

SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP · TEMPLATE LETTER

Letter to School Administrators

A ready-to-send letter introducing the Senate Bill 19 partnership. Localize the highlighted fields, then send on your council letterhead.

HOW TO USE

Replace every **highlighted field** with your council's details before sending. Address it to the superintendent's office first, and follow the district's chain of command.

[Council Name], Scouting America

[Council Address] · [Phone] · [Website]

[Date]

Dear [School Administrator / Principal Name],

On behalf of Scouting America and the Scouting councils serving Ohio, thank you for all you do to prepare your students for bright and successful futures. We are writing to share an update, and to begin a conversation, about how we can partner to help every young person learn, lead, and grow.

With the passage of Senate Bill 19, Ohio law now requires public and charter schools to give patriotic youth organizations chartered under Title 36 of the U.S. Code — including Scouting America — at least one opportunity each school year to share information about their programs with students. This allows us to share the value of our youth leadership training, the strong connection between Scouting and your school's curriculum, and the role Scouting plays in preparing the workforce of tomorrow. We are deeply grateful to the Ohio House, the Ohio Senate, Governor Mike DeWine, and bill sponsor State Senator Andrew Brenner (R-Delaware), for making this partnership possible.

We Want to Learn From You

More than anything, we want to listen. We would welcome the chance to learn about your district's goals and priorities. We also want to explore how Scouting can help make them a reality, whether that means strengthening leadership development, supporting career readiness, or expanding service learning for your students. This is a partnership, and your goals come first.

What This Means for Your School

We deeply respect that your time and your students' time are precious. Our goal is to partner with you in a way that is simple, respectful, and helpful. In practice, the law provides that:

- Recruitment is limited to one opportunity per school year, and your district decides the timing so it does not disrupt core curriculum time.
- Your school retains full control over the time, place, and manner of any information sharing or presentation.
- Scouting representatives will coordinate in advance with your office and follow your school's procedures and schedule.
- Every adult who interacts with students completes Scouting America's Youth Protection training and background screening — our rigorous, nationally consistent safety standard.
- Participation is at no cost to your school.

Scouting has spent more than a century helping young people build confidence, character, and skills that last a lifetime. We are committed to being an easy, dependable partner, working around your priorities and adding value for your students and families. Thank you, in advance, for your support and partnership. A member of our team will be in touch to learn more about your goals, and we welcome your questions any time.

With gratitude,

[Name]

[Title]

[Council Name], Scouting America

[Phone] · **[Email]**

About Senate Bill 19

Senate Bill 19 (136th General Assembly), sponsored by Sen. Andrew O. Brenner (R-Delaware) and signed by Gov. Mike DeWine in June 2026, takes effect **September 23, 2026**. It guarantees patriotic youth organizations at least one opportunity each school year to share their programs with students, with schools retaining full control of time, place, and manner.