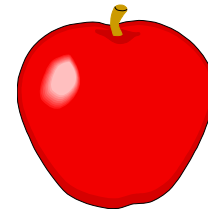


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## 2005-2006 NCOEA Officers

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## NCOEA/OEA 2005-2006 CALENDAR

NCOEA Ex. Com. Mtgs. 6:00 pm at St. Timothy's Lutheran Church at Rt. 42 & Rt. 30 in Mansfield.  
OEA Ex. Com. & DLC Mtgs. at OEA Hdqtrs. Col. CentWest RCC Mtgs. at Tiffin

<b>April 6</b>	<b>NCOEA Executive Com.</b>
<b>April 24</b>	<b>NCOEA Spring Rep. Assem.</b> RoadHouse, Ontario, 5:00 p.m.
<b>May 1</b>	<b>HCC Service Council</b> Bucyrus, 5:00 p.m.
<b>May 3-4</b>	<b>OEA Executive Com.</b>
<b>May 5-6</b>	<b>OEA Spring Rep. Assem.</b> Veterans Memorial, Col.
<b>May 11</b>	<b>NCOEA Executive Com.</b>
<b>May 15</b>	<b>NCOEA Awards Dinner</b> RoadHouse, Ontario, 5:00pm
<b>May 23</b>	<b>OEA Lobby Day</b>
<b>May 25</b>	<b>C.A.R. Service Council</b>
<b>June 2</b>	<b>DLC</b>
<b>June 2-3</b>	<b>OEA Executive Com.</b>
<b>June 3</b>	<b>NEA Delegate Briefing,</b> Columbus
<b>June 10-11</b>	<b>NCOEA Exec. Retreat</b>
<b>June 15</b>	<b>CentWest RCC</b>
<b>June 30-July 5</b>	<b>NEA RA, Orlando</b>
<b>July 30</b>	<b>DLC</b>
<b>July 31-August 2</b>	<b>OEA Leadership Acad.</b> Columbus
<b>August 2-4</b>	<b>OEA Executive Committee</b>
<b>September 7</b>	<b>NCOEA Executive Com.</b>
<b>September 15</b>	<b>DLC</b>
<b>September 15-16</b>	<b>OEA Executive Committee</b>
<b>October 5</b>	<b>NCOEA Executive Com.</b>
<b>October 20</b>	<b>DLC</b>
<b>October 20-21</b>	<b>OEA Executive Committee</b>
<b>November 2</b>	<b>NCOEA Executive Com.</b>
<b>November 11</b>	<b>NCOEA Fall Rep. Assem.</b>

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

## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN – CATHY ALESHIRE It's Your Future

In February the OEA FCPE Convention unanimously voted to endorse Ted Strickland for Governor. Oh no! I can hear the collective groans, OEA has endorsed another Democrat!

Give me a chance to describe the endorsement process. In order for a candidate to be endorsed by OEA they must first participate in the screening process. OEA bases all of the screening questions around education and educational issues.

Ken Blackwell declined the invitation to screen with the council. The remaining candidates of Petro, Flannery and Fingerhut did agree to be interviewed.

In the past OEA has endorsed Mr. Petro and has been supportive of him when he has run for other offices. Unfortunately, his views in this election are not as moderate as they have been in the past. He is in support of expanding vouchers and charter schools. He also believes the number of school districts in Ohio should be reduced to 300. This would mean that many of the smaller school districts in Ohio would be consolidated or dissolved.

Mr. Strickland has always been a supporter of public education and is a former Professor at Shawnee State. It is his belief that to have economic development in this state we must also have a first rate educational system.

We have seen what has been happening over the last 8 years under the current leadership in Columbus.

The system is not working and the public education system in Ohio has been suffering. Too many elected officials are funneling tax dollars to online and charter schools that do not have to meet the same requirements as their public school counterparts.

Many of the school districts in North Central are very small and will probably cease to exist under Mr. Petro's vision of Public Education in Ohio. It's your future and your students' future that will be decided next November.



**Cathy Aleshire  
NCOEA President**

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