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GROUNDBREAKING SCHEDULED AND PRINCIPAL SELECTED FOR OLENTANGY'S 18TH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Olentangy Schools will hold a ceremonial groundbreaking for its 18th Elementary School on Thursday, March 26, 2026, weather permitting. The yet-to-be named elementary school will be located on Bean-Oller Road, west of the intersection of Bean Oller and Sawmill Roads in Liberty Township.

"This elementary school will be the third school built while I have served as Superintendent," said Olentangy Schools Superintendent Todd R. Meyer. "This school is the direct result of the immense support of our community, and it represents our shared commitment to providing educational excellence for an exceptional value—not just today, but well into the future."

At the March 10, 2026, Board of Education meeting, Olentangy Schools approved the hiring of Mrs. Anne-Marie Rhodes as principal of the new elementary school, opening Fall 2027. Mrs. Rhodes previously served in Olentangy Schools as assistant principal at Glen Oak Elementary School, before accepting the role of principal at Richard Avenue Elementary School in Southwestern City Schools. In addition to her school leadership experience, Mrs. Rhodes previously taught grades 5 and 6 in Worthington Schools.

"Opening a new elementary school is an incredibly exciting opportunity. I'm honored to serve as the inaugural principal of Olentangy's 18th elementary school," shared Rhodes. "I look forward to building a school community where students feel welcomed, supported and inspired to reach their full potential."

Olentangy's new elementary school will support the district's continued enrollment growth across Delaware County and help balance enrollment across existing elementary buildings. The approximate \$35.5 million project was made possible by voter approval of a no-new-millage bond which passed on the November 4, 2025, ballot. The bond funds the construction of Elementary School 18 and High School 5, which is planned to open for the 2028-29 school year.

The school, constructed by Robertson Construction, will follow the same classroom footprint as Shale Meadows Elementary and Peachblow Crossing Elementary.

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