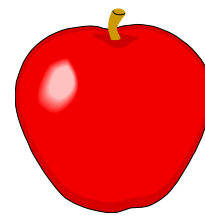


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## 2005-2006 NCOEA Officers

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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>November 1</b>	<b>Richland County</b> Local Presidents Meeting 5:30pm Olive Garden, Mansfield
<b>November 3</b>	<b>NCOEA Executive Com.</b>
<b>November 12</b>	<b>NCOEA Fall Rep. Assem.</b> Roadhouse, Ontario, 8:00am
<b>November 14</b>	<b>Knox County</b> Local Pres. Mtg. Alcove, Mt. Vernon, The Alcove, 5:30 pm
<b>November 17</b>	<b>C.A.R. Service Council</b>
<b>November 21</b>	<b>Huron/Crawford</b> Service Council, Berry's, Norwalk
<b>December 1-2</b>	<b>OEA Executive Com.</b>
<b>December 3</b>	<b>OEA Fall Rep. Assem.</b> Veterans Memorial, Col.
<b>December 5</b>	<b>NorthCentral Lex. A</b> Service Council, Mt. Vernon
<b>January 5, 2006</b>	<b>NCOEA Executive Com.</b>
<b>January 12</b>	<b>CentWest RCC</b> , Tiffin
<b>January 26</b>	<b>C.A.R. Service Council</b>
<b>January 27-29</b>	<b>NEA Mid-Atlantic</b> , Phila.
<b>February 2</b>	<b>NCOEA Executive Com.</b>
<b>February 7</b>	<b>NCOEA Local Presidents</b> Dutch Heritage, Belleville
<b>February 17</b>	<b>DLC</b>
<b>February 17-18</b>	<b>OEA Executive Com.</b>
<b>February 27</b>	<b>Huron/Crawford</b> Service Council, Willard Middle School
<b>March 2</b>	<b>NCOEA Executive Com.</b>
<b>March 16</b>	<b>CentWest RCC</b> , Tiffin

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

## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN – CATHY ALESHIRE Making the Grade

Recently the Ohio Department of Education published its list of schools that were selected as "Schools of Promise." Out of 113 schools honored NCOEA had 7 schools selected for this award: Bucyrus High School, Carlisle Elementary, Kilbourne Elementary, Norton Elementary, Buckeye North Elementary (Crawford County), Plymouth High School and Shiloh Middle School (Richland County).

To receive this award the respective school must have at least 40 percent of its student population meeting the criteria of being low income. These schools must also have at least a 75 percent passage rate in reading or math.

The educators in these school districts deserve to be commended because they have achieved success under difficult circumstances.

What the Ohio Department of Education fails to recognize is that many of our districts in this state perform at outstanding levels and are "Schools of Promise."

Many of the Teaching Professionals in this state are dedicated and have to work under adverse circumstances such as, low wages, lack of administrative support, poor facilities, community apathy and

poor decision making by local school boards.

I recently attended a workshop where a participant made the following statement..."that you can't hit the target if you don't know what the target is." Teachers and students are constantly faced with changing standards that measure student achievement. Too often the State or Federal Government changes the rules or criteria that determine student success and we have to start over again!

We have capable teachers in this state who just need a little support and financial stability in order to create "Great Public Schools for Every Child!"



**Cathy Aleshire,  
NCOEA President**