Dear OHSBCA Members,

Welcome to the **65th annual OHSBCA State Clinic**. You are a member of the 2nd largest coaches associations in the United States. Many high school coaches and college speakers have said that this is one of the best clinics in the nation. I am hoping that you are able to take something from this year’s clinic and go back to your school to make the young men in your program better this coming year and for future players as well. The theme for the 2016 clinic is **“Prepare for the End”** and it is my hope that all of you set your goals high and start preparing for your team to reach Huntington Park.

 With my involvement on this board for the past 6 years, I have seen the giant steps the association has made. It is my honor to give back as Director of the 2016 State Clinic. This venue at the Hyatt Regency and Columbus Convention Center is just one example of what a first class operation we all are here to witness. If there is anything that any of our 24 board members or the Hyatt personnel can do to make your experience more enjoyable, please let us know. Your board is committed to making this a most enjoyable and rewarding experience, and represents you throughout the entire year.

We have the opportunity to recognize and honor five (5) of our own with their induction into our OHSBCA Hall of Fame this weekend: I truly hope that you take the opportunity to attend our banquet on Friday noon in the Ballroom to honor these five great men who have given so much to their schools, community and our association. There are also many other awards given to your peers and scholarships to the children of our members; you should not miss this banquet. I have taken great pride in putting together a great lineup of clinic speakers who have a variety of messages that will help you **“Prepare for the End”.** We continue to learn and seek out information and I feel that this year’s speakers will truly help all of us grow our players and build a stronger program. The list of speakers for this year are:

 ***Joe Wilkins-Tiffin University Gary Henderson- University of Kentucky***

 ***Landon Powell- North Greenville University Keith Vorhoff- University of Kentucky***

 ***Greg Beals- The Ohio State University Leo Mazzone- Atlanta Braves***

 ***Rick Eckstein- University of Kentucky Matt Talarico-Wright State University***

 ***Tom Collins- Texas High School Mike Deegan- Denison University***

 ***Dr. Leonard- Chiropractor Fuller Smith- UT Arlington***

 ***Greg Lovelady-Wright State University John LaCorte- Otterbein College***

 ***Craig Kyle- Jonathan Alder High School Ryan Alexander- Grove City High School***

 ***Andy Tracy- Philadelphia Phillies Kris Knapp-Ontario HS***

 ***Dean Hansen- The Ohio State University***

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the entire OHSBCA Board of Directors for their dedication and hard work to this organization. My sincere gratitude goes to the gentlemen who have been on the Executive Board with me the past few years: Kevin Yoder, Trevor Thomas, Tom Neubert, Rob Lavengood, Dave Hall, Dave Barrow, Scott Manahan, Ray Benjamin, Curt Karpinski, Dave Burkett, Jeff Mielcarek, and Frank Gamble. Special thanks goes to my wonderful wife Deanna and two sons, Zach and Parker for allowing me to spend time away from home to coach and to help a great board with my duties.