

2019 OLC Legislative Day Prep Webinar

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Preparing for Legislative Day

- ❑ **Logistics**
- ❑ **Preparing for Your Meeting**
- ❑ **State Budget**
- ❑ **Questions**

Logistics

- ❑ **Day at the Statehouse**
- ❑ **Tuesday, April 9**
- ❑ **Ohio Statehouse Atrium, Columbus**
 - **2 Briefing Sessions: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.**
 - **Ohio Senate Leadership: 10:00 a.m.**
 - **Governor Mike DeWine: 11:30 a.m.**
 - **Legislative Luncheon: 12:00 p.m.**
 - **Meetings with Legislators: 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.**
- ❑ **olc.org/legislative-day**

Logistics

- ❑ **Scheduling Meetings w/Legislators**
 - Coordinate your Meetings w/ OLC Legislative Network Rep.
 - One Meeting w/ the Legislator
- ❑ **OLC Legislative Network**
- ❑ **House & Senate Directory**
 - legislature.ohio.gov
 - ohiohouse.gov
 - ohiosenate.gov

Logistics

- ❑ **Location – Budget Year**
 - Statehouse Atrium
 - Statehouse Does NOT Open till 8:00 a.m.
- ❑ **Security**
 - Statehouse & Senate Offices
 - ohiostatehouse.org/about/general-information/security-faq
 - Riffe Center & House Offices
 - com.ohio.gov/documents/COM_securityfactsheet.pdf
- ❑ **Wear Blue**
- ❑ **Folders for Legislators/OLC Mailing**

Preparing for Your Meeting

□ Do Your Homework

- **Legislator's Bio**
- **Committee Assignments**
- **Professional Background**
- **Schools Attended**
- **Policy Priorities/Recent Press Releases**
- **Community Affiliations (clubs, churches, etc.)**
- **Legislative Aide**

Preparing for Your Meeting

❑ Do Your Homework

- Coordinate Meeting Topics w/Other Libraries
- olc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Format-of-Legislative-Office-Visit.pdf

❑ Know your Library – Services & Statistics

❑ Share Personal Stories – Localize the Message

❑ One Page “Leave Behind”

Messaging & Tools

- ❑ OLC Website
 - olc.org/resources/government-relations/advocacy-tools-libraries/
- ❑ OLC Microsite – Restore the PLF
 - libraryfunding.olc.org/

Messaging & Tools

- **Tools**
 - Personalize your Message
 - Selfies w/Legislators
- **Social Media**
 - #RestoreThePLF
 - #OHLibrariesTransform
 - Tag Legislators – See Spreadsheet
- **Send a Thank You Note**

OLC's Priorities

- **Restoring the Public Library Fund (PLF)**
 - Restore the PLF to the 2008 Levels of 2.22% of the GRF
 - Do NOT Automatically Cut the PLF on July 1
 - Hold Public Libraries Harmless from Any Additional Reductions in State Funding
- **Ohio Libraries Transform**
 - Education, Early Childhood & Wraparound Services
 - Workforce Development
 - Technology, Computers & Connectivity
- **Share Information**
 - Services we Provide
 - Why State Funding for Public Libraries is Important

State Budget

□ Status/Timeline

- **March 15 – Gov.’s Budget Released**
- **March 25 – Bill Introduced**
- **May 1st or 2nd – House Version Finalized**
- **Early/Mid June – Senate Version Finalized**
- **June – Conference Committee**
- **Final Bill Passed by June 30**

State Budget

□ **HB ?? – Governor’s Proposal**

- **Tax Reform**
 - **No Tax Increases and No Tax Cuts**
- **Rainy Day Fund**
 - **No Withdrawals and No Additions**
- **Targeted Investments**
 - **Early Childhood, Water Quality, Opioid Epidemic, Workforce**

State Budget

□ HB ?? – Governor’s Proposal

- PLF

- Maintains the PLF at 1.68% of GRF
- Estimates 5.1% Increase in FY20 & 1.8% Increase in FY21*:
 - FY 2019: \$397,190,000
 - FY 2020: \$417,300,000
 - FY 2021: \$424,900,000
- *Assumes Funding for OPLIN & Library for the Blind

- Other

- \$5 Million for Books from Birth Foundation
- \$60 Million Increase Each Year for Child Nutrition

State Budget

- **OLC's Advocacy**
 - **The "Ask"**
 - **Restore the PLF**
 - **Hold Harmless**

Library Day at the Statehouse

Questions?

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