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Yost: Charter schools can expect more surprise attendance audits

Ohio Auditor of State **Dave Yost** announced on Sept. 24 that his office will conduct a second round of surprise attendance audits at charter schools to make sure taxpayer funds are being spent appropriately. Last year, his office made unannounced visits to 30 charter schools and found several cases of inaccurate attendance records on which state funding to the schools is based. Yost added that the upcoming round of reviews will include new components not examined in last year's audits.

OSBA sends Capital Conference materials to school district treasurers

Packets with name badges, tickets, ribbons and the *Conference Guide* for the 2015 OSBA Capital Conference have been sent to district treasurers. If your district has not yet registered for the 60th annual conference, Nov. 8-11 in Columbus, contact **Ann Herritt** at (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA, or download registration materials at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/43635>. OSBA is offering a special school district group registration rate: once your district has signed up at least seven people for the conference, an unlimited number of additional individuals can register for free. For complete conference details, visit <http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org>.

NSBA honors Cleveland Municipal for excellence in urban education

Cleveland Municipal is one of three districts in the nation to be honored with a prestigious award from the National School Boards Association's Council of Urban Boards of Education (CUBE). The district received the 2015 CUBE Award for Urban School Board Excellence Oct. 3 during CUBE's annual conference in Phoenix. The award honors successful urban school boards for their strategic vision, sound governance practices and powerful commitment to raising student achievement.

Akron City school board member earns national recognition

The Rev. Dr. **Curtis T. Walker Sr.**, **Akron City**, has received the 2015 Benjamin Elijah Mays Lifetime Achievement Award from the National School Boards Association's Council of Urban Boards of Education. The award is given to an individual who has demonstrated a lifetime commitment to representing the educational needs of urban schoolchildren through service as a local school board member. Former **Youngstown City** board member **Lock P. Beachum Sr.** received the award in 2014.

Governor appoints new State Board of Education member

Gov. **John R. Kasich** has appointed retired Ashland University Provost **Frank Pettigrew Jr.** to an at-large seat on the State Board of Education. Pettigrew's term will last through 2016. He replaces Ohio Christian University President **Mark Smith**, who

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resigned in September, citing a busy travel schedule. Kasich still must fill an elected seat vacated by **Robert F. Hagan**, a former state representative who took a job in Washington, D.C. Hagan, who resigned earlier this year, represented the board's District 8 in eastern Ohio. The term for that seat also runs through 2016.

National competition seeks outstanding youth volunteers

Prudential Financial and the National Association of Secondary School Principals are seeking outstanding youth volunteers in grades five through 12 to honor with the annual Prudential Spirit of Community Awards. The top two volunteers recognized in each state will be awarded \$1,000 and a trip to the nation's capital, where 10 of them will be named America's top youth volunteers. Those 10 will be awarded an additional \$5,000, as well as \$5,000

Lorain students help 'Heat and Plumb the Country'

Lorain County JVSD students recently worked alongside contractors to help elderly, disabled or low-income homeowners and veterans in areas around greater Cleveland and Cuyahoga County. Students in the heating, ventilation and cooling program performed water audits, plumbing repairs, and maintenance and safety checks on furnaces and other appliances as part of the 12th annual Heat and Plumb the Country campaign. Air Conditioning Contractors of America and the Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors Association sponsored the event. "I'm proud of the way these students stepped up and donated their time to a very worthy cause," instructor **David Morgan** said in a news release. Source: Lorain County JVSD

in grants for the charities of their choice. For details and to apply, visit <http://spirit.prudential.com>. The application deadline is Nov. 3.

ODE announces shorter times for 2015-16 state tests

The Ohio Department of Education has shortened the 2015-

2016 state tests in English language arts and mathematics by a range of 39% to 50% from the tests given in 2014-2015. The length of the social studies and science tests will remain the same as last year. For details, visit <http://links.ohio.schoolboards.org/41816>.

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