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OHIO'S FIRST FAIR SCHOOL FUNDING SUMMIT TO TAKE PLACE AT OLENTANGY HIGH SCHOOLS

Olentangy Schools will host the first Ohio Fair School Funding Summit on Tuesday, June 7 at Olentangy High School. Leadership from school districts across the state will come together with state representatives and influential policy makers to celebrate the success of legislators' recent work in this area and increase awareness among similarly-situated Ohio public school districts to advocate for fair funding.

The agenda boasts keynotes from former U.S. Representative and Olentangy Schools parent Pat Tiberi, Speaker of the House Robert R. Cupp, and former State Representatives Rick Carfagna and John Patterson. Superintendents, Treasurers, and Board of Education Presidents from over 50 Ohio school districts were invited to the summit. Participants from across the state will engage in panel discussions and targeted breakout sessions.

Olentangy Board member Dr. Kevin Daberkow described the importance of the summit and fair school funding by suggesting that, "The Ohio Fair School Funding Summit is a powerful example of how stakeholders can work together to meet the challenges of financing Ohio's schools and making Ohio the premier state in the nation for educating our children and raising a family. For Olentangy Schools, the stakes could not be higher. We appreciate the hard work of all summit attendees to work together to accomplish our common school funding goals."

With exponential student enrollment growth within the Olentangy school district and Delaware County, funding caps in the previous funding formula made levy campaigns a cyclical conversation for the district. The current Fair School Funding Plan was voted into the biennium budget for the next two years. Olentangy Schools will continue the conversation advocating for the Fair School Funding Plan to be fully funded by the end of the next two budget cycles.

When presenting the District's five-year forecast, Treasurer Emily Hatfield stated, "The Fair School Funding plan becoming fully phased-in over six years would dramatically impact Olentangy because it allocates funding to the school district where students are enrolled. Olentangy Schools has the potential to receive \$50 million annually in state funding once the Fair School Funding plan is fully phased-in, which is \$40 million more than we currently receive."

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