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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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In partnership with the Ohio Department of Education, legislators, and other organizations, OAASFEP will facilitate open communication, provide professional development opportunities, promote legislative inquiry, and support Ohio's school communities to foster optimal learning for all Ohio's students.



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From the President

Mason Bryan

A very warm winter's hello! Can you believe the weather we are having for Ohio during the winter season? Though many parts of Ohio has seen their share of snow, most of us have had a mild winter. In fact, several parts of Ohio even set a record high in the low 70's for mid-February. What a "change" for the winters of long ago.

Speaking of change, due to the typical seasonal winter weather, let us take a stroll in doors to warm up after that last bout of Mid-Western storm. Let us warm ourselves with the "hot" topic of Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Yes, it is very hot and ready to be served. Similarly to a cup of hot chocolate with cool whipped cream on top. Well maybe not as delicious, but I think you get the point. Professional development will be provided for the following topics: ESSA, other federal program information, instructional strategies to impact instruction, and parent engagement to mention a few.

The planning committee, chaired by Mr. Bill Bogner, has certainly outdone themselves to provide quality keynote speakers, workshop presenters, and Learning session presentations. The title of our conference is: *Federal Programs: Agents of Change*. Certainly, an appropriate title for what seems to be a fresh look at a 50-year ESEA.

The annual OAASFEP Spring conference will be held on the evening of arch 14th and will conclude at noon on arch 16th. The conference facility host is the Hyatt on Nationwide Blvd.

I hope you will accept the challenge of being an "Agent of Change." George Bernard Shaw was quoted as saying, "The reasonable man adapts himself to the world; the unreasonable one persists in trying to adapt the world to himself. Therefore, all progress depends on the unreasonable man." To be the agent of change takes a pledge of commitment that we have already taken when we first step foot in the classroom. Will the ESSA bring about new initiatives? Probably So! Will it become the focal point of our work? Most Likely! Will it make an impact on students? Definitely!

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Federal Programs: *Agents of Change*
2016 OAASFEP Title I/Federal Programs Spring Conference
March 14-16, 2016

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Our next OAASFEP Spring Conference is fast approaching, March 14-16, 2016. Great news you can still register!

This inspiring learning event for Title I teachers, classroom teachers, principals, coordinators, directors, superintendents, treasurers, and others working with federal education programs are invited and encouraged to attend. There are exciting and inspirational keynoter speakers, six highly acclaimed national workshop presenters and 34 Learning (or breakout) Sessions to consider and pre-register for in our new online event management system (see links below). For this school year and the next, we will still be working with the former law under No Child Left Behind so it is imperative that we be in compliance with that law while we begin to prepare for the new law, ESSA. All of these elements will be discussed or presented at the spring conference.

You are encouraged to get register NOW so that you may get the preferred sessions or those that meet your learning needs. In addition, the hotels there are filling up fast. So, get them booked and we will see you at the March 14-16, 2016 Spring Conference!

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Join me in this journey of change. Be the change agent that makes the difference. Will it be easy? Likely not. Will it require greater understanding? To paraphrase Andre Gide, 'we cannot discover new oceans unless we have the courage to lose sight of the shore.' How true! Help us lose sight of the shore and travel on a mission of changing the landscape and seascape of education! Therefore, meet me in Columbus and join the journey of being an Agent of Change. You will be glad you did and so will your students, staff, district, and community!



Mason Bryan
OAASFEP President

Until next time, thank you for being part of our wonderful organization, OAASFEP! Without you, we are "just" another organization! Enjoy the conference! ♦

Highlighting a Federal and State Programs Administrator
Ken Ferlito, Coordinator of Federal Programs/Euclid City Schools



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Tell us a little bit about your background.

I was born and raised in Euclid, Ohio and attended Euclid City Schools where I currently work. I received my Bachelor's of Music Education from The Ohio State University. I taught music K – 12 during my first 14 years in education. I received my Master's in Educational Leadership and completed my Principals Licensure at Kent State University. In 1999, I became principal of Lincoln Elementary School in Euclid. I opened the new Memorial Park Elementary School in 2004. Also, while working as a principal I oversaw the Federal Programs. I became Coordinator of Federal Programs in 2012, when the position was created. At that time, I moved to the Administration offices. This is my 31st year in Education.

I currently live in Euclid, Ohio with my family. My wife teaches kindergarten in the Orange City Schools. I have 3 children: my oldest son is a senior at Cleveland State University, majoring in Journalism and Broadcasting, my daughter is a senior at The Ohio State University, majoring in Early Childhood Education (she is currently student teaching in Columbus City Schools), and my youngest son is a senior at Euclid High School and will be attending The Ohio State University in August. I enjoy working with students of all ages and currently direct the high school musical at Euclid High School. I enjoy traveling and spending time at Buckeye Lake in the summers

How did you choose education? What was your inspiration?

I always knew I wanted to teach. I believe it is a calling and something in me just knew I had to work with children. When I was in high school, my high school Music Teacher inspired me to go into music and teach. I always thought I would teach math, but music became my passion in high school and so music it was.

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ANNOUNCING a new law: On December 10, 2015, President Obama signed the new K-12 education law under ESEA, the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). This Act was passed by overwhelming bipartisan majorities by the House and the Senate. **Our 2016 Spring Conference will rollout several sessions on this new law. Come and here these...**

Tuesday, March 15th:

Tiffany Winters, Esq., Brustein&Manasevit, Washington DC

8:00 – 11: 15 a.m., Workshop 6

1:45 – 3:00 p.m., Learning Session 106

Jeremy Marks, Director, Office of Federal Programs, ODE

11:30 a.m., Welcome & Keynote

Wednesday, March 16th:

Jeremy Marks, Director, Office of Federal Programs, ODE

10:30 – 11:45 a.m., Learning Session 313



Complete Conference Information and Registration: <http://tinyurl.com/16SpringTitle>

Hotel Reservation – Hyatt Regency

<http://tinyurl.com/jdv7ft3>

Other hotels nearby:

Crowne Plaza 800.338.4462

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Questions or concerns? Please contact me or any member of the OAASFEP Board. Thank you ♦

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Future Conferences-Plan on Attending!

2016 OAASFEP Fall Coordinators Conference – October 12-14, 2016

Hyatt Regency Columbus

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What do you feel is the biggest challenge state/federal program/grants administrators' face? Why?

I believe one of the biggest challenges to state/federal programs is the constant changes to funding and the requirements to be compliant. It is hard to explain all the guidelines and restrictions to people who do not work with state/federal programs on a daily basis.

What changes would you make to state/federal programs, if you could?

I would like to see state/federal funding and programming more streamlined to meet student needs.

Any advice to someone starting out in state/federal programs?

Attend the OAASFEP Spring and Fall Conferences. The conferences are a great way to learn all the ins and outs of state/federal programs. The ODE staff is helpful and always available to answer questions.

Why did you get involved with OAASFEP and where do you feel the organization needs to go in the next five years?

I got involved with OAASFEP because my ODE consultant at the time, Bob Tromp said, that OAASFEP needed a Northeast representative and he recommended I get involved. I knew that the OAASFEP helped new State and Federal Program administrators get the training they needed and also provided a network for administrators across the state. I have enjoyed working with OAASFEP and served as President for 2 terms.

In the next five years, I hope that OAASFEP will continue to offer strong support and continue to provide up to date professional development so we can be compliant and continue to help to improve student performance. *THANKS KEN!* ♦

(Editor's Note: I, also consider Bob Tromp, former ODE consultant, a mentor and inspiration for getting involved in State and Federal Programs. THANKS BOB! –Ava Yeager)

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