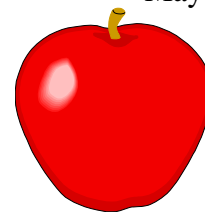


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## NCOEA/OEA 2004-2005 CALENDAR

Ex. Com. Mtgs. 6:30 pm at St. Timothy's Lutheran Church at Rt. 42 & Rt. 30 in Mansfield.  
OEA Ex. Com. Mtgs. at OEA Hdqtrs. Col.

April 18	NCOEA Spring Representative Assembly, Brown Derby Road House, Ontario
May 4-5	OEA Executive Com.
May 6-7	OEA Spring Representative Assembly, Vets Mem. Col.
May 12	NCOEA Executive Com.
May 16	NCOEA Awards Dinner, Road House, Ontario
May 21	OEA-R Conference, OEA Headquarters
June 3	District Leaders
June 3-4	OEA Executive Com.
June 4	NEA Delegate Briefing
June 10&11	NCOEA Retreat, Mohican
June 16	CENTWEST, Tiffin
June 27-28	NEA-R Representative Assembly, Los Angeles, CA
July 1-6	NEA Representative Assembly, Los Angeles, CA
July 31	District Leaders Retreat, Columbus
August 1 - 3	OEA Summer Leadership Academy, Columbus

**All NCOEA and OEA Executive Committee meetings are open and members of NCOEA and OEA are welcome to attend.**

**EDUCATION RALLY PLANNED AT THE STATEHOUSE, TUESDAY, MAY 24<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm SEE INFORMATION ON PAGE 3**

## How Much Money Is Leaving My Local District?

**Patti Dice, NCOEA Vice President and newly elected OEA Executive Committee Member representing NCOEA**

Within North Central OEA, there are many local state school foundation funds that are being sent to out-of-county, for-profit charter schools. These transfers are having a negative impact on the financial health of many public schools.

According to the ODE Public School - Community Deduct Report for the month of February for the fiscal year 2005, Centerburg Schools in Knox County lost \$45,046 to charter schools in Franklin, Lucas, Summit, and Marion counties. Additionally, other local schools in that area lost a substantial amount of public school foundation money to out-of-county, for profit charter schools. For example: Clear Fork's community school lost almost \$150,000, Danville's local school lost over \$25,000, East Knox Local Schools lost more than \$100,000, Fredericktown - almost \$73,000, Highland's community school - more than \$350,000, Johnstown-Monroe - over \$110,000, Mount Vernon City Schools - almost \$307,000, North Fork - almost \$210,000, and Northridge's community school - almost \$191,000. Totaled, these local schools lost more than \$1,500,000 (that's \$1.5 million) to charter schools. These schools must somehow offset these losses.

Not only is the amount of money these schools lose astonishing, but the state indicators they meet (or don't meet) is beyond comprehension, especially because charter schools promise 'quality education.' According to information from the ODE website,

the Alternative Education Academy in Lucas met only 3 out of 17 state indicators. Many students from the above mentioned schools are enrolled in the Alternative Education Academy.

### Other interesting facts:

Clear Fork's 2003-2004 3<sup>rd</sup> grade reading achievement test students scored 88.7% while AEA's students scored 63.7% (which is below the 75% state requirement).

East Knox's 9<sup>th</sup> grade students scored 97.4% on the writing portion of the ninth-grade proficiency test while AEA's score was 59.1% on the same test.

The Electronic Classroom of tomorrow (Franklin County) is in academic emergency and only met 2 of the state indicators. (Many funds for ECT are deducted from the foundation amounts of the above mentioned schools.

TRECA Digital Academy (Marion County) receives over \$350,000 in funds deducted from local school

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*Patti Dice - NCOEA Vice President*