

## ***Legislator joins State Board in call for extension of eased graduation standards***

As previously reported, the State Board of Education has recommended to the legislature that the relaxed graduation standards put in place for the class of 2018 be extended for an additional two school years – a recommendation that Senate President Larry Obhof (R-Medina) is reluctant to embrace.

Following introduction of legislation (H.B. 630) calling for the two-year extension by Rep. Tavia Galonski (D-Akron), House Education and Career Readiness Committee Chair Andy Brenner (R-Powell) has also voiced concern.

According to Brenner, the House – currently led by Speaker Pro Tempore Kirk Schurling (R-Canton) following the abrupt resignation of Speaker Cliff Rosenberger last month – has been working on a longer-term solution.

Although Brenner does not sense strong support among members of the House Majority Caucus for the two year extension, he suggested they might be open to considering a one-year extension, which Galonski says she would support.