

Please join me in expressing our deepest appreciation for the work and dedication of our Board of Education members. In honor of School Board Recognition Month, we recognized them at last evening's meeting, and thanked them for their continued service to our district.

Congratulations to our Equity and Inclusion team on an incredibly successful kick-off to this year's ONE Olentangy Conference, and thank you to all of the staff that supported the MLK Day of Service. The overwhelming amount of donations that were received to donate to local organizations is a true reflection of our One Olentangy culture and generosity.

Proud to serve as your Superintendent,

Mark T. Raiff

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## OLENTANGY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION UPDATE

MEETING DATE: JANUARY 27, 2021

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### MIDDLE SCHOOL BRAND IDENTITIES UPDATE

Olentangy Schools has completed work with middle school brand committees to develop unique brands and special identities for each school, which will increase school pride and excitement. Each middle school's brand committee held a special reveal of the mascots to their community the week of January 18.

Below is a preview of the new Olentangy middle school mascots and marks:

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The branding project was implemented into the district strategic plan three years ago, and in December the board approved a partnership with K12 Licensing.

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## BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Board President Julie Wagner Feasel walked through the Governor's budget process, noting key dates that committees will be making decisions regarding school funding during the upcoming months. Mrs. Wagner Feasel implores the community to continue to advocate for Olentangy Schools to receive fair state funding. She advised everyone to stay aware of the budget process, and to take action and contact representatives when the district alerts the community as key decisions are being made.

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## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Mark T. Raiff was proud to share that Olentangy Schools is partnering with the Delaware Public Health District to offer an all-day vaccine clinic to school employees across Delaware County. Delaware is the only county in the state where the schools in the county and the health district are collaborating for this kind of vaccine clinic.

Mr. Raiff reminded the community that redistricting is occurring in preparation for the opening of Elementary School 16. It has been 11 years since Olentangy opened a new elementary school, and the new school is located in the heart of the district's growth. The form to [submit name suggestions](#) for Elementary School 16 is open through January 31. A

forum will be held in February to gather feedback on the redistricting committee's attendance boundary proposals.

Mr. Raiff will provide an update on the attendance models at the February 11 board meeting.

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Emily Hatfield provided an update on the ESSER II funds that are intended to support elementary and secondary education institutions for COVID-related expenditures. In the first round, Olentangy Schools received approximately \$245,000. Olentangy will not receive funding in the second round of ESSER II funding.

The Governor's Executive Order 2021-01D reallocates how state funding, that was received earlier this year, is moved through the Ohio Department of Education school district financial reporting. This will result in Olentangy Schools gaining approximately \$500,000. This estimate is far behind what Olentangy normally receives from the state, but it is how the state is currently able to distribute available revenue to school districts.

Mrs. Hatfield walked through information provided by the Delaware County auditor's office, which included Class 1 (residential) and Class 2 (commercial) rates and valuations. The District's cost per \$100,000 Residential Property Value is \$1,798.19, which comes to a \$133 increase in taxes per household, even with the levy passage last spring.

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There were over 50 public participation submissions to be read at the January 27 board meeting. Per board policy 169.1, public participation must be recognized and each statement is limited to 5 minutes, with a total of 30 minutes allocated to public participation each meeting. All of the public participation letters will be available to view on the [Board of Education Records page](#) on Olentangy's district website. Please allow time for these comments to be posted.

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