

OLENTANGY SCHOOLS

ALUMNI CONNECTION

FALL 2025

OLENTANGY SCHOOLS CELEBRATES INAUGURAL “LEGENDS OF OLENTANGY” ALUMNI AWARDS



The Olentangy Schools Alumni Association proudly celebrated the district's first-ever **Legends of Olentangy** awards on Friday, September 19, 2025, prior to the Olentangy High School Homecoming game. Sponsored by the Olentangy Education Foundation, the event marked the launch of a new annual tradition recognizing outstanding alumni and community members whose achievements reflect Olentangy's mission to facilitate maximum learning for every student.

The Legends of Olentangy awards honor individuals who have demonstrated excellence in professional achievement, leadership, or community service following their graduation or as an outstanding contributor to our district's success. Each year, three recipients are recognized in the categories of Distinguished Alumni, Young Alumni Achievement, and Community Service, with the celebration rotating among the district's four high schools.

“Each of our Legend award winners show us what it looks like to take the foundation of an Olentangy education and use it to lead, to serve, and to inspire,” stated Superintendent Todd Meyer at the award ceremony on September 19. “They remind us why we do this important work each and every day, and that our mission does not end when students leave our classrooms. The impact of Olentangy is carried forward in the lives of our graduates and the difference they make in their communities, professions, and families.”

The Legends of Olentangy awards will continue each year, with a nomination process that begins in January, celebrating alumni and community members who exemplify Olentangy's values and make a lasting difference both locally and beyond.



Community Service Award — Beverly McDaniel (Olentangy High School, Class of 1984)

Beverly has dedicated 29 years of service to Olentangy Schools as a beloved lunch lady at Alum Creek Elementary. Deeply rooted in the Olentangy community, she represents the heart of service and connection that defines Olentangy's culture.



Young Alumni Achievement Award — Allyson Ritter (Olentangy High School, Class of 2015)

Ally is a Project Manager at Elford, Inc., where she also serves as president of the Women Builders of Elford. She remains actively engaged with the district through the Olentangy:BridgED program, helping connect students with career pathways and industry insights.



Distinguished Alumni Award — Jerry Cline (Olentangy High School, Class of 1965)

A lifelong community member and Marine Corps veteran, Jerry served eight years on the Olentangy Board of Education, including two years as president. He built a successful career with PPG Industries while raising his family in the district, embodying both leadership and dedication to community.



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.

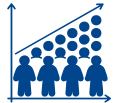
IF PASSED:



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.



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 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

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ALUMNI ACCOLADES

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CLASS OF 1985

John Feasel (OHS) has built highly successful girls and boys basketball programs at Olentangy High School, leading the girls team to OCC championships in 2009–10,

2010–11, 2011–12, 2014–15, and 2015–16, as well as multiple Central District runner-up finishes. He earned numerous coaching honors, including OCC Coach of the Year five times, District 11 Coach of the Year three times, and AP State Coach of the Year in 2016. John remains a proud Olentangy alumnus and respected leader within the community.

CLASS OF 1989

Karen Goddard Mason (OHS) earned a B.A. from DePaul University, an M.A. and M.Ed., and a certificate in Education for Ministry from The School of Theology at The University of the South. She has taught in Japan and Romania, served as a guest lecturer at The Ohio State University, and continues to contribute as a longtime volunteer with Girl Scouts and Vacation Bible School.

CLASS OF 2011

Samantha Coman (OHS) graduated from Miami University with a degree in English Literature and works as a Senior

Project Manager at a Chicago advertising agency, leading national healthcare campaigns. She volunteers with the Girl Scouts and the Center on Halsted, supporting local community initiatives.

CLASS OF 2012

Savannah Wolfe (née Moses) (OHS) earned her Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering from The Ohio State University in 2022.

CLASS OF 2015

Ryan Welsh (OOHS) is a varsity coach at Olentangy Liberty High School. He led the JV hockey team to four CBJ Cup titles and multiple state appearances while helping the varsity program capture district titles and CBJ Cups. He was also part of the coaching staff that led the 2023 team to the first state title for a Columbus-area hockey program.

CLASS OF 2022

Martina Peroni (OHS), a swimming student-athlete at Duke University, qualified for the NCAA Swimming and Diving Championship and for the U.S. Olympic Trials. She set two Ohio state records in swimming.

CLASS OF 2023

Gianna Tassinari (OBHS) joined the military following graduation, finishing at the top of her training class, and has since been stationed in both Texas and Florida.



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

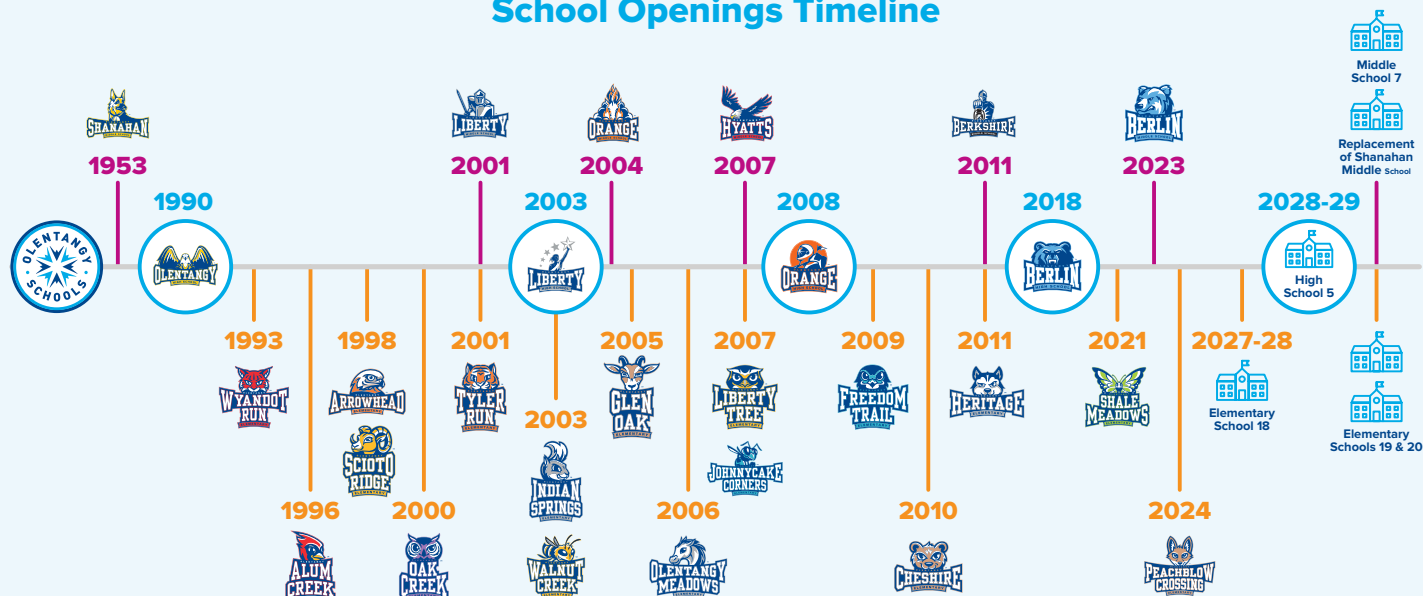
to the state average of 700. Middle and elementary schools are also among the largest in Ohio, serving nearly twice the state averages.

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.

School Openings Timeline



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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 Buntz 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.



A TRADITION OF DEDICATION: HONORING 40 YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE



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

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.”

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

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 June 2026. To learn more about past recipients and their contributions, visit www.olentangy.k12.oh.us/community/community-service-awards.

2025 ALUMNI GATHERINGS



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