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OLENTANGY SCHOOLS NAMES NEW PRINCIPAL FOR OLENTANGY ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL

Olentangy Schools is pleased to announce Monica Asher as principal of Olentangy Orange High School.

Ms. Asher comes to Olentangy from Chagrin Falls High School, where she served as principal for the past five years and dramatically increased student academic achievement during that time. She currently sits on the Board of Directors of the Ohio Association of Secondary School Administrators (OASSA) and on the Ohio Department of Education's Educator Standards Board. Ms. Asher was named the OASSA Principal of the Year for the 2022-23 school year. Additional administrative experience includes assistant principal in Rocky River and Avon Lake, and as Huron High School Athletic Director. She is currently a doctoral candidate at Bowling Green State University.

"I am excited and proud to become a member of the Pioneer family! I was drawn to Orange High School not only because of its academic reputation but also its strong sense of community," shared Ms. Asher upon accepting the position. "Olentangy's commitment to providing an education that develops learners who are purposeful, resilient, curious, and kind is one that resonates with me. It is apparent that the mission, vision, and values of the school district are lived by every staff member, parent, and student. I have been nothing short of impressed and my experiences throughout the interview process further confirm that Olentangy is an incredibly special place."

"We are pleased to welcome Monica Asher into our One Olentangy community, and believe her leadership qualities, experience, and insight will serve both the staff and students at Orange High School," shared Olentangy Schools Superintendent Mark T. Raiff.

Olentangy Orange High School is in Orange Township with 240 staff members and 1,960 students enrolled in grades 9-12. Ms. Asher's predecessor, Trond Smith, has served five years as the Orange High School principal and 12 years in the district. Mr. Smith will lead Olentangy building administrators and athletic directors as the new Director of Administrative Services.

Please join us in welcoming Ms. Asher to Olentangy Schools and the Columbus area. She will transition into the principal role in August 2022 pending approval at the May 12 Board of Education meeting.

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