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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

Paul Schneider

As a former building administrator, I remember the importance of establishing routines and getting programs and resources in place as early as possible, hopefully, before Halloween. As we all know, after that, we blink twice and there is Thanksgiving vacation, the winter holidays and finally looking down the tunnel to a few short months until state assessments. At the district level, it really is not much different. We're now already in November, and everyone is continuing to work hard finding new ways of implementing effective practices and of course, jumping through hoops and over hurdles with various mandates.

With all of these efforts, it is important for us to find ways to recognize our achievements and celebrate the difference we make in the lives of children. It helps keep us energized. It helps keep us moving forward. November 16-22 is a perfect time to honor individuals during American Education Week. This year's theme is "Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and Our Responsibility." It's a call for all Americans to do their part in making schools great for every child

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Federal Funds and Technology for Teaching and Learning (Allowable Costs)

Many districts are in the midst of purchasing educational technology and have wondered may they use federal funds for purchasing, specifically Title I, IIA, and Title III funds. Federal officials promote the collaboration/coordination of federal grant dollars. For example, a district in a schoolwide Title I setting could use Title I funds to purchase devices and resources for students. Title IIA to train teachers on blended learning practices that utilize the devices and other technology resources available. Title III to fund access to the new technology that is specifically targeted to the district/school ELL identified students. Always align your purchases/services to your district/school improvement goals.

Creating a Culture of Learning 2014 OAASFEP Fall Coordinators Conference *REVISITED*

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I really valued the New Coordinator Academy option. I also appreciated the keynote speakers and their common message.

Just one of the comments received from a coordinator who attended the 2014 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 put out by the Ohio Department of Education. In addition, the very high turnover of coordinator positions in many school districts intensifies the extent of learning needed for the new coordinator for Title I or other programs.

The Survey Monkey completed by 39% of the participants revealed this data for us: 82.65% rated the conference very good or excellent; 48% indicated they will definitely attend next year's conference; and 88% liked shortening the conference to two full days.

Five general sessions with four keynote presenters provided a stimulating conversation on school improvement, and invisible learning. Leaders at all levels can make a difference. Dr. John Richard reminded us all that a culture of learning happens when the conversations are about the students. The students need to be engaged. He stated that *our students need to be at the center of all discussions*. Cea Cohen Elliott was our opening keynoter, and she reminded the audience that healthy happy people help kids.

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Call for Presenters for the **2015 OAASFEP Title I/Federal Programs Spring Conference** **Deadline: December 1, 2014**

You are invited to submit a proposal to share your work, expertise and knowledge with other leaders from Ohio School Districts, Charter Schools and Institutions. Accuracy and completeness in filling out the electronic form will aid the Planning Committee in giving full consideration to your proposal. Go to www.oasfep.net, click on *Conferences* tab, *Proposal System* link for full guidelines. Go to <http://goo.gl/TPB1m> for electronic proposal form.

Future Conferences-Plan on Attending!

2015 OAASFEP Title I/Federal Programs Spring Conference – March 17-19
2015 OAASFEP Fall Coordinators Conference – October 12-14

From the President from page

Although it's vital for our communities to show their support for education and the good work that we do, it's far more reaching when teachers, administrators, students, parents and the community work together throughout the year to develop a more collaborative culture that is supportive and promotes collegiality, trust, and a shared mission, serving all of the students in the school. A place where there exists a matrix of norms, values, beliefs, assumptions, and traditions and rituals that are developed over time to handle issues and develop expectations for interacting and working together. This type of school culture can be a foundation for change, improvement, and renewal.



*Paul Schnieder
OAASFEP President*

My hope is for each of us, as teachers, building administrators, and district level staff, to take the time in our very busy lives to build those strong professional relationships that enrich our passions for what we do and why we do it.

Happy Thanksgiving. Happy Holidays. And, see you at the other end of the tunnel. ♦

OAASFEP SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Ruth Ninke, Scholarship Committee

OAASFEP is proud to continue 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 .

For more information about the OAASFEP Scholarship Program, go to the OAASFEP Scholarship link at: www.oasfep.net to download and print a copy of the application. ♦

Urban Liaison Position Needed !

Looking for an OAASFEP member who is interested in the representing the urban districts for our organization.

Please contact Paul Schneider at:

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Jeremy Marks, Director, Office of Federal Programs, addressed the conference stating that the federal programs must target the outcomes and the achievement of our students. His office is there to provide the support that a district might need. Dr. Ainsley B. Rose, an international educator from Canada opened his keynote by telling us that... *teachers and leaders are being prepared to work in schools that no longer exist*. With 42.7% poverty in Ohio, things have changed in Ohio. He reminded us that we are all teachers; the role we play can and should impact students. He also challenged us to think about a teacher who we really liked that was challenging, dynamic, engaging, caring? Dr. Ainsley strongly believes that inspired and passionate teachers are needed. Research has cited "collaboration" how a school staff works together has the highest impact of them all on student learning. Others that have the greatest impact include: student expectations, feedback, and classroom discussions. Mobility and retentions tend to have negative impact on students.

The closing keynoter, Dr. Wil Parker, was very thought provoking and challenged the audience to have a growth mindset to move kids upward. This mindset values homework and sees feedback as data for improvement. We all need feedback to learn. He believes that teacher behaviors, student responses, student learning are equal to resilient learning communities.

Leigh Manasevit Esq. returned again from Washington DC to update the experienced and veteran coordinators on key elements of change in ESEA. Reauthorization of the No Child Left Behind Act is not expected to be on the table for some time.

The Fall Coordinator Conference included one complete strand or 5 sessions designed for the brand new coordinator on Title I and related information relative to the CCIP, IDEA-B and other federal programs. Acronyms that are so frequently used were first addressed by Lakshmi Nandula, Assistant Director, Office of Federal Programs. Other broad topics were also covered by ODE personnel in other learning sessions.

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From ODE CCIP Federal Timeline Tips:

November- December

November 30 - deadline to complete CCIP Planning Tool District Improvement Component when first identified as High, Medium or Low support in the Ohio Differentiated Accountability System. Complete the School Improvement Component by November 30 in the first year of identification for Title I Priority, Focus, Alert and Improvement Schools.

***For the complete Federal Programs Timeline visit the ODE website, CCIP Documents Library.**

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The OAASFEP Planning Committee and Board extend a big *thank you* and appreciation to all of the keynoter and learning session presenters. Much appreciation to Dr. John Richard, Jeremy Marks, the Consultants/staff from the Office of Federal Programs, and other ODE educators for their support of learning topics for coordinators of federal programs. The combined efforts of the entire OAASFEP Board enable this annual event to be so successful. Thanks to all! ♦

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**It's not about programs—it's about
the people and the culture in a
school!**

~Dr. Ainsley B. Rose

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<http://www.oasfep.net/Home/Assets/OAASFEPScholarshipformJune2013.pdf>

NAFEPA Update

Dr. Everett Mann

The NAFEPA Fall Directors Workshop was held on September 26-28, 2014. The theme of the workshop was "Setting a Destination for Success" and was facilitated by the new President, Denise Ling.

The meeting was committee work oriented and looked at better and new ways to serve NAFEPA members. Committee work included writing action plans for the 2015 Annual Conference, Organizational Operations including updating the Handbook, and Organizational Growth and Outreach.

The Annual Conference will be at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington DC on March 22-25, 2015. Jack Jennings will be a keynote speaker on the first day and he has a new book on federal education issues scheduled for release in February. There will be sessions for new and veteran directors. In addition to speakers from the U. S. Department of Education and federal legislation experts, there will be speakers on grant writing and the new OMB circular. More information will soon be on the NAFEPA website, www.nafepa.org.

Organizational Growth and Outreach looked at our newsletter, webinars and surveys. The newsletter "The Connection" comes out every two weeks and is about many topics in federal education. Plans are to consider covering fewer topics and go into more depth with practical examples.

NAFEPA has six webinars each year with one remaining. It is scheduled for January 2015. If you have a topic you would like to be considered for a webinar, please email me at emann1967@yahoo.com.

NAFEPA surveys members to gather information about what practitioners are doing and also to provide our views to others. If you have a topic you would like to be considered for a survey, please email me.

I believe the next year promises to be an exciting time in federal education programs. Washington DC on the fiftieth anniversary of ESEA will be memorable. Hope to see you there! ♦



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