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Superintendent Raiff to Retire after 20 Years in Olentangy

The Olentangy Schools Board of Education will accept the retirement resignation of Superintendent Mark T. Raiff at the January 26, 2023 board meeting.

Mr. Raiff came to Olentangy Schools in 2003 as an Assistant Principal at Olentangy High School. He later became Principal at Liberty High School, Chief Academic Officer for the district, and has served as Superintendent of Olentangy Schools for the past eight years.

Since assuming the role of Superintendent, Mr. Raiff has overseen the passing of two 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 free up space in building classrooms. He established the district departments of Student Well-Being, Equity and Inclusion, and Safety, Security and Preparedness, while also growing the district's robust specialized student support services. Other highlights include maintaining strong relationships with Olentangy's valuable associations, and meeting with state legislators to advocate for fair state funding.

Mark 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.

"Although we approached Mr. Raiff several times to extend his Superintendent contract, we understand and respect his decision to retire at the end of this school year and wish him the best," said Board President Kevin O'Brien. "Mr. Raiff's knowledge, forward-thinking approach, and commitment to our district's mission to facilitate maximum learning has allowed Olentangy Schools to remain a top academically performing school district through some of our most challenging times. He will leave a legacy at Olentangy that he and his family should be proud of."

Olentangy Teachers Association President Elaine Eddy added, "Mr. Raiff has modeled leadership, courage and professionalism for all of Olentangy. Because of his positive, steadfast approach and innate ability to connect to all Olentangy stakeholders; students, parents, teachers, staff, and community members – Mr. Raiff has always made our school district feel like a small, united 'One Olentangy' community."



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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 University, teaching credentials from John Carroll University, and a Master's in Education from Cleveland State University. Mr. Raiff plans to retire with his wife, Katie, in North Carolina and enjoy time with their four children and three grandchildren.

The Board of Education will discuss plans for a Superintendent search and hiring process at the January 26 board meeting.

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