



**[ACTION ALERT! Click here to ask Ohio legislators for fair maps](#)**

A promotional banner for a "REAL TALK" session. The background is a photograph of a young boy with glasses, wearing a green shirt, sitting at a desk and writing in a notebook. The text is overlaid on the image. At the top left, "REAL TALK" is in bold black text, followed by a vertical line and the word "Education" in a yellow font. Below this, the main title "Equity &amp; Anti-Racism in Ohio Schools" is in a large, bold, yellow font. Underneath the title, the subtitle "Building the Principles, Policies, Programs, and Practices for ALL of Ohio's Children" is in a smaller, bold, yellow font. To the left of the student, the text "2-Part Series Featuring: Ohio State Board of Education Ohio Education Practitioners" is in white. At the bottom left, the date and time "7pm ET -- Wed, Feb 17 &amp; Wed, Feb 24" is in white. At the bottom right, there are two logos: the LWV logo and a "REAL TALK" logo with a speech bubble icon.

## Join us! REAL TALK February sessions

 REGISTER NOW 

**REAL TALK: 2-Part Education Series**

**Equity & Anti-Racism in Ohio Schools: Building the Principles, Policies, Programs, and Practices for ALL of Ohio's Children**

Wednesday, February 17 & February 24 at 7PM EST

Register [HERE](#)

[Join us](#) for a 2-part series examining the issues of racism and equity in Ohio's public schools and how to infuse sustainable policies and programming into districts to drive transformational changes.

**FEATURING:**

### **Part 1 on February 17**

- ▶ Laura Kohler, President, Ohio Board of Education
- ▶ Meryl Johnson, Dist 11, Ohio Board of Education
- ▶ Stephanie Dodd, Former Member, Ohio Board of Education
- ▶ Linda Haycock, Former Member, Ohio Board of Education

Moderated by Susie Kaeser, LWVO Education Specialist

### **Part 2 on February 24**

- ▶ Dr. Andrea Celico, Superintendent, Bedford City School District
- ▶ Elizabeth Kirby, Superintendent, Cleveland Heights-University Heights City School District
- ▶ Dr. John Marschhausen, Superintendent, Hilliard City Schools
- ▶ Dr. Ellen McWilliams-Woods, Chief Academic Officer, Asst Superintendent, Akron Public Schools

Opening Remarks: Paolo DeMaria, Ohio Superintendent of Instruction

Moderated by Rick Jackson, Senior Host and Producer  
ideastream, WVIZ PBS, and WCPN NPR

Register [HERE](#) to join the February REAL TALK sessions



REAL TALK is a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion program that examines the pulleys and levers in Northeast Ohio that perpetuate systemic and institutional racism, discrimination, cycles of poverty, disparities in education, social determinants of health, criminal injustice, environmental injustice, and employment and housing insecurity.

The program assembles the experts, practitioners, and community members who create and drive meaningful, sustainable change -- and provides the information, resources, and tools for Northeast Ohio residents to TAKE ACTION.

REAL TALK is a 4-League collaboration amongst Akron Area, Greater Cleveland, Hudson, and Kent.

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## Black History Month spotlight: League Hero Shirley Chisholm

All month we are celebrating African-American History, and wanted to share [this blog post](#) from LWV CEO Virginia Kase about her League Hero Shirley Chisholm.

Ms. Chisholm was the first Black Congresswoman, the first Black candidate for a major party's presidential nomination, and former @LWVNYC member.

Her audacity and advocacy for minorities and women inspired and paved the way for many people of color and women to change the world. #BlackHistoryMonth

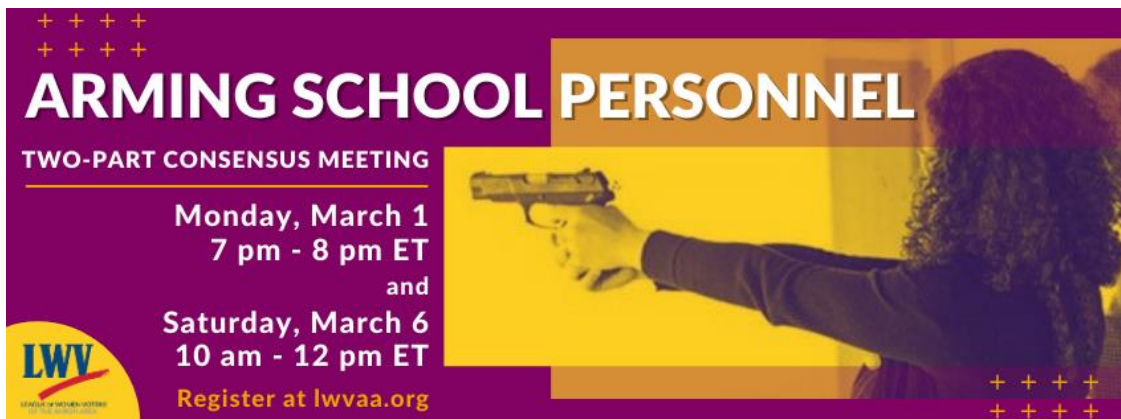
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Throughout the month of February, the Beacon Journal is profiling Black-owned businesses in Summit County. Read more of [these profiles](#), and the Beacon Journal will continue to highlight minority-owned businesses as part of its ongoing regular coverage.

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW  
LWVAA MEMBERS!!

Alicia Marchand, Jane Bryan,  
Terie Zimmerman, Sarah  
Pfeiffer, Stacie Novelli, and  
Jeanette Bell



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# ARMING SCHOOL PERSONNEL

TWO-PART CONSENSUS MEETING

Monday, March 1  
7 pm - 8 pm ET  
and  
Saturday, March 6  
10 am - 12 pm ET

Register at [lwvaa.org](http://lwvaa.org)

LWV  
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

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The banner features a purple background with a yellow and white image of a person's hand holding a handgun. The LWV logo is in the bottom left corner.

## Arming School Personnel March 1 & 6 meetings

Join us for our two-part consensus meeting on Arming School Personnel on [March 1](#) at 7PM, and [March 6](#) at 10AM.

We'll be learning about the issues related to this topic and seeking your input to answer the question, **“Why are Ohio Schools allowed to arm their teachers without informing the community?”**

[March 1 meeting](#) description: Research on relevant topics

[March 6 meeting](#) description: Follow-up research consensus meeting

Upon registration for each meeting, you will receive a Zoom link to join. Please submit any questions to [lwvaa@lwvaa.org](mailto:lwvaa@lwvaa.org). We look forward to seeing you online!

[Click here to see LWVAA & community virtual events!](#)



**LUNCHING with the  
L E A G U E**

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**Featuring**  
**Ohio Senator Theresa Gavarone**  
**(R-Bowling Green) District 2**


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**NOON - Monday, March 8, 2021**

**LWV** LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
OF OHIO

A promotional graphic for a virtual event. On the left is a portrait of Ohio Senator Theresa Gavarone, a woman with long brown hair wearing a blue blazer, set within a square frame with diagonal grey and white stripes. To the right of the portrait, the text "LUNCHING with the LEAGUE" is displayed in a large, blue, sans-serif font. Below this, a red horizontal line with a downward-pointing triangle in the center is followed by the word "Featuring" in red. Underneath, the name "Ohio Senator Theresa Gavarone" and her district information "(R-Bowling Green) District 2" are written in blue. Another red horizontal line with an upward-pointing triangle in the center follows. At the bottom right, the event time "NOON - Monday, March 8, 2021" is written in blue. In the bottom left corner, the LWV logo is shown, consisting of the letters "LWV" in a bold, blue font with a red underline, followed by the text "LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF OHIO" in a smaller, blue font.

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A section containing three social media icons and their corresponding links. Each icon is a small circle with the platform's logo inside, followed by the platform name in a blue, sans-serif font. The icons are Facebook (blue circle with white 'f'), Twitter (light blue circle with white bird), and Instagram (red circle with white camera outline).



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