



# JOSH MANDEL

## STATE TREASURER OF OHIO

COLUMBUS &dash; As part of Ohio Treasurer Josh Mandel's mission to create a more open and transparent government, the Ohio Treasurer's office is proud to announce recent updates to the Treasurer's salary database in celebration of National Sunshine Week.

This fully searchable salary database is accessible at [OhioTreasurer.gov](http://OhioTreasurer.gov) and contains information on state workers, teachers and local education employees which has been updated to include 2013-2014 salaries. This information update builds upon the Treasurer's Transparency Project, which was launched by Treasurer Mandel in 2011.

"By shining sunlight on government spending we are empowering an army of citizen watchdogs to hold government officials accountable," said Treasurer Mandel. "Taxpayers have a right to know how their hard earned money is being spent and I am proud to spearhead the effort to increase transparency across Ohio."

In addition to the salary database, other initiatives of the Treasurer's Transparency Project include:

- OhioCheckbook.com &dash; A first-of-its-kind website that places Ohio's expenditures online for the first time in Ohio history. OhioCheckbook.com sets a new national transparency standard by not just displaying checkbook-level spending data, but also providing taxpayers with fully interactive tools and an unprecedented level of context. OhioCheckbook.com recently earned Ohio the number one ranking in government spending transparency by the U.S. Public Interest Research Group, earning a perfect 100 score for access to online expenditures.

- Interactive State Properties Map &dash; A fully interactive "Google Earth" style map that leverages statewide imaging and mapping software to make detailed information about state owned properties and buildings available to all Ohioans. Since digitizing the state properties database, taxpayers can now provide feedback on properties that may be underutilized or surplus so the state can sell them or put them to better use.

- County Investments &dash; A fully searchable database that contains monthly county investment advisory committee reports so taxpayers can easily view how their money is being invested locally.

- Archived Annual Reports &dash; A collaborative partnership with the State Library of Ohio to present an online compilation of Annual Reports published by the Treasurer's office since the early 1800's. The Treasurer's office is the first statewide agency to partner with the State Library of Ohio to facilitate the digitization and preservation of an entire collection of printed reports allowing Ohioans to follow their money like never before.

Founded by the American Society of News Editors, National Sunshine Week encourages organizations across America to promote dialogue on the freedom of information and the importance of open government. Sunshine Week occurs each year in mid-March, designed to coincide with National Freedom of Information Day and the anniversary of James Madison's birthday, who is viewed as a champion of open government. Participants include news media, nonprofits, schools, governments and other civic groups.

For more information on Treasurer Mandel's Transparency Project please visit [www.OhioTreasurer.gov/Transparency](http://www.OhioTreasurer.gov/Transparency).

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