org> to find out what school districts from your area are participating.

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### **— — MEDIA ALERT — —**

#### **64<sup>th</sup> annual OSBA Capital Conference draws thousands of public education leaders**

COLUMBUS — More than 9,000 school board members, superintendents and others will gather Nov. 10-12 in Columbus for one of the nation's premier public education conferences. The event celebrates student achievement, features nationally known speakers and hosts one of the largest exhibitions of educational goods and services in the U.S.

The Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) Capital Conference and Trade Show at the Greater Columbus Convention Center is the largest training event of its kind for Ohio school board members, administrators and education stakeholders, with countless opportunities to learn from experts who explore subjects in dozens of disciplines. Topics include board development, business operations, community engagement, innovation and instruction, legal issues, social-emotional learning, safety and wellness, and more.

More than 170 workshops and seminars are focused on ways to meet the growing challenges facing public school districts.

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Keynote speakers include Jason Latimer (3:45 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 10), a world-champion magician whose performances not only fascinate audiences but also help answer the question he's been asking all of his life: What's possible? His journey has united science and magic. He speaks at the First General Session.

Award-winning film, TV and stage actress Laura Linney (10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12) will discuss the importance of infusing creativity into all aspects of our lives. She's performed in myriad films, including "Mr. Holmes," "Kinsey," "You Can Count on Me," "Mystic River," "Love Actually" and "The Truman Show." She speaks at the Second General Session.

Also speaking is Dr. Frederic Bertley (12:15 p.m. Monday, Nov. 11), the president and CEO of the Center of Science and Industry (COSI), who will address the importance of STEM education. Another speaker is former Ohio State University football star Maurice Clarett (12:15 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12), who is inspiring others as the founder of The Red Zone, a behavioral health agency serving children and their families. State Board of Education Vice President Charlotte McGuire headlines the OSBA Black Caucus Dinner (7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 10) and will focus on ways diverse boards can provide academic access to all students.

One of the conference's more popular events, the Student Achievement Fair (10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 11) features 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/20299> for more information on participating districts.

Another highlight is the conference Trade Show, filled with vendors showcasing their products and services in nearly 600 booths.

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Both General Sessions (Nov. 10 and Nov. 12) feature prominent statewide awards, including the OSBA All-Ohio School Board and President's awards; 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 and food service director of the year. OSBA also will honor veteran school board members who have dedicated a significant portion of their lives to the improvement of public education and the betterment of their communities

Founded in 1955, 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>**