OEA Testifies on Graduation Proposal

On Wednesday, May 23, 2019, OEA Vice President Scott DiMauro testified in opposition to a proposal to change graduation requirements that is being considered by the Ohio Senate as a possible addition to the state budget (HB 166). The proposal was put forward by Ohio Excels (representing business interests) and the Alliance for High Quality Education (representing approximately 60 higher-wealth school districts).

While the proposal has some positive aspects, it has a fundamental flaw with an overly-rigid reliance on high-stakes testing. Under the proposal, students must meet a requisite cut score on the Algebra and English Language Arts II end-of-course exams in order to graduate. After two attempts, a student may use an alternative demonstration of competency that is limited to 1) college-level course completion through College Credit Plus; 2) a career technical education pathway; or 3) enlisting in the military.

OEA believes that any proposal for long-term graduation requirements must include a viable, attainable and meaningful path to graduation that does not rely on high-stakes testing. Click here to read OEA’s full testimony on this proposal.

2019 Educator Lobby Day – June 12th

Join your colleagues Wednesday, June 12th at 9 a.m., at the OEA Headquarters’ Media Center, 225 E. Broad Street, in Columbus, for a short briefing about current legislative issues prior to an opportunity to meet with state lawmakers.

[Please use this form to RSVP and make a stand for education.]

The interaction of OEA members with elected officials is critical to improving the policies that impact students, educators and public education.

TIP: We strongly encourage you to pre-schedule meetings with legislators prior to Lobby Days. Find contact information for your legislator by visiting www.legislature.state.oh.us.
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