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Olentangy School Board Approves Resolution for November 2025 Bond Issue

LEWIS CENTER, OH — On Thursday, July 24, the Olentangy Schools Board of Education voted unanimously at a special meeting to approve a resolution to proceed with the issuance of bonds to construct, furnish, and equip a new elementary school and a new high school.

The proposed **no new millage bond** would fund the construction of the immediate need for two new buildings, along with other critical infrastructure upgrades and safety updates **without** raising the current tax rate.

“This ballot issue is about continuing to accommodate our continued growth and projected classroom overcrowding, and providing engaging, quality learning spaces,” said Superintendent Todd Meyer. “We are committed to creating the overall experience our students need and deserve to flourish—whether they’re moving on to post-secondary education, the workforce, or military service.”

The bond will raise \$235 million but will keep the district’s current tax rate steady. This will allow Olentangy, which has grown by over 5,000 students in the past ten years, to invest in facilities to meet enrollment growth without adding to the community’s financial burden.

“The Board is committed to finding fiscally responsible approaches to our growing enrollment,” said Board President Brandon Lester. “This measure would address our most urgent space needs while maintaining the exceptional educational experience that our community expects—all while keeping the tax rate steady.”

The Board of Education approved a resolution of necessity at the June 26 meeting, which was then submitted to the Delaware County Auditor for certification. The board held the second vote—a resolution to proceed—on July 24, for the bond issuance to be placed on the November 4, 2025, ballot.

If passed, construction would begin in 2026, with completion of the elementary targeted for 2027 and the high school in 2028. Olentangy’s student enrollment is projected to grow by over 2,000 students by the 2028-29 school year.

For more information about Olentangy’s long-range facilities planning and the proposed bond issue, visit <https://www.olentangy.k12.oh.us/about/facilities-projects>.

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