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The OAASFEP provides effective leadership, professional development and legislative information on state and federal educational programs to serve all Ohio's students.

MISSION

In partnership with the Ohio Department of Education, legislators, and other organizations, OAASFEP will facilitate open communication, provide professional development opportunities, promote legislative inquiry, and support Ohio's school communities to foster optimal learning for all Ohio's students.



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From the President

Ken Ferlito

Happy 2010 to all OAASFEP Members!

In Northern Ohio the snow has fallen and the ground is white and winter cold has taken over. I hope you had a wonderful winter break. I hope it was a time to reflect and rejuvenate as we move into a new decade. So is it Twenty Ten or Two Thousand Ten or just 10? We have so many choices, just like in Title funding, is it Title I or is it ARRA Title I? Did you apply for this waiver or that waiver, and did which waivers get approved? Is it NCLB or ESEA? Is it "Race to the Top" or "Reach for the Stars"?

Speaking of "Reaching for the Stars", the 2010 OAASFEP TITLE 1/FEDERAL PROGRAMS SPRING CONFERENCE is fast approaching.

2010 An Education Odyssey...A Journey of What Could Be, Where All Children Learn is the title for our Spring Conference. It is being held at the Hyatt Regency, Columbus, Ohio on Wednesday – Friday, MARCH 24-26, 2010. This highly successful learning event will again feature many nationally-known educators at the Administrators and Coordinators Workshop as well as Keynote and Workshop Presentations during the regular conference. The photos and title of presentations may be found on our Webpage. Register now for this big event!

I hope that you will take advantage of this wonderful conference and bring a team of educators to get the most up-to date information on Federal Funding and State Funding. The Spring Conference is more than a funding conference. We have many national presenters who offer workshops and learning sessions for all. These presenters offer us all a plethora of topics from which to choose. Getting questions answered and being able to speak to our presenters on a personal note is one of many advantages of attending this conference. The ODE will have many people here to make presentations and may have updated information about "Race to the Top".

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2010 OAASFEP Title I/Federal Programs Spring Conference

2010 An Education Odyssey...A Journey of What Could Be, Where All Children Learn March 24-26, 2010



Bill Bogner
Conference Facilitator

OAASFEP will again partner with the Office of Federal Programs, Center for School Improvement, in the planning of the annual 2010 OAASFEP Title I/Federal Programs Spring Conference to be held on March 24-26 at the Hyatt Regency Convention Center, Columbus. *2010 An Education Odyssey* is a professional development opportunity for all teachers, coordinators/administrators, treasurers, parent coordinators, etc. who are seeking best practices, strategies and information relative to classroom instruction in the core content areas, school or district improvement, fiscal management etc. while implementing federal programs under the existing No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. All of the carefully selected keynote and featured workshop presenters are nationally or internationally known inspirational educators considered to be “the best” in their specialties. The keynote presenters include Salome Thomas-El, a very successful and inspirational principal from an inner city school in Philadelphia; Dr. Steven L. Layne, a humorous and powerful reading professor and children’s author; Dr. Nell Duke, an interesting and content driven reading professor and researcher; and Betty Hollas, an entertaining former teacher and principal. The conference will offer nine featured workshops and over 45 learning sessions addressing nine classroom-focused strands essential to improving student achievement in Ohio. Advance registration for all workshops and learning sessions will be available again this year. The printed registration packets were mailed in mid-December to all school district superintendents, treasurers, and CCIP Contacts. You may also register on-line at this website: www.oasfep.net

We hope you choose to attend this annual conference. It is a conference about the big ideas in education, the latest research, what’s new in your subject area and special education! We promise that you will hear top-notch educators to special presentations by practitioners from many school districts across Ohio as well as the Ohio Department of Education. Please go to the OAASFEP website, 2010 Spring Conference, click on the “Conference Planner” to stretch your professional learning into new areas or go in depth on the topics you care most about to meet your professional learning needs. We are confident that this *Journey*, that you will take at this conference, will refresh you as a teaching professional as well as impact the learning of the students that you serve. ♦

*OAASFEP Spring Conference at the
Columbus Hyatt Regency
March 24-26, 2010*

Legislative Update

By Jeremy Marks

State Activity

Ohio's General Assembly wrapped up the year and recessed for the holidays after finding a compromise on **HB 318** (Sykes, D-Akron), a bill to address the \$851 million budget shortfall. After much debate, the bill passed the Senate 17-15 and the House 54-42 and was signed into law by Governor Strickland. In general, the bill addresses the shortfall by freezing state income tax rates at the 2008 level, postponing the final 4.2 percent reduction. The tax revenues made available through this postponement will allow the state to avoid potential devastating cuts to education funding as well as ensure the state maintains its financial commitments to receive federal education stimulus funds. In addition to addressing the budget issue, HB 318 also contains other education-related provisions including:

- Requires local boards of education to adopt a resolution providing justification for the delay of implementing all-day kindergarten
- Requires districts applying for an all-day kindergarten waiver to submit a plan for the full implementation of all-day kindergarten beginning in the 2011-2012 school year
- Requires the Ohio Department of Education to issue an all-day kindergarten waiver to any district with a local board resolution and an implementation plan
- Allows the Ohio Department of Education to use General Revenue Fund lapses to restore funding for chartered non-public schools to Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 levels.

Prior to recessing for the year, the General Assembly also approved and Governor Strickland signed other education-related bills, including:

- **HB 290** (Bubp, R-West Union/Pryor, D-Huntington Township) allows Junior ROTC to be considered as an elective class under the Ohio Core curriculum and permits schools to excuse JROTC students from high school physical education. HB 290 also specifies conditions under which certain community schools may obtain new sponsors; and permits the ODE and Board of Regents to establish a longitudinal student data system.
- **HB 19** (Harwood, D-Niles) requires public schools to incorporate dating violence into their policies prohibiting harassment, intimidation or bullying; and requires school districts to include dating violence prevention education in the health curriculum; clarifies the condition under which a community school must close for poor academic performance; and revises the criminal offenses that disqualify school bus drivers for employment.



Jeremy Marks
Legislative Liaison/
ODE Stimulus Manager

*NAFEPA annual
conference at the Omni
Shoreham Hotel in
Washington, D.C.,
March 28-30, 2010*

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From the President from page 1

We broke a record at the Fall Conference for the largest attendance for a Fall Conference. We hope to do the same for the Spring Conference. I would like to thank Bill Bogner and Carl Evans, for their continued hard work at making the OAASFEP's conferences so organized and so informative. Thank you both, for all you do.

I look forward to seeing many of you in March. If you are interested in getting involved in this organization please let one of our Board Members know of your interest. We always need help at our conferences and we are looking for new faces to help take on leadership roles. See you at the Spring Conference! ♦



Ken Ferlito
OAASFEP President

Classroom Ideas That Work

OAASFEP would like to add your "ideas that work" to the 2010 Spring Conference, March 24 – 26. "Great discoveries and achievements invariably involve the cooperation of many minds." Table displays will be available at the Hyatt Regency Ballroom foyer for all conferees to view on Wednesday evening, March 24th, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Would you be willing to display your classroom, instructional or building ideas that work so that other Ohio educators may learn from and use in their teaching assignment?

Set-up:	Wednesday, March 24 th 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Viewing:	5:00 – 7:00 p.m. (removed by 8:00 p.m.)
Space:	½ to full table, depending on need; electrical hookup available upon request.

To show its' appreciation, **OAASFEP will provide a \$75 deduction on the conference registration fee for one educator per display.** Interested? Space can be reserved by contacting Bill Bogner at 440.324.3175 or bill.bogner@ode.state.oh.us. Thank you.

A Few of the Speakers for the 2010 Spring Conference



Salome Thomas-EI



Dr. Mike White



Leigh Manasevit, Esq.



Debbie Diller



Dr. Steven L. Layne

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Federal Activity

Clearly the main focus at the federal level has been on health care reform and Congress wrapped up 2009 with significant progress on a health care bill. Both the House and Senate approved separate legislation but have not been able to resolve the differences between the two chambers. Thus, Congress enters 2010 with health care as the top priority which will stall most movement on other legislation, including any education-related reauthorizations. Prior to the end of the calendar year, Congress was able to approve HR 3288, the FY2010 Consolidated Appropriations Act, which is an omnibus spending bill of nearly \$450 million in discretionary funding for the six remaining appropriations bills that were not approved individually. The omnibus includes FY2010 funding for programs under the Labor, Health and Human Services and Education appropriations. In general, most programs were flat funded at the FY2009 levels. The U.S. Department of Education receives approximately \$67 billion for the programs under its jurisdiction.

In addition to health care and appropriations, Congress has also been exploring the idea of approving a second stimulus bill. In the meantime, prior to the end of the year, the House of Representatives approved HR 2847, the “Jobs Bill”, which would provide \$75 billion of unspent funds from the \$700 billion Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP) for job creation. In particular, the House-passed bill, would provide \$23 billion for an “Education Jobs Fund” intended to assist states support school districts and public institutions of higher education to retain and create jobs as well as to modernize and repair education facilities. The Senate has not taken up the measure.

ODE Stimulus News

ODE has been working on several applications regarding the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) including the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) Phase II (due January 11, 2010), the Race to the Top (due January 19, 2010) and School Improvement grant (due February 8, 2010). In addition, ODE and school districts recently completed the 2nd quarter ARRA reporting (expenditures and jobs created or retained). However, late December guidance from the federal Office of Management and Budget established a new methodology for calculating jobs created/retained by ARRA funds that will require ODE to recapture reporting data from school districts during the timeframe of January 20-February 9, 2010. These federal reporting requirements (that seem to change frequently) and aggressive application deadlines have been a challenge for all of us. We thank you for all your efforts to ensure Ohio’s success on these important stimulus-related issues. ♦



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