



**April 14, 2016**

## OEA Voices Support for Senate Bill 241

On Tuesday, April 12, 2016, OEA Vice President Scott DiMauro testified in support of legislation (Senate Bill 241) that calls for Ohio's K-12 students to have access to a complete curriculum, including fine arts, music and physical education as well as comprehensive services provided by school nurses, social workers, library/media specialists and counselors. The testimony was presented on behalf of the following organizations: Ohio Alliance for Arts Education, Ohio Music Education Association, Ohio Art Education Association, Ohio Educational Library Media Association, Ohio Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, Ohio Federation of Teachers, Ohio Association of School Nurses and the Ohio Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers.

Senate Bill 241, sponsored by Senator Frank LaRose (R-Copley Township), is a legislative response to the State Board of Education's 2015 elimination of the "5 of 8 Rule" in the Operating Standards for Ohio Schools. In addition to advocating for a complete curriculum for all students, the bill underscores the importance of making sure the services are provided by licensed and certified individuals. You can read the complete testimony by [clicking here](#).

## House Passes Bill that Requires First Aid Training

Amended Substitute House Bill 113, sponsored by Representatives Nathan Manning (R-N. Ridgeville) and Cheryl Grossman (R-Grove City) was passed by the Ohio House by a vote of 85-8. The bill requires public schools to provide one-time instruction in hands-only CPR and the use of an automated external defibrillator (AED). The training would begin with students who enter the 9th grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2016. Additionally, the bill requires school districts and community schools to provide training in the use of an AED to each person employed by the school district not later than July 1, 2017, and once every five years after. OEA supports this legislation.

## OEA Announces Member Lobby Day

OEA will hold a Member Lobby Day on Wednesday, May 11, 2016. OEA Member Lobby Day offers an opportunity for educators to share their views with state lawmakers. The May 11th Lobby Day will focus on OEA's vision for a coordinated system of student assessment, educator quality and school

accountability designed to set up students for success. Your involvement is critical to improving the policies that impact students, educators, and public education.

To RSVP for the May 11th Lobby Day, please email Julie Parsley at [parsleyj@ohea.org](mailto:parsleyj@ohea.org). A briefing from OEA's lobbyists will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the Media Center at OEA Headquarters (225 East Broad Street, Columbus, 43215). Parking is available at nearby surface lots, in the parking garage just south of the OEA building or at parking meters located on 5th and Broad Streets.

Please be sure to schedule a meeting with your legislators prior to attending Lobby Day. Contact information for members of the House and Senate can be found by going to [www.legislature.state.oh.us](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us).

For more information on participating in OEA Member Lobby Day, please contact OEA Government Relations at 1-800-282-1500.

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