

Delaware County Finance Authority Presents First “AAA” Award to Olentangy Liberty

DELAWARE, Ohio (June 13, 2019) – The Delaware County Finance Authority will present its first-ever *AAA Award for Excellence in Academics, Athletics, and Arts* to Olentangy Liberty High School at Thursday’s school board meeting.

The \$50,000 award will be used to assist in construction for a locker room facility for Liberty’s baseball and soccer teams.

“We are honored and appreciative of the Finance Authority’s generous support of the Liberty High School project,” said Olentangy Local School District Superintendent Mark Raiff. “The Finance Authority is doing wonderful work to support economic development throughout the county. This is a great example of a partnership that benefits the community.”

The Delaware County Finance Authority is a political subdivision that assists businesses with economic development and job creation in Delaware County.

Don Rankey, treasurer of the Finance Authority, said the award was established because the members of the Finance Authority believe quality schools are essential to recruiting quality talent and top-flight companies to Delaware County.

“The economic success of Delaware County is intricately tied to the Olentangy Local School District,” Rankey said. “The school board and Superintendent Raiff have been true community leaders in supporting smart private and public development in the county. They have embraced fiscal responsibility and have worked diligently to heighten education and enhance the community. In just over the past year, Olentangy has actively supported approximately \$200 million in infrastructure financing. We established this the *AAA Award for Excellence in Academics, Athletics, and Arts* to help continue the economic development success we have enjoyed in Delaware County. It is designed to enhance our county’s schools, whether it be in the classroom, on the athletic field, or in the music or art department. We are proud to present our inaugural award to Olentangy Liberty.”

Rankey said the Finance Authority will be establishing a process by which other schools can apply for future awards.

“There are many excellent schools in the county and the Finance Authority seeks to have a long-term relationship with our districts,” Rankey said. “We look forward to making other such awards in the future.”

The Olentangy Local School District Board of Education meets at 6:30 p.m. at 7840 Graphics Way, Lewis Center.