

OLSD breaks ground on 5th high school

Site located in Delaware on Bunty Station Road

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“In a pre-K through 12 school to see the growth and be able to support you and the decisions you’re making. We know they’re hard ones when you’ve got a district like this that keeps going and going, and people really want to be here because of what you can provide and the education that they can get. We’re happy to partner and be a part of it.”

Clay Keith, a project executive at Robertson Construction Services, added, “It’s such a privilege to work with a district from the leadership of the entire district to Jeff and his team and even the onsite teams with Jen and working with Fanning Howey. You’re a well-oiled machine, and it’s a privilege for Robertson to be a part of that. We’ve been working with the district for probably over 20 years now, and nine buildings. But it’s more than that. We call it the Olentangy factor. I don’t know what it is, but any time we run into an issue, any time we have a hardship, it just seems like you make the call and everything gets smoothed out. That’s the credit to leadership we’ve got as part of this project.”

Keith noted that Robertson’s involvement with new buildings in the district is especially rewarding to him as the father of two children who were raised in the district. “Each one of these, I feel like I give back a little bit to the community, and that’s a special feeling for us and our team because Olentangy is valued very much within Robertson,” he said.

Earlier this year, approximately 140 acres of land were annexed into the city of Delaware ahead of construction. Delaware Mayor Carolyn Kay Riggle, who’s served in the role since 2013, said she never imagined Olentangy Schools would eventually grow into city limits.

“It means a lot that they want to be within our city, and it’s just going to help everybody,” Riggle told The Gazette. “It’s going to help them, it’s going to help us with the tax base, with the teachers and all of that. I’m thrilled that we can all work together. Eventually, I want a school board meeting along with the city council so we’re all on the same page and are completely transparent. I am just so thankful that they chose to build it here.”

Lester told The Gazette the district’s sprawling footprint requires it to work well with a host of different officials, and Delaware has been no different since the location was selected.

“We go across two counties, four cities, and seven townships, so we’re always working with these various other local officials, and the Delaware folks have been great to deal with as we try to navigate utilities and all the other stuff we’re working with,” he said. “And we just really appreciate the partnership with all of our other local elected officials as we try to do what’s best for the community.”

