

Educator Lobby Days

OEA Announces Upcoming Lobby Days April 28 and May 12 Help protect funding for public education and provide economic security for our members.

Educator Lobby Days provide an opportunity for OEA members to meet with state legislators to discuss key educational issues.

There will be an hour-long briefing at the beginning of each lobby day at OEA Headquarters. Talking points relating to current educational issues will be provided at these sessions. You need to contact Jada Wilson at wilsonja@ohea.org or 800-282-1500 to register for either or both Lobby Days.

It is strongly encouraged that you schedule meetings with your legislators prior to the lobby day. The legislative information can be found at www.legislature.state.oh.us/.

NCOEA has in the past arranged the meetings for NCOEA members to see the legislators as a group. As soon as arrangements are made, local presidents will be notified or you may email cswank44@embarqmail.com for information closer to the event.

The May 12 Lobby Day will also include the OEA Legislative Reception at the Ohio Theatre Pavilion from 5-7:30 pm. This offers an additional opportunity for members to discuss education issues with legislators and OEA leaders in an informal gathering. If you need further information or would like to attend the OEA Legislative Reception, please contact Briana McKay at mckayb@ohea.org or 800-282-1500.

NCOEA's Emerging Leaders Program Begins New NCOEA Program involves 14 members from 4 locals

Fourteen members from four locals have enrolled in the new NCOEA Emerging Leaders Program. They are Michael Anderson, Shelly Barton, Gina Bunker, Bonnie Debo, Derek Fisher, Pam Jones, T.J. Maraco, Robin Plate, Anne Rundle, Della Sampsel, Dan Slaughter, Pam Taylor, Kathryn Tony, and Stephanie Watson. They represent Ashland City Teachers Association, Crestview Teachers Association, Galion Education Association, and Mansfield Schools Employees Association.

The program involves attending seven workshops at Mansfield Senior High School during the year. The goal of the program is to increase the number of members involved as active leaders at the local, district, regional, state, and/or national levels. The program will continue during the 2009-2010 school year with an emphasis on encouraging members from Crawford, Huron and Knox counties to participate. If you are interested in participating or if you know of someone who might benefit from this program, please contact Sue Jarvis, Emerging Leaders Chair, at suejarvis@yahoo.com or Chris Swank at cswank44@embarqmail.com by June 1, 2009.



The first session of Emerging Leaders 2008-09. This session dealt with the History of Education and the Association as well as projecting the future role of educators and the Association in changing and improving education for students in Ohio.