

OUR SCHOOL REPORT



Olmsted Falls School District

Fall 2025

TEAMWORK, SAFETY, AND VISION: THE YEAR IS OFF TO A STRONG START

By Superintendent Jim Lloyd, Ed.D.



As we settle into the rhythm of a new school year, it's clear that the 2025–26 year is off to a strong start across Olmsted Falls City Schools. The energy, enthusiasm, and teamwork shown by our students, staff, and families have set a positive tone for the months ahead.

This fall, we were proud to welcome a talented group of new teachers, staff members, and one new building administrator to our Bulldog family. Despite the challenges that the education profession faces with attracting high quality staff, our school district continues to be a place where people want to come to inspire and empower students. The passion our new Bulldogs show for helping students grow is already evident in classrooms across all five schools. We also welcomed Officer Alex Malloy from the Olmsted Township Police Department as our newest School Resource Officer. Alongside his colleagues, Officer Malloy helps maintain a safe and secure learning environment for our students each day.

The district continues to invest in both safety and operational improvements. This year's expansion of Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) across our buildings and outdoor facilities ensures that both our students and the broader community have access to life-saving equipment when needed. Learn more about

this important community safety investment and see the full list of AED locations on page 3.

We also continue to engage our community through the Facilities Master Planning process, which will guide the long-term future of our school buildings. The Facilities Master Planning Committee, chaired by Director of Business Heath Krakowiak, is reviewing needs districtwide and developing options that balance growth, efficiency, and fiscal responsibility. We invite you to attend one of our upcoming Our School Facilities Community Forums on November 11 at Falls-Lenox or January 13 at the Early Childhood Center to learn more and share feedback.

At the state level, we are closely following ongoing discussions about school funding, property tax reform, and private school voucher expansion. Each of these topics has important implications for how public schools across Ohio are funded. While the specifics continue to evolve, our focus remains clear: to be good stewards of taxpayer dollars while ensuring that our students have the opportunities, support, and resources they need to thrive.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership and support. Together, we are ensuring that Olmsted Falls City School District remains strong, student-focused, and future-ready.

STUDENTS TAKE THE BENCH IN CCP GOVERNMENT CLASS

Students in Mrs. Orseno's College Credit Plus (CCP) American National Government class recently brought civics to life by conducting their own Supreme Court hearing focused on students' rights in schools.

Acting as Chief Justice and Associate Justices, complete with robes, students heard four mock cases in which petitioners and respondents presented opening arguments, main arguments, rebuttals, and closing statements. The simulation challenged students to think critically about constitutional principles while practicing public speaking, reasoning, and collaboration.



LEGISLATION THAT COULD RESHAPE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING



BRETT ROBSON
Treasurer & CFO

I hope you've had a chance to review Olmsted Falls City Schools, *Our Financial Story*, which arrived in mailboxes a couple of weeks ago. Each year, this report provides an overview of how the district is managing resources responsibly while supporting student success. If you haven't seen it yet, scan the QR code below to view a digital copy.

As I shared in *Our Financial Story*, after much reflection, I have made the decision to retire at the end of 2025. Serving as treasurer of Olmsted Falls City Schools has been one of the greatest honors of my professional career. I have been fortunate to work alongside our dedicated staff, talented leadership team, and engaged community to ensure that every dollar entrusted to us is used wisely to support student learning and the Triple A experience—academics, arts, and athletics.

In the months ahead, the district will continue to closely monitor the financial landscape across Ohio, including ongoing discussions about tax reform, school funding, and the expansion of private school vouchers—all of which have direct implications for public education.

While this was not an easy decision, I leave with full confidence in our Board of Education and its ability to select a successor who will continue the district's strong tradition of sound financial management. The Board of Education is currently in the process of identifying the district's next treasurer, with final interviews scheduled for the week of Nov. 10, 2025, and the goal to employ a new treasurer at the Nov. 20, 2025, board meeting.

The latest topic emerging from Columbus, House Bill 186, proposes significant changes to how Ohio's school districts manage and report their finances. Among other provisions, the bill could limit the flexibility districts have in managing local tax revenues and increase state-level oversight of district spending decisions. While the intent of the bill is to promote transparency, many education leaders across Ohio have raised concerns that it could create additional administrative burdens and reduce local control over school budgeting. As the conversation around House Bill 186 continues, the district will stay engaged in monitoring its progress and advocating for solutions that preserve local accountability, transparency, and fiscal responsibility.

The future of Olmsted Falls City Schools is bright, and I am grateful for the opportunity to have served this incredible community.

Brett Robson
Treasurer

Scan to view the 2025
Our Financial Story



WELCOME SRO ALEX MALLOY!

Olmsted Falls City Schools is pleased to welcome Officer Alex Malloy of the Olmsted Township Police Department as the new School Resource Officer (SRO) serving Olmsted Falls Intermediate School and Olmsted Falls Middle School.

Officer Malloy brings more than 11 years of law enforcement experience and previously served five years in the United States Marine Corps. A proud Olmsted Falls resident, he and his wife are raising five children in the community he now serves.

"I believe there is no higher calling than the safety and security of our children," Officer Malloy shared. "I'm honored to serve in the schools and look forward to working with our students, staff, and families."

Olmsted Falls City Schools is fortunate to have three full-time School Resource Officers working each day to keep our buildings safe and secure.

FRENCH CLUB KICKS OFF THE YEAR WITH A GAME OF PÉTANQUE

The Olmsted Falls High School French Club started the year with a fun and cultural twist—learning to play pétanque, a traditional game popular in the south of France and throughout the French-speaking world.

Similar to bocce, pétanque combines strategy, skill, and a little friendly competition. After learning the rules and techniques, students headed outside to put their new knowledge to the test.



ADDITIONAL AED DEVICES ENHANCE SAFETY FOR SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY

Olmsted Falls City Schools has taken proactive steps to further enhance safety across all district properties by increasing the number of Automated External Defibrillator (AED) devices available in the event of an emergency. The district now maintains a total of 19 AED devices across its schools and facilities — including six outdoor AED units that are accessible to the community beyond regular school hours.

Recognizing the growing awareness and prevalence of Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) events, these additional outdoor AED units represent a meaningful safety improvement not only for our students and staff but also for youth athletic organizations and community members who utilize district grounds evenings and weekends.

In addition to the existing outdoor AED units located at the Olmsted Falls High School stadium (mounted on the wall near the concession stand) and the Olmsted Falls Middle School athletic complex (at the soccer/lacrosse field), four new outdoor AED units have been installed at the following locations:

- Olmsted Falls High School Baseball & Softball Fields (East side of building)**
- Olmsted Falls Intermediate School Fields (South side of building)**
- Falls-Lenox Playground/Ball Fields (North side of building)**
- Early Childhood Center Playground/Ball Fields (East side of building)**

The district continues to maintain AEDs in all schools and the transportation facility. The recent AED expansion also provided for additional units inside our larger buildings, bringing the total number of AEDs to:

- Olmsted Falls High School: 6 units**
- Olmsted Falls Middle School: 4 units**
- Olmsted Falls Intermediate School: 3 units**
- Falls-Lenox Primary School: 3 units**
- Olmsted Falls Early Childhood Center: 2 units**
- Bus Garage: 1 unit**

The increase in available AEDs across the district goes above and beyond the requirements of House Bill 47, passed by the Ohio legislature in October 2024, which calls for schools to strengthen preparedness for cardiac emergencies. Ongoing AED inspections and staff training—conducted in partnership between the district nurse and building maintenance team—ensure that every unit is ready for immediate use at all times.



PBIS COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS POWER POSITIVE CHOICES AT OFMS

The Middle School Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Team has built wonderful community partnerships to celebrate students who make safe, respectful, responsible, and kind choices every day — and those positive behaviors are paying off!

Cafeteria Champions: Twenty-four students were recently recognized for demonstrating positive cafeteria behavior with a special lunch from North Olmsted Chick-fil-A. Tables earn raffle tickets daily, and each month one table per grade level is drawn for this fun reward.

“Sub for a Sub” Winners: Three students earned our monthly prize for showing great behavior when substitute teachers are in the classroom. Thanks to Charleys Cheesesteaks in Middleburg Heights for providing free subs for each winner and a \$5 discount for their accompanying family member.

Bus of the Month: Riders on the winning bus will each receive a treat—like a donut, ice cream, or candy—and one lucky rider will win a Day Pass from Swings N Things, our longest-standing PBIS partner.

The PBIS Building Team also kicked off the year with a strong start, bringing together 34 staff and parent volunteers to plan rewards and introduce new ways to recognize positive behavior throughout the year.

Olmsted Falls Middle School is always looking to grow its network of community partners to help celebrate student success. If your business or organization is interested in joining this effort, please reach out to msislowski@ofcs.net to learn more.



A BIG BULLDOG WELCOME!

Olmsted Falls City Schools is proud to welcome an outstanding group of new educators and one new building administrator to our Bulldog family this year! Please join us in giving them a warm Bulldog welcome as they begin their journey inspiring and empowering students across the district!

OLMSTED FALLS EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

Kim Krock
Intervention Specialist

Bridget Lyons
Intervention Specialist

FALLS-LENOX PRIMARY SCHOOL

Julianna Jones
Tutor

Anna Schanz
3rd Grade Teacher

Rachel Waszak
Tutor

OLMSTED FALLS INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Christine Hannon
Intervention Specialist

Taylor Gibbons
IS Tutor

OLMSTED FALLS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Mitchell Heffron
Assistant Principal

Kristen Jedlicka
Social Studies Teacher

Ellen McClure
Language Arts Teacher

Kathryn (Mae) Pfeifer
Art Teacher

OLMSTED FALLS HIGH SCHOOL

Angela Case
Art Teacher

Raelyn Corbin
English Language Arts Teacher

Julia Dulaney
English Language Arts Teacher

Nathan Jagodzinski
Fundamentals Teacher

Gretchen Rudolph
Spanish Teacher



Back Row: Ellen McClure, Mitchell Heffron, Bridget Lyons, Taylor Gibbons, Nathan Jagodzinski, Gretchen Rudolph, Angela Case, and Raelyn Corbin
Front Row: Anna Schanz, Rachel Waszak, Kathryn Pfeifer, Julia Dulaney, Kim Krock, and Kristen Jedlicka

A BULLDOG WELCOME FOR OUR NEW 6TH GRADERS

Our OFMS WEB (Where Everybody Belongs) Leaders rolled out the red carpet for incoming sixth graders during WEB Orientation. Nearly 70 eighth-grade leaders were trained to help the Class of 2032 feel welcomed and ready for middle school—leading icebreakers, reviewing school routines, and giving building tours.

The annual OFMS WEB Tailgate wrapped up the week with Bulldog spirit as 6th graders enjoyed a pregame meal, learned varsity football traditions, and joined the Bulldog March down Bagley Road to cheer on the team to victory over Brunswick.



BOWLING FOR KNOWLEDGE IN MATH CLASS

Students in Mrs. Caso’s math class recently wrapped up their decimal place value review with a creative, hands-on project that brought math to life.

The class transformed into a bowling alley, where every item on the menu came with a decimal place value challenge to solve. After “fixing the prices” throughout the bowling alley, students learned how to score a bowling game—then put their math skills to the test with a mini bowling tournament right in the classroom.

The activity combined problem-solving, real-world connections, and a little friendly competition.



GEOLOGY STUDENTS EXPLORE OHIO’S ANCIENT PAST

Olmsted Falls High School geology students kicked off their latest field experience with a trip along the Rocky River at Coe Lake, where they sketched the modern landscape of an old quarry site.

The learning continued at the Rocky River Nature Center, where students came face-to-face with a replica of Dunkleosteus, a massive armored fish that ruled the seas nearly 360 million years ago.

The trip offered an exciting opportunity to connect classroom learning with real-world geology—bringing Ohio’s prehistoric past vividly to life.



FOURTH GRADERS FIND INSPIRATION IN NATURE

To kick off Unit 1 of the Benchmark Advance language arts program, students in Mrs. Barylski and Mrs. Gibbons’ fourth-grade classes took their learning outdoors for a nature walk!

Armed with notebooks and curiosity, students used their observation skills to explore the world around them — noticing sights, sounds, and details to inspire their writing and discussion back in the classroom.

It was a fun and meaningful way to launch their new unit and remind students that inspiration for great ideas can be found just beyond the classroom door.





MISS VALCO'S 2ND GRADERS MAKE THEIR MARK ON DOT DAY

On September 15, Miss Valco's 2nd grade class at Falls-Lenox Primary School joined students around the world in celebrating International Dot Day, inspired by Peter H. Reynolds' book *The Dot*.

The story encourages bravery, creativity, and self-expression — themes that came to life in Miss Valco's classroom as students shared times they had to be brave and try something new.

Afterward, each student created their own unique "dot" artwork to represent their courage and creativity.



HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS SHARE KINDNESS AT FALLS-LENOX

Several Olmsted Falls High School varsity cheerleaders brought their Bulldog spirit to Mrs. Ruffing's first-grade class at Falls-Lenox for a special visit built around the book *How Full Is Your Bucket?*

The story reminds students of the importance of kindness, positivity, and lifting others up — or as the book says, "filling buckets." Who better to share that message than those who spread smiles and school spirit across our community every day?

After the read-aloud, students worked together on a fun activity, sorting examples of "bucket fillers" and "bucket dipper" to practice making positive choices in their own lives.





KINDERGARTEN WELCOMES FALL WITH A LEAF HUNT

To celebrate the first day of fall, Mrs. Budzik's kindergarten class read *Going on a Leaf Hunt!* before heading outdoors for a real-life leaf adventure of their own. Students explored the school grounds, collecting colorful leaves to bring back to the classroom.

During writing time, they transformed their leaves into creative artwork, using each leaf's shape as the body and adding familiar shapes to complete their illustrations. It was a fun and engaging way to welcome the season while practicing creativity, observation, and early writing skills.



FAMILIES GET MOVING AT ECC FAMILY FITNESS NIGHT



The annual ECC Family Fitness Night on September 18 brought students and families together for an evening of fun and movement. Participants rotated through a variety of self-paced fitness stations, enjoying activities that encouraged teamwork, energy, and plenty of smiles.

NEW STUDENTS SHARE THEIR VOICES THROUGH PAWSITIVE PEERS

Falls-Lenox recently held its quarterly Pawsitive Peer meeting, a student input group designed to give students a voice in their school experience.

On September 19, all students new to the district were invited to the library to share feedback about their first weeks at Falls-Lenox—what's going well and how the school can continue to support them as they settle in.

To top off the day, the Olmsted Falls Athletic Boosters generously donated Bulldog apparel so each student could leave with new spirit wear and a warm welcome to the Bulldog family.



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Our School Facilities: A Community Forum

Please Join Us

Olmsted Falls City Schools is developing a Master Facilities Plan to guide the future of our buildings. The district's Facilities Master Planning Committee is presenting two community forum opportunities to provide updates and gather input from residents.

Tuesday, Nov. 11 | 6 p.m.

Falls-Lenox Primary School – East Gym | 26450 Bagley Road

Tuesday, Jan. 13 | 6 p.m.

Olmsted Falls Early Childhood Center – Gym | 7105 Fitch Road



FEEDBACK FOR OUR FUTURE

Olmsted Falls City Schools invites our greater school community to share feedback with us. Please scan the QR code or visit the survey link to let us know how we're doing in the areas of Student Readiness, Student Learning, Community Connections, Engaged & Well-Rounded Students, Student Safety & Well-Being, Effective Systems, and Effective Adults — all key components of our Benefits-Based Accountability System. We hope you'll take a few minutes to share your thoughts and help us continue to grow and improve.

Please note: This survey is designed to gather feedback about the district as a whole. Individual school buildings are also conducting separate surveys specific to their own programs and initiatives.

