**Lehner Announces Formation and Members of Senate Advisory Committee on Testing**

COLUMBUS— State Senator and Senate Education Chair [Peggy Lehner](http://www.ohiosenate.gov/lehner) (R–Kettering) today announced the creation of a Senate Advisory Committee on Testing. The committee will be made up of various educational experts from across the state and will make recommendations to the Senate on state required assessments.  
  
"We hear the anxiety and confusion the new state tests have created for students, their families and teachers," Lehner said. "For this reason, we have assembled a group of top teachers, school leaders, curriculum specialists and other experts to help inform the Senate as to what policies and tests add the most value to our children's education. I look forward to their insight and recommendations."  
  
The committee will be evaluating the administration of the new tests given to students in the 2014-2015 school year and make recommendations to the Senate on how to improve state testing. Committee members were announced today and include the following:  
  
**Teachers:**  
Dar Borradaile, Miami Valley Career and Technical Center  
Melissa Cropper, Georgetown Exempted Village Schools  
Amy Holbrook, Mad River Local Schools  
Kimberly Jones, Columbus City Schools  
Shari Obrenski, Cleveland City Schools  
Billie Sarich, Grandview Heights City Schools  
Kay Wait, Toledo City Schools  
  
**Superintendents:**  
Adrian Allison, Canton City Schools  
Jan Broughton, Fairfield Union Local Schools  
April Domine, New Albany Plain Local Schools  
John Marschhausen, Hilliard City Schools

Keith Millard, Hamilton City Schools  
Paul Imhoff, Upper Arlington City Schools  
  
**Curriculum and Testing Specialists:**

**Cheryl Irish, Miami University**  
Machelle Kline, Columbus City Schools  
Jim Mahoney, Battelle for Kids  
Char Shryock, Bay Village Schools  
Julie Sellers, Cincinnati City Schools  
  
**State Board of Education:**  
Michael Collins  
Todd Jones  
  
**Other Educational Experts:**  
Earl Oremus, Marburn Academy  
Andy Boy, United Schools Network  
Jessica Voltolini, Ohio Department of Education  
Chris Knight, Catholic Schools, Diocese of Toledo   
Parent representative, to be announced  
  
**Senate Members:**  
Senate Education Chair Senator Peggy Lehner  
Senate Education Vice-Chair Senator Cliff Hite  
Senate Education Ranking Member Tom Sawyer  
  
The committee will convene later this month and is expected to issue their first report and recommendations later this spring.  
  
The Senate also today unanimously passed H.B. 7 which protects students taking tests for the 2014-2015 school year from unforeseen consequences as schools transition to the new state assessment model. The legislation was amended by the Senate to ensure schools do not lose state aid for students not taking tests this school year and prohibits students from losing an EdChoice scholarship, Jon Peterson scholarship, Cleveland scholarship or Autism scholarship due to opting out.

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*Senator Peggy Lehner represents Ohio’s 6th Senate District, which includes a portion of Montgomery County. To learn more, go to*[*www.OhioSenate.gov/Lehner*](http://www.ohiosenate.gov/Lehner)*. Download a high resolution photo of Senator Lehner for your use*[*here*](http://www.ohiosenate.gov/senate/Assets/Headshots/Full/6.jpg)*.*

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