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NEWSLETTER

Mid-Ohio ESC Community School

REMINDERS

May 1

Grade 3 Paper Testing Decision
— Due

May 4

CFIG Webinar Part 1 • 10:00–
11:30 AM

May 5

CSP Webinar Part 1 • 2:00–
3:00 PM

May 6

CFIG Webinar Part 2 • 10:00–
11:00 AM

May 7

CSP Webinar Part 2 • LMS
Training Deadline

May 8

One Funding Application
Webinar • 11:00 AM

May 11

New DEW LMS Launch

May 11–22

CSP & CFIG Application
Window

May 11–29

Emergency Medical Waiver
Window

May 12

IRC Town Hall • 12:00 PM

May 19

One Funding Webinar • 10:00
AM

June 1–5

Regional One Funding
Trainings

June 3–4

ReadOhio Literacy Academy

June 15

Final Expenditure Report
Webinar

June 17

One Funding Application
Webinar

KEY CALLOUTS

AI Policy Due

July 1, 2026

Probation Reporting

3-day notice • 10-day follow-up

One Funding Training

May 19 • June 17

SAS/EVAAS Access

Request via DEW

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General Updates

Announcements

Colleen Grady shared with sponsors that she will be retiring later this summer and moving on to her next adventure. She has been a key leader within the Office of Community Schools.

Additional details and transition information are expected in the coming months as the Department prepares for this change.

Industry-Recognized Credentials Redesign

ODEW continues work to redesign Ohio's K–12 Industry-Recognized Credential system to better align with workforce demand and improve student outcomes. The redesigned system will focus on credentials tied to employment, earnings, and career advancement, with stronger alignment to in-demand industries.

- Credentials will be evaluated using a data-driven framework tied to workforce demand and outcomes
- A refreshed credential list will prioritize high-value credentials aligned to career pathways
- A formal review process will ensure credentials remain aligned to labor market needs
- Credentials will be directly connected to in-demand jobs and career pathways

State data shows that while **76% of credentials are currently in use**, attainment is concentrated in a small number of offerings, and mid-tier credentials are underutilized.

Action: Review current credential offerings and plan to attend the **May 12 town hall** to prepare for upcoming changes.

CSP & CFIG Grants — Applications & Supports

CSP and CFIG grant applications are expected to open **May 11–22**. RFAs are now available, and ODEW has scheduled a full series of webinars and office hours to support applicants.

- CSP webinars: May 5, May 7, and May 8
- CFIG webinars: May 4, May 6, and May 8
- Office hours available mid-May for both grants
- All updates and materials available through DEW and Ed Connection

Action: Review RFAs now and ensure staff attend webinars prior to submitting applications.

One Funding Application Transition

The transition to the **One Funding Application in ED STEPS** continues, with multiple webinar and in-person training opportunities scheduled.

- Webinars: May 19 and June 17
- Final Expenditure Report webinar: June 15
- Regional in-person trainings: June 1–5 across Ohio

Action: Register for training sessions and ensure staff are prepared to use the system for submissions and reporting.

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UPCOMING MOESC PD

May 5

Technology Directors Network •
8:30 AM

May 8

Student Leadership • 8:00 AM

May 8

Artist & Educator Workshop •
9:00 AM

May 14

It Takes a League to Leave a
Legacy • 7:00 AM

May 15

SLP Ethics Training • 9:00 AM

BILLS TO WATCH

SB-144 — Creates a 4–8
teaching license; passed
Senate, pending in House with
possible amendments.

SB-311 — Omnibus education
bill addressing testing, facilities,
and governance; under review
with expected changes.

KEY LINKS

[Legislative Service Commission](#)
— [Pending Legislation](#)

Legal & Policy Updates

From Washington —

The U.S. Department of Education is on the move — literally. Currently headquartered in the Lyndon Johnson Building near the Capitol Mall, the Department will be moving this summer into smaller quarters a block away on D Street. Staff reductions have resulted in the Johnson Building being underutilized, with only about 30%–50% of the available space in use. Originally home to NASA, the building later housed the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare before becoming Education's first and only headquarters. The Department of Energy is expected to become the building's next tenant.

The Trump administration has released its proposed FY 2027 budget. The proposal closely mirrors the FY 2026 budget, which was ultimately rejected by Congress. Title I (remedial reading and math) and IDEA Part B (special education) are not expected to see reductions. However, other programs — including professional development, English learner services, and afterschool programming — face significant cuts or possible elimination. The proposal also includes shifting some responsibilities to other agencies, such as transferring federal student loan management to the U.S. Treasury.

Back in Columbus —

The Ohio General Assembly is currently in recess until after the May primary election. Both chambers are expected to return the week of May 11, with plans to adjourn by June 12 until after the November general election. Following the election, legislative leaders anticipate a 2–6 week lame duck session.

Over the next month, the General Assembly will focus primarily on finalizing the state's capital budget, which funds infrastructure such as roads, bridges, and public buildings. However, other legislation continues to move.

SB-144 appears poised to advance from the House Education Committee following multiple hearings, though amendments are expected after recess. In its current form, the bill would retain the PreK–5 and 7–12 license bands and create a new 4–8 grade band. Unlike the current 4–9 license, which requires teachers to specialize in two core subject areas, the proposed 4–8 license would allow teachers to serve as generalists across all core subjects.

SB-311, Senator Brenner's omnibus education bill, recently received its third hearing in the Senate Education Committee. Testimony during this hearing came primarily from opponents and interested parties. The Ohio Education Association (OEA) and representatives from the "Big 8" urban districts testified in opposition, citing concerns with provisions related to immunity and unused school facilities. Organizations including OSBA, BASA, and OASBO also raised concerns, particularly regarding immunity provisions, while the Ohio Municipal League expressed concerns about zoning language. Additional amendments to SB-311 are expected after recess.

As the General Assembly enters the second half of the legislative session, it is important to note that any bill not passed by both chambers and signed by the Governor by December 31 will expire and must be reintroduced in the next General Assembly to continue moving forward.