

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 17 GROUND BREAKING, BERLIN MIDDLE SCHOOL OPENING

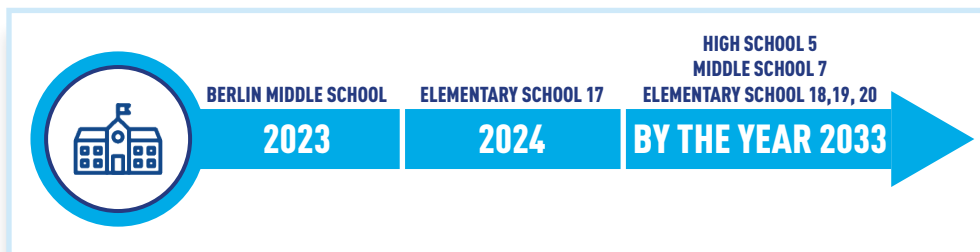
Olentangy Schools has begun construction on Elementary School 17. The yet-to-be named elementary school will be built at the intersection of Peachblow and Piatt Roads in Berlin Township on land donated by Evans Farm.

“During my time as Superintendent, we have broken ground on four schools - Berlin High School, Shale Meadows Elementary, Berlin Middle School, and now Elementary School 17, which have changed the landscape in the northeast area of our district,” said Olentangy Schools Superintendent Mark T. Raiff. “These schools are not only needed to address the growth in that immediate area but have been imperative to relieving overcrowding at all schools

across our district. The immense support of our community to fund these school buildings allows our staff to continue to facilitate maximum learning for every student.”

The approximate \$31.6 million project was made possible by voter approval of a combined \$134.7 million no-new-mill-age bond issue, a 0.5-mill permanent improvement levy and 7.4-mill operating levy which passed on the March 17, 2020, primary ballot. The bond issue portion of the ballot request funded the construction of Shale Meadows Elementary, Berlin Middle, and Elementary School 17.

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LEGISLATION AFFECTING OLENTANGY SCHOOLS

Two key bills affecting Olentangy Schools are currently making their way through the House of Representatives. First, **House Bill 33** is the biennium budget bill for FY24-25, which continues to phase-in the Fair School Funding Formula. This will impact Olentangy’s funding from an increase of 33.33% in FY2023, to a 50% increase in FY2024, and a 66.66% increase in FY2025. These funding increases would continue the pathway to fully fund the fair school funding formula by the end of the 2026-2027 biennium and provide more relief to Olentangy taxpayers.

The second bill is **House Bill 1** which will address property taxation and income tax rates. While the bill continues to be revised, the current bill would eliminate a 10% non-business property tax credit to homeowners, eliminate the 2.50% owner-occupied tax credit for homeowners and replace that 2.50% credit with a flat \$125 credit, and decrease income taxes to a flat 2.75% of Ohio taxable income above \$26,050.

When calculating the impact of House Bill 1, the bill would put the tax burden

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SUPERINTENDENT RAIFF TO RETIRE AFTER 20 YEARS IN OLENTANGY

Olentangy Schools Superintendent Mark T. Raiff announced his retirement plans at the January 26, 2023 board meeting. Mr. Raiff will officially retire on July 31, 2023, marking 20 years serving the students of Olentangy and a 34-year career in education.

Since assuming the role of Superintendent, Mr. Raiff has overseen the passing of two district levies, the building of three schools (Berlin High School, Shale Meadows Elementary, and Berlin Middle School), Olentangy growing to the fourth largest school district in the state, and led the district’s largest restructuring with the addition of Olentangy Academy and the Olentangy Administrative Offices to open additional space for building classrooms. He established the district departments of Student Well-Being, Equity and Inclusion, as well as Safety, Security and Preparedness, while also growing the district’s robust specialized student support services. Other highlights include maintaining strong relationships with Olentangy’s labor associations, meeting with state legislators to advocate for fair school funding, and, his favorite, connecting with thousands of Olentangy parents, students, and staff.

Mr. Raiff, along with his district leadership team, led Olentangy Schools through the Covid-19 pandemic. This included instituting a Committed Distance Learning remote program for over 5,000 students for the 2020-2021 school year and implementing health and prevention guidance that ensured students and staff were learning in the building with no pandemic-related closures since August 2020.

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back on local taxpayers and is not recommended for Olentangy residents.

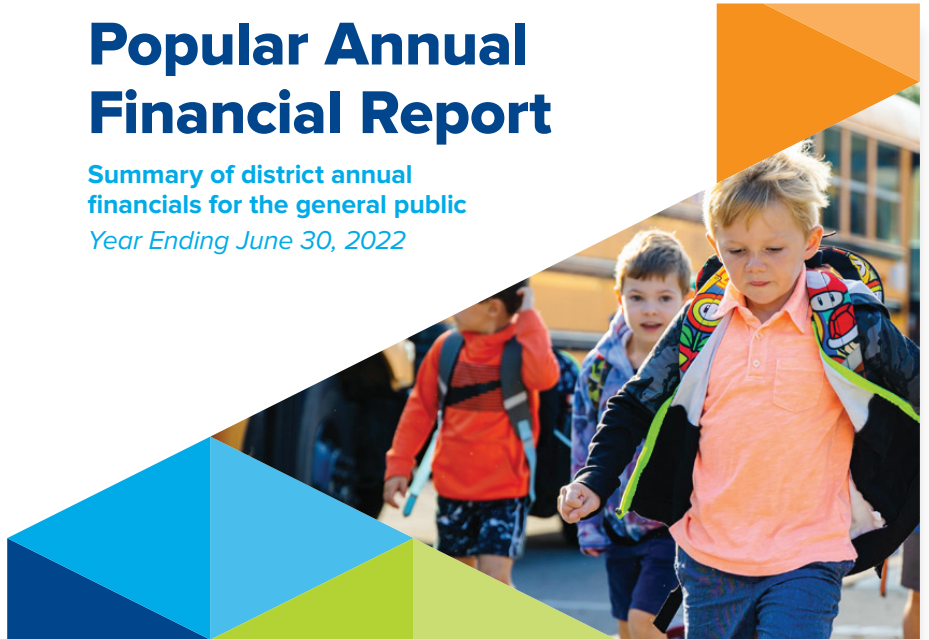
The community is encouraged to stay abreast of House Bill 1 in the Ohio 135th general assembly as it develops and share feedback with Senator Andrew O. Brenner and Representative Beth Lear:

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Popular Annual Financial Report

Summary of district annual
financials for the general public
Year Ending June 30, 2022



Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR)

All Olentangy residents are receiving a PAFR in the mail. This PAFR provides a comprehensive overview of the district's general fund revenues and expenditures, as well as other relevant financial trends, through an easy-to-read, user-friendly format. (A digital version is available at <https://www.olentangy.k12.oh.us/departments/treasurer>).

OLENTANGY: BRIDGED CONNECTING SCHOOLS WITH INDUSTRY

Olentangy Schools and BridgED, a consulting company developed to “bridge the gap” between K-12 school districts and the business community, have announced their continued partnership in driving business engagement across schools through May 2024. “Olentangy is proud to focus on the strategic-plan goal of expanding community involvement and partnerships by piloting a program that creates opportunities for impact in workforce development, internships and hiring, philanthropic giving and scholarships,” stated Olentangy Schools Superintendent Mark T. Raiff. “These opportunities ultimately aid in student success and define paths forward.”

In this joint venture, Olentangy Schools has deepened their commitment to maximizing student opportunities through corporate partnerships with ten businesses: Honda Motor Company, The Ohio State University Wexner Medical

Center, Elford Construction, Worthington Industries, JPMorgan Chase, Forge Biologics, Kokosing, Accenture, Nationwide Insurance and MI Homes.

Examples of the partnership and engagements in the Olentangy: BridgED program include OSU Wexner Medical Center Radiology presenting a hands-on station rotation demonstration to 60 Shanahan Middle School students, Worthington Industries employees speaking to Berlin High School business students about college accounting majors and career paths, and Elford Construction employees sharing opportunities in construction with Liberty High School classes.

Olentangy: BridgED was formed through an inaugural partnership between BridgED, the Educational Service Center of Central Ohio (ESCCO) and Olentangy Schools.



The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Radiology staff demonstrate medical imaging technology to middle school students.

MASTERY OF LEARNING IN THE CLASSROOM

Olentangy Schools continues to educate students to perform at high levels. Though only one measure of many, test scores are an indication of the strong academic health of our schools. As such, Olentangy Schools is one of only 12 districts in the state to receive 5-stars in all categories on the Ohio school report card. Student ACT averages outpace the state by four points and our senior graduation rate continues to be at 98%. This data and more can be viewed on the Ohio Department of Education website.

Ensuring mastery of learning is at the core of what we do in classrooms. Student success is directly attributed to our staff continuing to grow and learn in their craft, and one of the key components of professional learning is ongoing teacher collaboration and reflection focused on the goals of increasing student achievement and fostering college and career ready students. All professional development for the staff of Olentangy Schools is designed with the intent to

develop students who are resilient, purposeful, curious, and kind. Teachers at all grade levels and departments meet regularly to engage in ongoing work around the Olentangy Founda-

tions. Revised and updated in 2021, the Olentangy Foundations explains how the presence of quality curriculum, assessment, instruction, and context in an inclusive environment ensures the opportunity for every student to maximize their learning.

To that end, the district utilizes high quality and research-based curriculum resources across the content areas in support of a consistent and coherent curriculum, a personalized student support system known as the multi-

tiered system of support (MTSS) and a culture-building framework of positive behavioral interventions and supports (PBIS). During the 2022-2023 school year academic supports expanded by adding a Math Specialist to the current Literacy and Gifted Specialist teams in each elementary and middle school.



Students at Wyandot Run Elementary School work on Book Club evaluations developed to support student-centered learning and foster curiosity.

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The phrase “One Olentangy” can be attributed to Mr. Raiff and his continual efforts to maintain the small, united community feel while the district experienced significant growth.

Mr. Raiff began his teaching career in Northeast Ohio. He served in principal capacities at Bexley High School, Westerville South, and Westerville Central High School before coming to Olentangy. He has a Bachelor’s degree in accounting from Case Western Reserve University, teaching credentials from John Carroll University, and a Master’s in Education from Cleveland State University. Mr. Raiff intends to retire with his wife, Katie, in North Carolina and enjoy time with their four children and three grandchildren. The Board of Education is undergoing a search for the next Olentangy Schools Superintendent and plans to announce their selected candidate in May.



Mr. Raiff congratulates students receiving academic, arts and extracurricular achievement awards at Orange High School.

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Berlin Middle School will welcome 766 students in August. There will be a grand opening celebration for the school community that will take place August 13, 2023.

New schools address Olentangy’s continued enrollment growth. Since opening Shale Meadows Elementary in 2021, the district’s preschool through 5th grade enrollment has grown by over 500 students. The district was forced to close enrollment at three elementary schools this academic year and shift students for the 2023-2024 school year to alleviate overcrowding. Current enrollment forecasts indicate the district will have around 12,841 elementary students by the 2032-2033 school year, an increase from 10,264 elementary students this academic school year.

The facilities committee’s 10-year enrollment projections reflect the need for Elementary Schools 18, 19, and 20, Middle School 7 and High School 5 by the 2032-2033 school year.



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ALUMNI GATHERINGS

FALL 2023

ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL

September 15

BERLIN HIGH SCHOOL

September 22

OLENTANGY HIGH SCHOOL

September 29

LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL

September 29



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DISTRICT DATES

CLASS OF 2023 GRADUATION

May 21, 2023
Olentangy High School: 9 a.m.
Liberty High School: 12 p.m.
Orange High School: 3 p.m.
Berlin High School: 6 p.m.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

May 24, 2023 - Preschool
May 25, 2023 - K-12 (two-hour early dismissal for K-5)

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

May 25, 2023

TEACHER WORK DAY

May 26, 2023

KINDERGARTEN SCREENING

May and June

SUMMER ENRICHMENT EXPERIENCE

June 5 - 15, 2023

SUMMER SCHOOL

June 5 - July 7, 2023

