

# OLENTANGY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION UPDATE

MEETING DATE: JULY 8, 2021

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## STUDENT RECOGNITION AND COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

The Board of Education recognized students and staff that excelled in academics and extra-curricular activities this spring. The annual Olentangy Schools Community Service Awards were also presented to individuals and businesses that have been actively involved and/or made significant contributions to school programs.

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## STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE, STUDENTS AND STAKEHOLDERS

In updating the Board of Education on the district's strategic plan, a presentation was given that focused on the Students and Stakeholders strategic priority.



Chief Academic Officer Dr. Jack Fette addressed how the district is alleviating barriers to learning through a tiered student support system for prevention, intervention and intensive intervention. The creation of an Olentangy Parent Academy also connects parents with resources to support their children at home. Looking forward, Olentangy Schools will expand the Tier 1 prevention programs

for students by partnering with community groups, increase Tier 2 interventions using school social workers and psychologists, and offer a combination of in-person and virtual Parent Academy speakers.

Dr. Fette also shared the efforts to promote a culture of inclusive excellence for students, staff and the community. Improving students' sense of belonging and making all students feel seen and heard has spearheaded a Global Scholars program and a Diversity Club. Staff engagement has increased through heritage months and the ONE Community Conference, including the MLK Day of Service and the District Service Club that boosted connection with the community. The district plans to further increase students' sense of belonging by working with ELA teachers and their curriculum, plan for another successful ONE Community Conference in early 2022, and reinforce the Portrait of a Learner dispositions of Purposeful, Resilient, Curious and Kind.

Chief Communications Officer Krista Davis presented on the different ways the district is expanding community engagement and relationships. This past year, the district reinstated a Key Communicators group to disseminate key information and messaging, established an Alumni Association with the Olentangy Education Foundation, and continued to utilize Board of Education committees and Superintendent committees. In continuing to connect with students, staff and the community, the district plans to reinstate coffee chats and town halls, meet with older adults that reside in the district, post financial reports on the district website, and improve website engagement by adding additional digital resources.

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## BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Board President Julie Wagner Feasel explained the Fair School Funding formula that recently passed in the state of Ohio. The state equated the cost to educate a student is at least \$7,200/pupil. That amount was used to develop how much funding each district will receive. While other districts are receiving \$4,000/pupil, early estimates show Olentangy Schools receiving \$400/pupil in federal funding. While this funding is an increase to the amount received in the past, it is not an overwhelming amount, and only temporary for the next two years.

The state budget also includes the state report card, which will now score school districts based on a five-star system.

The Board of Education's role is to assess financial decisions made by the district, and Mrs. Wagner Feasel said they always question how decisions might affect the five-year forecast.

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## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The grand opening ceremony of Shale Meadows Elementary School is planned for Sunday, August 15 beginning at 1pm. North Road, the access road that leads to Shale Meadows Elementary from Peachblow Road, is now paved and staff will be able to access the building at the end of July.

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Emily Hatfield addressed the impact of the Fair School Funding Plan on the latest state biennium budget. Simulations indicate that the district will receive an additional \$3.5 million in FY22 and FY23. The fall forecast will reflect the state funding model, as the district will not receive updated statistics and actual funding amounts until October or November.

The state funding Olentangy Schools receives will be affected by the statistical data of student enrollment projections, property valuations, and income valuations.

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The Olentangy Schools Board of Education has returned to the regular meeting format. The next meeting will be on Thursday, August 12 at 6:30pm, at the Olentangy Administrative Office, 7840 Graphics Way, Lewis Center, Ohio 43035. All meetings are recorded and posted to the [Board Meeting Records page](#) on the district website.