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The OAASFEP provides effective leadership, professional development and legislative information on state and federal educational programs to serve all Ohio's students.

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From the President

Ken Ferlito

Welcome to Fall! Have you started your holiday shopping? The holidays will be here before you know it and we will be welcoming in 2013. It is never too late to start spending money on those holiday expenses!

My sixth grade teacher and years later a teaching colleague of mine (yes, I ended up back in my home town to teach) would say, "once October comes you might as well pack up the texts and get ready for summer. The end of the school year will be here before you know it". I have to admit as I am approaching a half-century of life, the years seem to pass by quicker. Change I believe makes time go faster and in education change seems to be a constant. Policies change, funding changes, people change, research changes, styles change, reporting changes, expectations change, assessments change, and the list of changes goes on and on. Change is good, but it keeps us busy. OAASFEP hopes that our Fall Conference helped you deal with change and allowed you to reflect on how to be a "leader for learning" while change is taking place all around.

I would like to thank everyone who attended our Fall Coordinators Conference, "Leaders for Learning". I now have answers to State and Federal Funding questions that I didn't have when I left Euclid to attend the conference. I am grateful that the ODE staff is willing to come to the conference and share their knowledge with us first hand.

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NAFEPA/OAASFEP FY 2013

Dr. Everett Mann, NAFEPA

Against the uncertainties of elections, funding, waivers, and local report cards, state and federal programs educators must transform education to meet the needs of students in 2012. Collaborating with the Ohio Department of Education and the United States Department of Education has never been more important.

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What follows are some resources and thoughts.

1. ESEA Flexibility Waiver Q & A by Dr. Cynthia A. Lemmerman Director, ODE. This presentation from the OAASFEP Fall Conference is a must know if you want to have any chance of implementing federal programs effectively this year and next year in your districts including RttT.

2. It's Been Done: Helping All Children Achieve At High Levels by Dr. Christina Theokas and Karin Chenoweth, The Education Trust. I went to The Education Trust website and found their article "Leading for Learning" which covered the points they made in their OAASFEP Fall Conference presentation. These points are similar to much of what some of us learned and implemented when we had categorical state dollars for extra supports for children.

3. Federal Law ESEA Update by Leigh Manasevit, Esq . This OAASFEP Fall Conference presentation is on the OAASFEP website. A key point from this presentation is that we will likely not see ESEA reauthorization for implementing in FY14 and FY15. I recommend you revisit my first resource and keep close contact with ODE.

4. 2013 OAASFEP Title I/Federal Programs Spring Conference. This conference is March 20-22, 2013 in Columbus, Ohio. It is on Federal Programs and Common Core and will lead to success for you and your students. I do not know of a better way for you to knowledgeably meet your responsibilities than by attending this conference.

5. 2013 NAFEPA Annual Conference. This conference is on April 14-17, 2013 in Washington D. C. If you believe that you are making a difference at the local and state levels, I encourage you to attend this conference to take your work to a new level. You are the experts and Congress represents you. Given their 10% approval rating, they can use the assistance.

6. Finally, please let me know what you would like from NAFEPA/OAASFEP and what we can do better. We are largely volunteer organizations and spend much of our efforts communicating through our conferences. Like you, we have jobs, families, and other interests. We value your time. ♦

Best Wishes,
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*Dr. Everett Mann
NEFEPA Representative*

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Thank you ODE for your support and for all you do! Thank you to the keynote speakers and all presenters for sharing their knowledge, expertise and experiences with us. OAASFEP Conferences are a great way to gain new knowledge and to stay up to date on the ever changing State and Federal Programs and to see best practices in leading, teaching and learning.

If you attended the Fall Conference please take the time to fill out the on-line "Monkey Survey". It only takes a few minutes to complete, but it gives your association information in order to improve our conferences. Your feedback is appreciated and will be used to make our conferences meet your needs. Thank you to those who have already done the survey. If you have any ideas or thoughts how to make the conferences better, please let one of our Board Members know. You can find the Board Members contact information the OAASFEP website at www.oaasfep.net.

This year OAASFEP is proud to establish the OHIO ASSOCIATION OF ADMINISTRATORS OF STATE AND FEDERAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD. As an OAASFEP member, you may nominate one candidate for the OAASFEP state scholarship program from your school/district. The qualifying candidate is an Ohio high school senior who plans to attend a college/university located in the state of Ohio for the fall semester to major in the field of education. For more important information about the OAASFEP Scholarship Program, go to the [OAASFEP Scholarship link](#) on the OAASFEP Website to download and print a copy of the application.

I would like to Thank Bill Bogner and Carl Evans for their continued hard work at making the OAASFEP's conferences so organized and so informative. Thank you both for all that you do. Thank you to Dr. Cynthia Lemmerman for her support to the OAASFEP and the conference. Thank You to all the ODE staff for their commitment and support. A special Thank You to the OAASFEP Board for their on-going work for the planning and support of the conference.



Ken Ferlito
OAASFEP President

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MARK YOUR CALENDERS: *Continued Learning Opportunities....*
March 20-22, 2013 OAASFEP Title I/Federal Programs Spring Conference
October 15-17, 2013 2013 Fall Coordinators Conference,
April 2-4, 2014 2013 Title I/Federal Programs Spring Conference

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I would like to congratulate Ann Bohman, ODE Center for Accountability and Continuous Improvement, Federal Programs and Parent Involvement Consultant. Ann was mentioned in a recent article in The Toledo Blade for her on-going commitment to Parent Involvement. The Article by NOLAN ROSENKRANS, BLADE STAFF WRITER stated "U.S. Education Department officials have held similar events in other states, but this was the first time Ohio had a parent forum had, said Ann Bohman, a parental involvement consultant for the Ohio Department of Education. Toledo Public Schools was host to the first Ohio Parent Forum, where parents, school officials, and representatives from the Ohio Department of Education, U.S. Department of Education, TPS Parent Congress, and the University of Toledo gathered to talk. Participants discussed the question of what's important to parents, ways to build relationships between parents and schools, and training available to parents and school officials." Congratulations Ann on your hard work for parent involvement.



*Ann Bohman,
ODE Center for
Accountability and
Continuous Improvement,
Federal Programs and
Parent Involvement
Consultant*

2013 OAASFEP Title I/Federal Programs Spring Conference *Federal Programs, Common Core...Success for All*

March 20-22, 2013 at The Hyatt Regency Convention Center, Columbus, Ohio. Please mark the dates now and plan to attend. I am very excited to welcome Ron Clark, Dr. Russell Quaglia, Carmen Agra Deedy, and Dr. Robin Fogarty as our keynote speakers. They will inspire you to make education the best it can be.

If you or someone you know would like to be a presenter, please go to the OAASFEP webpage. Go to the conference link and near the bottom of the page you can click on the link and fill out a Call for Presenters Form. The Call for Presenter Form is due back by December 1, 2012. Thanking you in advance for all who are willing to present at our Spring Conference.

As the leaves continue to fall, the cold weather moves into Ohio, The Ohio State Buckeyes are hopefully winning a game against the team up north, and as we prepare for the holidays, I wish all of our members the courage to engage those around you and to inspire those whom you teach. This time in education is very exciting and yet very challenging. Let's support each other and work together to offer every child a chance at a great future and a journey where all can learn. Have a great holiday season, take time to relax, rejuvenate and enjoy your personal journey. ♦

*Ken Ferlito
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Leaders for Learning

2012 Fall Conference: October 10 – 12, 2012

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“Another excellent conference, quality I have come to expect.” One of the comments received from a coordinator or administrator who attended the 2012 OAASFEP Fall Coordinators Conference. For the new or veteran coordinator of ESEA Title I and other federal programs, the continued learning from the annual Fall to Spring Conferences is critical due to the depth of information to learn and the continued guidance documents published from either the Ohio Department of Education or from the US Office of Education. In addition, the high turnover of coordinator positions in many school districts intensifies the extent of training needed for the new coordinator for Title I or other programs. Our registration data revealed that about 36% were brand new coordinators or had less than 2 years experience in federal programs. To assist them, the planning committee offered again this year a full day (Wednesday, October 10) pre-conference offering of four learning sessions given over a six hour block of time. New coordinators expressed support for this format as it gave them more time to gather and learn the new information and be not so overwhelming for them.

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ATTENTION OAASFEP MEMBERS!

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<http://www.oasfep.net/Home/Assets/OAASFEPScholarshipformS12.pdf>

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At the second general session on Thursday morning, Dr. Kylee Beers gave a very engaging presentation on **Competence and Confidence: Critical Elements in Successful Implementation of the Common Core State Standards**. Dr. Beers discussed some of the back issues to the development of these standards, and invited the audience to step back to understand some of the critical issues for the CCSS to succeed. This is the first time for the nation to come together for standards for kids to succeed, and to be college and career ready. It's about how more than how much we educate—push to process is important for the 21st century. Our students will need complex communication and expert thinking skills rather than the routine manual labor jobs of yesterday. Dr. Beers cited “Text Complexity” as key to the quantitative and qualitative demands; teachers have to be able to look at text to see how much effort is needed by the student to understand the text. Some may require “fix-up strategies” by the teacher when the text is tough; these could include posters, charts or other visuals to show kids how, to teach them to think in a different way. Another issue cited by Dr. Beers was that talk is necessary in the classroom today. “Turn and talk” must happen between two students frequently. She stressed that we need openness, exploration and listening to others ideas in the 21st century. Another issue is that teachers need a real understanding of “rigor” ...it is not about hard, but rigorous thinking for the student to figure out what is happening in the text. She ended her thoughtful presentation with this quote: “Smartest person in the room is the room...let kids collaborate, to think, to wonder, to ask and to learn.”

Leigh Manasevit, Esq., Washington D.C., returned as the keynoter at the Thursday noon General Session III, **This Law Failed, So Change It, Maybe? And What is Sequestration Anyway?** Leigh reminded us again that ESEA reauthorization is not on the table, unlikely to see it in early 2013, it simply is not a priority in Washington. No one knows when it will happen. He cited that potentially 44 states could have waivers from NCLB in place; so what will Congress do with those waivers? Or, will they go with a new law that may be enacted? Or, will some states be grandfathered in due to their approved waiver? Leigh touched on those elements of ESEA that could not be waived including allocation of funds, comparability, and supplement vs. supplant. He also updated the group on recent guidance documents written on time and effort documentation and multiple cost objectives...meaning employees submitting either time sheets or single funding certification forms for those employed under federal funds. Leigh also discussed sequestration or the need to cut 1.2 trillion in the federal budget by January 1st which could impact about an 8.2% in federal program cuts for school districts for FY 14. The administration is still trying to get sequestration repealed by January 1st. Wait and see.

The final keynoter on Friday morning was Dr. Heath Morrison, Superintendent of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School District, Charlotte NC, speaking on **Navigating Positive Change During a Tsunami of Reform**. Named as the AASA 2012 National Superintendent of the Year, this outstanding educator believes in *Every Child, Everyday, for a better tomorrow*. He believes that the new normal is a tsunami of educational reform and change coming. Are we ready? Educating in the 21st century means that we need to look at our policies and use of personal learning devices according to Dr. Morrison.

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Public schools must have a successful brand, not just what we do but to improve the quality of our work. And, then do a better job of marketing what we do. He argued that we need to focus our messages on the primary things the public care mostly about: student achievement, safety and use of the money.

This annual Fall Coordinators Conference also included 24 learning sessions that centered on the improvement process, the CCIP application, SI grants, serving students with disabilities, the LEP student, financial management, serving nonpublic students, and other critical sessions that impact student learning. The expert and very knowledgeable presenters from the Ohio Department of Education, school districts, and other educational agencies provided the required legal requirements pertaining to a wide range of topics as well as the research based practices and strategies to implement at the school building or district level.

The OAASFEP Board extends a special thank-you and appreciation to all of the keynote and learning session presenters! Sincere appreciation is given to Dr. Cynthia A. Lemmerman, Jeanne Paliotto, the Consultants from the Office of Federal Programs, and other ODE educators for their continued support in the planning and delivery of these critical learning events for coordinators of federal programs. Special thanks to each member of the OAASFEP Board, and to Carl Evans (our devoted helper) for their dedicated support at this conference. And thank you to all the participants...we hope that we have helped you in your journey of understanding federal programs. Never forget, our work must focus on the students, especially those most in need. See you at the 2013 Spring Conference. ♦

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Call for Presenters – 2013 Spring Conference

OAASFEP is looking for some excellent learning session presentations for the 2013 OAASFEP Title I/Federal Programs Spring Conference, March 20-22 to be held at the Hyatt Regency Convention Center, Columbus. Many teachers, coaches, principals and other educators from across Ohio are doing outstanding work every day for the children or students that they teach. It is important to share these successful strategies, team work, new programs, or approaches with others. Are you interested in sharing? Or can you nominate a teacher, a group of teachers, or a school team to share their talents and successes at this conference? **Each presenter will be rewarded a \$100 discount on their conference registration fee. So, please complete and submit the “Call for Presenters” form found on the OAASFEP website: <http://www.oaasfep.net/Conferences/conferences.html> Thank you.**

Announcing...

**2013 OAASFEP Title I/Federal Programs Spring Conference
Federal Programs, Common Core...Success for All**

March 20-22, 2013 at The Hyatt Regency Convention Center, Columbus Ohio

This highly successful learning event will again feature many nationally-known inspirational and outstanding educators as keynote or workshop presenters including:

Keynoters:

Ron Clark – “America’s Educator”, or opening keynoter (outstanding!)

Dr. Russell Quaglia – Professor “Student Voice”

Carmen Agra Deedy – Children’s Author

Dr. Robin Fogarty – Educator, Curriculum & Learning

Featured Workshops:

Heidi Shaver – K-5 Reading/Literacy & Common Core

Dr. Katharine McKnight – 6-12 Reading & Common Core

Matt Glover – K-8 Writing & Common Core

Sue O’Connell – K-12 Mathematics & Common Core

Dr. Jane E. Pollock – Students with Disabilities, ESL & At-Risk

Dr. William H. Parrett – School Improvement

Dr. Diane Frankenstein – Parent Engagement

Leigh Manasevit – Continuous Coordinator Learning on ESEA

The preconference event, OAASFEP Administrators and Coordinators Workshop on Wednesday, March 20th will again provide outstanding keynote speakers and useful, current information on federal programs for all leaders and treasurers.

You will not want to miss hearing these acclaimed speakers! Mark your calendars now for this big event! Registration packets and online information will become available in mid December 2012.

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