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OLENTANGY RECEIVED ANNUAL AWARD FOR ACCOUNTING EXCELLENCE

The Auditor of State Keith Faber's office attended the May 20, 2026, Board of Education meeting to award Olentangy Schools the Auditor of State Award with Distinction. This is the 15th time Olentangy has received this award for accounting excellence, including the last three consecutive years.

Treasurer Ryan Jenkins said the award is a reflection of the district's collective commitment to accountability and responsible financial stewardship. "This recognition belongs to our entire district — our schools, staff, and community. We take great pride in being transparent and accountable with every dollar entrusted to us, and this award reflects that shared commitment."

The Ohio Auditor of State's office presents the Auditor of State Award with Distinction to local governments and school districts upon the completion of a financial audit. This year only 4% of audited entities met the following criteria of a "clean" audit report:

- The entity must file financial reports with the Auditor of State's office by the statutory due date, without extension, via the Hinkle System, on a GAAP accounting basis and prepare an Annual Comprehensive Financial Report;
- The audit report does not contain any findings for recovery, material citations, material weaknesses, significant deficiencies, Uniform Guidance (Single Audit) findings or questioned costs;
- The entity's management letter contains no comments related to:
 - Ethics referrals
 - Questioned costs less than the threshold per the Uniform Guidance
 - Lack of timely report submission
 - Bank reconciliation issues
 - Failure to obtain a timely Single Audit in accordance with Uniform Guidance
 - Findings for recovery less than \$500
 - Public meetings or public records issues
- The entity has no other financial or other concerns

Board President Brandon Lester said the recognition demonstrates the district's continued dedication to excellence and good governance. "Receiving this award speaks to the high standards Olentangy Schools maintains in financial management and operations. It reflects our commitment to transparency, fiscal responsibility, and serving our community with integrity."

Full copies of these reports are available on the [Ohio Auditor of State website](#).



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Olentangy Schools is the fourth largest school district in the state of Ohio with 27 schools, located predominately in Delaware County. Olentangy's mission is to facilitate maximum learning for every student.