



**State School**  
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**TO:** Special Education Directors, Teachers of the Visually Impaired,  
Orientation and Mobility Specialists, Parents

**FROM:** Cynthia M. Johnson, Superintendent  
Ohio State School for the Blind (OSSB)

**DATE:** December 26, 2013

**RE:** **Braille Immersion Weekend Workshops**

Braille literacy and the ability to read and write Braille are imperative for students who are blind when they graduate from Ohio's schools if they are to be successful in college, post-secondary training, careers, their homes, and communities. Literacy requires the ability to acquire information, communicate with others, and gain access to written information.

To increase Braille literacy and to increase access to and the availability of meaningful and quality Braille materials, the Ohio State School for the Blind's Center for Instructional Supports and Accessible Materials (CISAM) as part of the Braille Excellence for Students and Teachers Grant (BEST) is sponsoring free Braille weekend workshops for students in grades 7-12 who are blind or visually impaired and are current Braille users. The **Braille Weekend Workshop** series consists of three Saturday workshops at the Ohio State School for the Blind, 5220 N. High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43214: **February 8, 2014; March 8, 2014, and April 5, 2014.** The workshops will start at **9:00 a.m.** and conclude at **3:00 p.m.** Instruction will be provided by OSSB teachers Ceil Peirano and Robin Finley. Activities will include Music Reviews, Favorite Artists, Sharing Lyrics & Playlists, and a Pizza Party. Parents must make transportation arrangements for each participant.

If you have a student that could benefit from these workshops, please complete the attached registration and emergency treatment forms and return to the Ohio State School for the Blind by **January 31, 2014.**

Should you have further questions regarding this planned educational experience, please contact my office at (614)752-1152.

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