

OLENTANGY TO SPEARHEAD FAIR SCHOOL FUNDING EFFORTS

Ohio state representatives, policy makers and leaders from 56 school districts are invited to Olentangy High School on Tuesday, June 7 for the Ohio Fair School Funding Summit. The day will be a celebration of the legislative efforts to fully implement the Ohio Fair School Funding Plan.

It is also an opportunity to develop an understanding of how Ohio school funding works and

the importance of fair school funding as well as a time to create a collaborative plan to collectively advocate for fair school funding.



Olentangy Schools looks forward to bringing together leaders from similarly situated Ohio public school districts along with local and state leadership to continue the Ohio Fair School Funding conversation.

INTRODUCING BERLIN MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL NATHAN DAVIS

Olentangy's sixth middle school, Berlin Middle School, will open in the fall of 2023, with Mr. Nathan Davis leading the staff and students. He is currently an assistant principal at Olentangy High School and has over 17 years of experience in education and administration.

Upon accepting the principal position, Mr. Davis stated, "I look forward to building a community of learners that are focused on getting better every day, and partnering with our parent community to make it happen. We will honor the traditions and experiences that students anticipate in middle school and build new traditions together."

"A student's middle school years are imperative to their academic and

personal growth. We are confident that with Mr. Davis' leadership, experience and commitment to our mission, the future Berlin Middle School students will flourish," stated Superintendent Mark T. Raiff.



Principal Nathan Davis

The Olentangy Berlin Middle School mascot and colors will be announced later this summer. A redistricting committee will be formed and attendance boundaries for the new middle school and Elementary School 17 will be announced near the end of 2022.

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mark T. Raiff

Dear Olentangy Community,

The Olentangy Schools' current strategic plan has been in place for five years, and much has been accomplished. Some highlights include the development of our Portrait of a Learner dispositions – what we want every learner in the District to emulate; the establishment of a comprehensive brand identity at the District and building levels; and an implementation of a digital conversion bringing important forms online and streamlining internal processes. These accomplishments took place as Olentangy Schools grew to become the fourth largest district in the state, community members approved a ballot issue, and we navigated a global pandemic while maintaining our standard of educational excellence and continuing to be fiscally responsible.

Recently, the Board of Education and the District Leadership Team met to revise the District's Strategic Plan and goals. The Board of Education discussed the current plan and the importance of continuing work in areas such as promoting a culture of inclusive excellence and increased community engagement. The District Leadership Team spent time reviewing the Board's feedback and updated goals to move the District forward in key areas in the upcoming years. Factors that impact the District were considered such as continued growth, state funding and technological changes over time.

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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION PRESIDENT

Dear Olentangy Community,

As we wrap up the 2021-22 school year, I am struck by the resilience of our students, staff and community. Collectively, we have moved through the challenges of the pandemic and have continued to facilitate maximum learning for every student, and worked toward a sense of normalcy.

Olentangy Schools is one of the largest employers in Delaware County, employing over 3000 people. Day in and day out, these individuals have worked hard to find ways to meet the needs of our students and help them continue to strive for educational excellence, pursue their academic and extra-curricular interests and experience a positive learning environment. I cannot thank them enough for their strength, hard work and ability to

display kindness and empathy as trusted adults who place our students front and center.

Throughout this school year, we've been able to return to daily attendance, keep buses running, schools open and maintain our normal operations despite substitute shortages. This has not always been easy but as a community we've gone to extra lengths to ensure students were able to stay in school. Later this month, we will once again hold a traditional graduation experience for our students at The Schottenstein Center. I look forward to yet one more way we are able to return to our special traditions in celebrating the Class of 2022 with their families and our community.

I am humbled to serve as your Olentangy Schools Board of Education President during a time when the value of public education has been in the spotlight and am honored to lead a district and organization that continues to provide an outstanding educational experience for students during even the most challenging times.

Sincerely,
Kevin O'Brien, President



SERVICE LEARNING CONNECTS SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY

District staff, students, families and community members came together at the ONE Community Conference District Service Plunge on March 19 to donate items, work on service projects and engage with nonprofit organizations in Delaware and northern Franklin counties.

Eleven service organizations were supported through the service plunge, including Boardman Arts Park, Family Promise, Habitat for Humanity's ReStore, Lutheran Social Services, People In Need of Delaware County, Powell Liberty Historical Society, Preservation Parks of Delaware County, SourcePoint, Turning Point, Westerville Area Resource Ministry (WARM) and the Women's City Club of Delaware.



Service plunge volunteers in action on March 19.



Olentangy student delivers donations to Women's City Club.



Olentangy families clean Boardman Arts Park.



NATIONAL MERIT FINALISTS



Twenty-five high school students from across Olentangy Schools have been named as finalists in the 2022 National Merit Scholarship competition. These academically talented high school seniors now have an opportunity to earn scholarships worth more than \$30 million.

"I'm extremely proud of these students and extend my heartfelt congratulations to both the students and their families on this accomplishment," shares Olentangy Schools Superintendent Mark T. Raiff. "This achievement is an indication of the academic talent of these students combined with the impact our teachers make in preparing students for college and beyond."

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The 12 goals contained in the revised strategic plan remain similar to the current plan and work to continue to advance the District in the four strategic priorities of students and stakeholders, resource stewardship, internal processes and learning and organizational development.

All the work within the District is focused on meeting the goals and key performance indicators of the strategic plan. I look forward to Olentangy Schools continuing to excel as we keep in mind some of the opportunities and challenges we will face in the coming years with continued accelerated enrollment growth, need for additional buildings, increased technology needs, student well-being efforts, competitive hiring in a tight job market and addressing any pandemic learning gaps.





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DISTRICT EVENTS

CLASS OF 2022 GRADUATION

May 22, 2022

Olentangy Berlin High School - 9 a.m.

Olentangy High School - 12 p.m.

Olentangy Liberty High School - 3 p.m.

Olentangy Orange High School - 6 p.m.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

May 25, 2022

Preschool

May 26, 2022

K-12

OHIO FAIR SCHOOL FUNDING SUMMIT

Olentangy High School

June 7, 2022

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.