

Advocacy October 2012!

Here are some resources for some educational hot topics:

Common Core Information

Check out the Common Core information that PTA has put together at:

http://www.pta.org/common_core_state_standards.asp

Revised Third Grade Reading Guarantee

For information and resources about the Third Grade Reading Guarantee:

<http://www.ode.state.oh.us/GD/Templates/Pages/ODE/ODEDetail.aspx?page=3&TopicRelationID=5&ContentID=129423>

The following is taken from the Ohio School Board Assoc. "Facts in a Flash":

Ohio Department of Education Draft Policy on Positive Behavior Intervention Supports

The draft model policy states: "Schools should implement an evidence-based school-wide system or framework of positive behavioral interventions and supports." As a part of the behavioral interventions and supports, schools would be required to conduct "functional behavior assessments" (FBA) for any students that "display severe or a pattern of unhealthy or disruptive behaviors that impede the learning environment for themselves and/or others." The assessments should be followed by behavioral intervention plans (BIP) that "incorporate positive behavioral interventions." Previously, FBAs and BIPs have been applied only in the context of students eligible for Individuals with Disabilities Education Act services. These concepts and words have acquired specialized and technical meaning in the special education context, but the proposed policy might require districts to perform FBAs on a much wider group of students who might never need to be restrained and/or secluded.

Release of Report Card Data

The State Board has released 2011-12 school report card data in raw form without comparative district rankings. The data will appear in an excel spreadsheet that will include composite proficiency test results, Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) status and value-added scores. Schools and districts will not be rated in this report. Other items left out of this report include attendance rates, performance index scores and the number of indicators met.

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Ohio School Boards Assoc.	www.osba-ohio.org
Ohio Education Assoc.	www.oec.columbus.oh.us
Ohio Department of Education	www.ode.state.oh.us

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