

October 2022 Legislative Report

Welcome to the 2022-23 run of the EEA Legislative Report, your monthly look at what's happening in education policy in Ohio, and sometimes elsewhere. As I am often driven by my own blind rage at policymakers' tendency to listen to anyone other than teachers, I may miss items that you believe are of importance. Let me know, and I'm happy to include them. You are welcome to contact me with other feedback as well. (jablonskimatthew@elyriaschools.org)

November 2022 Election: Here are a few links to guides for the upcoming election...

[Ohio Education Association](#)

[Ideastream Public Media](#)

Military Experience = Teacher Training: Recently proposed [Senate Bill 361](#) would allow veterans to teach children without a degree, license or background in education. Morgan Trau of News 5 reports, "[Veterans Confused, Educators Concerned.](#)"

The bill's primary sponsor is Republican Senator Frank Hoagland who also authored the new training requirements that would allow teachers to carry guns in school with limited preparation. If you'd like to contact Senator Hoagland to provide comment on his ideas, you may do so [here](#).

State Board targets LGBTQ+ students: A member of Ohio's Board of Education has proposed a resolution that attempts to invalidate federal Title IX protections in schools for LGBTQ+ youth, spreads harmful falsehoods about LGBTQ+ people, and advocates that local school districts ignore the law. The vote on this resolution is set to take place October 12th. You can learn more, including how you can take action via [Honesty for Ohio Education](#).


End the Third Grade Reading Guarantee: Elyria's Representative Gayle Manning, a former teacher and North Ridgeville Republican, sponsored House Bill 497 to end the retention component of the 3rd grade guarantee. The bill has passed the Ohio House. OEA says [recent academic research proves](#) that mandatory retention under the Guarantee fails to result in academic gains, and disproportionately impacts students of color. They have made it easy to [contact your Senators](#) to urge passage of the bill.

2022 Ohio School Report Cards: Ohio changed its rating system for the state report cards this year from one that employs 5 letter grades (A-F) to one that uses 5 stars. And you thought they couldn't polish a turd.

The Report Cards were released in September, dramatically revealing that the pandemic had an adverse effect on student achievement, and those who are economically disadvantaged suffered most. We needed a battery of standardized tests for this?

Here's a link to the [report cards for every district in Ohio](#).

Local Superintendents were [largely critical of the rating system](#). Elyria’s Superintendent Schloss said in regard to pandemic testing, “They’re still having these students take tests. ... That concept alone is wrong. Students are capable of so much more than what appears on paper.”



Lorain County SCHOOL DISTRICTS

DISTRICT	OVERALL	ACHIEVEMENT	PROGRESS	GAP CLOSING	GRADUATION	EARLY LITERACY
Amherst	No rating	★★★★	★★	★★★★★	★★★★	★★★★
Avon	No rating	★★★★★	★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★
Avon Lake	No rating	★★★★★	★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★
Clearview	No rating	★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★	★★
Columbia	No rating	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★
Elyria	No rating	★★	★★★★	★★★	★★	★
Firelands	No rating	★★★★	★★	★★★★	★★★★★	★★★
Keystone	No rating	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★
Lorain	No rating	★	★★★★	★★★★	★	★
Midview	No rating	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★	★★★★
North Ridgeville	No rating	★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★	★★★
Oberlin	No rating	★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★
Sheffield Sheffield Lake	No rating	★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★	★★★★
Vermillion	No rating	★★★★	★★★	★★★★	★★★★★	★★
Wellington	No rating	★★★	★★	★★★★	★★★★★	★★★

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