

# OLENTANGY SCHOOLS




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## OLENTANGY SCHOOLS PLACES NO NEW MILLAGE BOND ON NOVEMBER 2025 BALLOT

The Olentangy Schools Board of Education voted unanimously to place a **NO NEW MILLAGE** bond issue on the November 4, 2025 ballot.

**IF PASSED:**

		
Won't Increase the Tax Rate	Constructs a new Elementary School & High School	Addresses Classroom Overcrowding

- The district has grown by over 5,000 students in the past ten years.
- Olentangy is projected to grow by an additional 5,000+ students in the near future.
- The proposed bond invests in facilities to meet enrollment growth without increasing the tax rate on our residents.



to the community's financial burden. The proposed bond issue will not increase the tax rates paid by residents on their tax bills; the existing tax rate will provide collections that are sufficient to cover both the district's current debt (\$33.9 million) and the additional \$9.5 million, if the issue passes.

"Olentangy has handled the significant growth over the past several decades, implementing a no additional mills strategy for bond issues to construct ten of our buildings," reported Treasurer Ryan Jenkins. "Most recently, the 2011, 2016, and 2020 bonds added extensions onto three elementary schools for preschool students, and built Berlin High School, Berlin Middle School, Shale Meadows Elementary, and Peachblow Crossing Elementary without adding additional taxes for Olentangy residents."

The land for both campuses is already district-owned. Elementary 18 will be located in the northwest portion of the district on Bean-Oller Road, with High School 5 north at Sawmill Road and Bunty Station Road.

"This is a fiscally responsible step forward that supports our growing enrollment and maintains Olentangy's educational excellence, without increasing the tax rate," said Board President Brandon Lester.

For more information on the 2025 no new millage bond and Olentangy's long-range facilities planning, visit [www.olentangy.k12.oh.us](http://www.olentangy.k12.oh.us).

Olentangy Schools will be on the November 4, 2025 ballot with a no new millage bond to construct, furnish, and equip a new elementary school and a new high school. If the November 2025 bond issue passes, construction on the two new buildings would begin in 2026, with completion of the elementary school targeted for 2027 and the high school in 2028. Olentangy's student enrollment is projected to approach an additional 2,000 students by the 2028-29 school year.

"The enrollment growth is already here, and will continue," said Superintendent Todd Meyer. "The bond and these two buildings will accommodate our growth and provide the quality learning spaces our community expects and our students need."

The bond will raise \$235 million, which will maintain the district's current tax rate while allowing Olentangy, projected to grow by over 5,000 new students in a ten-year span, to invest in facilities to meet enrollment growth without adding

### A MESSAGE FROM SUPERINTENDENT MEYER

As I begin my third school year as Superintendent, I remain both grateful and inspired by the remarkable things happening across Olentangy Schools. Each day, I see evidence of our shared commitment to educational excellence—in classrooms, the arts, athletics, and throughout our One Olentangy community.

We take pride in the host of opportunities we offer students and the dedication of our staff, all of whom share a commitment to facilitating maximum learning for every student. Sustaining high academic rankings while navigating exponential growth is a testament to the strength of our district. That work is horizontally and vertically aligned from preschool through high school, creating a foundation that prepares students for success in Olentangy and beyond.

While we are proud to consistently earn top marks from the state, we know that report cards only tell part of the story. The true measure of excellence is the learning that happens every day—in high-quality instruction, meaningful relationships, and experiences that spark curiosity and a sense of purpose. That mission extends beyond our classrooms to every member of our team: bus drivers who greet students each morning, food service staff who provide nutritious meals, and specialists who offer one-on-one support. Together, we ensure that every child is supported and valued.

We also remain committed to investing where it matters most—classroom instruction. Olentangy continues to rank among the top 10 districts in Ohio for classroom spending, with 75.3%

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# BUILDING FOR OUR FUTURE

If you walk through the halls of any Olentangy school, you'll see the story of our growing One Olentangy community. With nearly 24,500 students enrolled across its 95-square mile boundary—and thousands more projected in the coming years—it's easy to understand how Olentangy Schools became one of Ohio's fastest-growing districts and fourth-largest. Over the past decade alone, enrollment has climbed by more than 5,000 students, and projections paint a similar picture for growth over the next ten years.

The continued growth brings both opportunities and challenges. District leaders have remained vigilant and proactive to balance enrollment across schools to help keep class sizes ideal. These efforts have ensured students have access to electives, unique cocurricular programs, extracurricular activities, and the personal connections that define the Olentangy experience.

Without new instructional spaces, overcrowding can limit those opportunities—especially at the high school level, where Olentangy's schools average more than 1,800 students compared to the state average of 700. Middle and elementary

schools are also among the largest in Ohio, serving nearly twice the state averages.

New home construction is already underway across the district, and Olentangy's class sizes will continue to rise; based on current projections, enrollment growth will not level until 2042.

Thanks to past community support, Olentangy has kept pace with growth. The 2011, 2016 and 2020 bonds added extensions onto three elementary schools for preschool students, and built Berlin High School, Berlin Middle School, Shale Meadows Elementary, and Peachblow Crossing Elementary, easing overcrowding and preserving the student experience.

Looking ahead, Olentangy Schools is committed to thoughtful, proactive planning that protects the educational excellence and experiences students and families expect and deserve. District leaders remain strategic with Olentangy's investment in schools, classrooms, and staff to uphold its mission: to facilitate maximum learning for every student—today and in the future.

## Building OUR Future

Our community is invited to meet with Olentangy Schools district leadership on the no new millage bond to build an additional elementary school and high school to accommodate the growing student population. The bond will be presented for voter approval on the November 4, 2025 ballot.

### COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

**Tuesday, October 14**  
7:30-9am @ Starbucks  
Olentangy Crossing, 6289  
Pullman Drive, Lewis Center

**Tuesday, October 21**  
8-9am @ Locust Table  
16 Crossing Street, Powell

**Wednesday, October 29**  
7:30-9am @ Parlor Donuts  
5915 Evans Farm Drive, Suite F  
Lewis Center

Just want the facts on the 2025 no new millage bond and Olentangy's long-range facilities planning? Visit [www.olentangy.k12.oh.us](http://www.olentangy.k12.oh.us)

### COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

**Monday, October 6**  
6:30-7:30pm @ Liberty  
Township Hall, 7802 Liberty  
Road North, Powell

**Wednesday, October 22**  
6:30-7:30pm @ Orange  
Township Hall, 1680 E Orange  
Road, Lewis Center

**Tuesday, October 28**  
6:30-7:30pm @ Grace Point  
Church, 2393 Peachblow Road,  
Lewis Center

## SUPERINTENDENT Continued

of our per-pupil budget dedicated directly to teaching and learning. With 27 schools and academic programs across the district, we continue to grow as a destination for educational excellence—a place where community spirit, opportunity, and student success remain at the center of all we do.

It is an honor to serve as your Superintendent, and I look forward to the continued celebration of the achievements of our One Olentangy community.

With Gratitude,

Todd R. Meyer  
Superintendent



## CELEBRATING BACK TO SCHOOL



## A TRADITION OF DEDICATION: HONORING 40 YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

When you step into an Olentangy school, you immediately feel the difference. Teachers, principals, staff, parents, and volunteers are working together to create a welcoming learning environment for each and every student who walks through the doors. That spirit of dedication and community approach is what enriches our schools and makes the Olentangy student experience so special.

For nearly four decades, the Community Service Award has recognized those who embody this spirit of service, honoring individuals whose time, talents, and generosity have left a lasting mark on our schools and students.

“One Olentangy is more than a phrase—it's who we are, and who we've been for the past 40 years,” said Superintendent Todd Meyer. “Year after year, we see the incredible dedication of individuals who pour into our students and create opportunities that shape their lives. The Community Service Award is one way

we say ‘thank you’ for that service and for sharing in our mission to facilitate maximum learning for every student. We are deeply grateful for a community that continues to embrace and support our students, our schools, and our district.”



The 2024-25 Community Service Award winners were honored at a June 2025 Board of Education meeting.

Past honorees have included PTO leaders, classroom volunteers, program coordinators, school resource officers, and donors—each supporting our staff and students in an impactful way. These recipients represent the enduring tradition of partnership that continues to allow Olentangy Schools to grow and flourish.

Nominations for the 2025–26 Community Service Awards will open this spring, with honorees recognized during a future Board of Education meeting in May 2026. To learn more about past recipients and their contributions, visit [www.olentangy.k12.oh.us/community/community-service-awards](http://www.olentangy.k12.oh.us/community/community-service-awards).



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## KNOW THE FACTS



**Election Day is  
 November 4, 2025**  
 Early Voting Begins October 7

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 new millage bond



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## DISTRICT DATES

**CLASSIFIED INTERVIEW DATES**  
 October 15, 2025, November 19, 2025,  
 December 15, 2025, January 23, 2026,  
 February 20, 2026, March 16, 2026

**END OF FIRST QUARTER**  
 October 16, 2025

**THANKSGIVING BREAK**  
 November 26–December 1, 2025

**END OF SECOND QUARTER/  
 FIRST SEMESTER**  
 December 19, 2025

**WINTER BREAK**  
 December 22, 2025–January 2, 2026

**INTERVENTION SPECIALIST  
 INTERVIEW DATES**  
 January 7, 2026, January 20, 2026,  
 January 21, 2026

**STATE OF THE SCHOOLS**  
 February 4, 2026

**END OF THIRD QUARTER**  
 March 18, 2026

**CERTIFIED INTERVIEW DAY**  
 March 26, 2026

**SPRING BREAK**  
 March 30–April 3, 2026