

November 2022 Legislative Report

Welcome to life after the midterm election, and the corresponding Legislative Report. If you're already missing a mailbox, television, and social media stream full of political nonsense, fear not, I imagine the campaign for the 2024 Presidential Election will begin in the next week or two.

In the meantime, get ready for the [Ohio Lame Duck](#), that exciting period of time after the election, but before the new winners take office, when the General Assembly attempts to hurry all sorts of legislation (often batshit crazy) through the House & Senate to the Governor's desk.

Will they choose violence and move forward with legislation to [expand vouchers](#), [forbid the teaching of "divisive concepts."](#) and [limit the rights of students](#)? Or will they choose benevolence and common sense, [eliminating the retention component](#) of the third grade guarantee? Only time will tell. Be vigilant, my friends.

And the winner is...

Retaining her seat in the House of Representatives, OEA endorsed candidate and former elementary school teacher [Gayle Manning](#) continues to represent Elyria. She is responsible for the push to eliminate the retention mandate in the third grade guarantee with House Bill 497. The bill is wholeheartedly supported by OEA, has passed the House, but still needs Senate approval.

Also keeping his seat, OEA endorsed candidate Nathan Manning remains Elyria's representation in the Ohio Senate. [Send him an email](#) to congratulate him on his victory and encourage him to drum up enough support to get HB 497 passed in the Senate. Then copy & paste that email to [every other member of the Senate](#).

Elyria will have new representation on the State School Board. Via some absurdly gerrymandered districts, Toledo native, former teacher and State Senator Teresa Fedor, also endorsed by OEA, will be our voice in that venue. Check out [this article](#) about her and the other "anti culture war" candidates elected to the board. Follow her on Twitter [@teresa_fedor](#).

State Board of Education Anti LGBTQ+ Proposal: The State Board of Education meets on November 14 and 15 with a likely vote on the 15th regarding a finalized version of a proposal that could compromise the rights of LGBTQ+ students in Ohio's schools. For more information, including updates, livestreams of the meetings, insight into how you might get involved, check out [Honesty for Ohio Education](#).

Where's the audit? Concerns remain about STRS actions and a [pending audit](#) by the state which is supposed to be released by the end of the year.

Caption Contest!!! OK, there's no contest, but I thought that would make you keep reading. Tell your school friends how you'd caption the picture below. Wow them with your intellect, political insight & wit. I'll start...

"That gerrymander really brings out the blue in your eyes."

