

# Ohio Governor Mike DeWine Week in Review

For the week ending July 28, 2023

Monday, July 24, 2023



Ohio Governor Mike DeWine and Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) Director Kevin L. Miller announced that up to \$7,000 per person is available to Ohioans with disabilities for college, training, and credentialing programs for the 2023 fall term.

"Higher education and a successful future should be available for all students," said Governor DeWine. "By supporting college and non-traditional students with disabilities through services from OOD and its partners, they are given a greater opportunity of success as they transition from education and training to in-demand careers."

Ohio Lt. Governor Jon Husted, who serves as Director of the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation, announced six regional hubs across the state that will help expand the efforts of Ohio's Broadband and 5G Sector Partnership locally.

"In today's economy and workforce, all Ohioans need access to high-speed internet," said Lt. Governor Husted. "Establishing these regional hubs will regionalize the work of our statewide Broadband and 5G Sector Partnership, empowering local communities to help build the broadband and 5G workforce Ohio needs."

Governor DeWine announced a historic investment in high-quality tutoring opportunities intended to accelerate learning for Ohio students. More than \$26 million in Governor's Emergency Education Relief funding is being channeled to six high-quality tutoring vendors who will provide services across the state at no cost to schools and districts. Schools and districts can apply to the Ohio Department of Education to access these state-funded high-quality tutoring programs.

"Ohio is investing in programs that make a difference for students, including high-quality tutoring programs," said Governor DeWine.

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schools and districts."

**Tuesday, July 25, 2023**

Governor DeWine delivered opening remarks at the start of this year's Ohio School Safety Summit. Following his remarks, he met with members of the Ohio School Safety Center's Student Safety Advisory Council.

The Ohio School Safety Center was created by Governor DeWine in 2019 as a comprehensive, statewide office focused exclusively on enhancing the safety of Ohio schools.

Governor DeWine and Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) Administrator John Logue announced that local volunteer fire departments are now eligible to receive up to \$15,000 in grants to pay for firefighting safety gear.

"The safety of our first responders in Ohio is a top priority," said Governor DeWine. "Making this equipment more accessible to volunteer fire departments will help protect firefighters who are dedicated to the critical work of serving their local communities."



Lt. Governor Husted provided opening remarks and moderated a panel with artificial intelligence (AI) experts from Ohio,

and around the nation, as part of the Ohio Innovation Summit. AI panelists at this summit shared their expertise on the functions of AI, along with strategies for businesses, educators, and state and local leaders, so that Ohio can continue its legacy of innovation as this new technology emerges.

**Wednesday, July 26, 2023**

Governor DeWine, First Lady DeWine, and Lt. Governor Husted joined Ohio State Fair General Manager Virgil Strickler to open the gates for the first day of the Ohio State Fair.

The fair runs through Sunday, August 6 and features traditional family favorites such as the famed butter cow, Smokey Bear, Sky Glider, and Natural

Resources Park. There are new exhibits that focus on STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math) including COSI's new Space Heartland and Rocket Zone and displays from both Honda and Intel.

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**Thursday, July 27, 2023**

Ohio First Lady Fran DeWine cooked pizza with kids at the Ohio State Fair inside the Taste of Ohio Café. First Lady DeWine talked with kids about where food comes from, and she shared healthy herbs and vegetables from the Governor's Residence and Heritage Garden for kids to top their pizzas.

Governor DeWine and Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear announced that Walsh Kokosing has been awarded the de-



sign-build contract for the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project.

The governors made the announcement during a news conference in Covington, Kentucky, this afternoon. They were joined by officials from the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC), and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

"It's great that Kokosing, an Ohio-based company, will play a pivotal role in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project," said Governor DeWine. "Both Kokosing and Walsh have a long history of working with the Ohio Department of Transportation, and I'm confident that we have the best people on both sides of the river to see this project to completion."

**Friday, July 28, 2023**

Governor DeWine signed Senate Bill 43, sponsored by Senator Andrew O. Brenner (R-Delaware), which modifies the home-  
stead exemption for the surviving spouse of a disabled veteran.

## Governor DeWine, Lt. Governor Husted Celebrate Opening Day of Ohio State Fair



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New features this year include a touch-a-truck display, free entry to the Ohio History Connection and Ohio Village for fair attendees, and new exhibits that focus on STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math) including COSI's new Space Heartland and Rocket Zone and displays from both Honda and Intel.

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Following a cabinet meeting at the fairgrounds and a celebratory ribbon cutting ceremony, Governor and First Lady DeWine joined members of their family to enjoy the sights and sounds of the fair and to sample the fair's signature food selection.

This year's Ohio State Fair marks the final fair for Strickler, who has served as the Expo Center and State Fair's general manager since 2004. Strickler announced that he will retire around the end of the year.

A full list of events and attractions with times and locations can be found at <https://www.ohiostatefair.com/events>



### Governor DeWine Signs Bill Into Law

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