

Olathe School District

2010-11 Annual Report

Students Prepared for *their* Future



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A Message from the Board of Education



2010-11 Board of Education, from left: Kevin Gilmore, Linda Wilhelm, Harlan Parker (2010-11 vice president), Rita Ashley, Amy Martin, Debora Daniels (2010-11 president), Mike Poland

The 2010-11 school year brought many changes to Olathe Public Schools, but also opportunities for tremendous success.

In 2010-11, the district reconfigured its grade level system, moving ninth-graders to the high schools and making middle schools grades 6-8. This districtwide effort became a great success. We have an extremely dedicated staff in Olathe who helped make this transition a smooth one. Thank you to our staff for their hard work and to our families for their patience as we made this change. We have seen many positive results from the reconfiguration and are very pleased with its success thus far.

The district also opened Mission Trail Middle School, its ninth middle school, thanks to the support of our patrons in the district who understood our need for additional learning spaces. The district continues to grow each year and we appreciate the support of our patrons who approve vital bond issues to help us further the district's goals.

Unfortunately budget was once again a large topic of conversation and issue in the state of Kansas. The Olathe School District, along with districts across the state, saw a loss of funding from the state that led to tough decisions. The district was forced, yet again, to resort to cost cutting measures such as increased class sizes and reductions in administrative and supervisory staff to make the 2010-11 budget balance. The district administration worked to replenish the reserves as well, which had been depleted in past years due to other funding shortfalls from the state.

On a very positive note, Olathe students experienced great success in the 2010-11 school year. The district made Adequate Yearly Progress again, and student test results soared high above state and national averages. We have many exciting things to look forward to in the coming years. With the district's Strategic Directions guiding staff and students toward the future, we are confident that the students of the Olathe Public Schools are headed toward great success.

After many years of dedicated service, Kevin Gilmore and Linda Wilhelm retired from the board in June 2011. LeEtta Felter and Rick Schier were elected to fill their positions.

Kansas Assessments

AYP Report

Each year, results of the Kansas Assessment Tests in reading and math determine whether the district as a whole, as well as individual schools, make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) as defined in the federal No Child Left Behind Act. Every year, the targets for proficiency increase, with a federal goal of 100 percent proficiency by 2014.

In the 2010-11 school year, the Olathe School District made AYP in reading and math by meeting and exceeding target scores set by the Kansas State Department of Education.

Percent Proficient in Reading



Percent Proficient in Math



Percent Proficient in Science



College Readiness

ACT Scores

Students in the Olathe Public Schools consistently score above state and national averages on the ACT and SAT tests. These tests are used by college admissions offices to determine a student's ability to complete college-level work.

SAT Scores



ACT Scores



Math



Writing



Fast Facts:

- 27,999 — Enrollment
- Olathe School District is now the second largest district in Kansas

Outstanding Educators

- 2011 Air Force Association Kansas Teacher of the Year — Becky Metcalf, Olathe Northwest High School
- Administrator of the Year by the Kansas School Nurse Organization — Brent Yeager, Fairview Elementary School
- 2011 Greater Kansas City Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame — Steve Ingram, Olathe South High School
- 2011 Dr. Arthur Newcomer Promising Athletic Director Award from the Kansas Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association — Jason Herman, Olathe North High School
- Kansas Music Educators Association Teacher of the Year — Dwayne Dunn, Olathe East High School
- 2010 National Girls Basketball Coach of the Year from the National Federation of State High School Associations - Coaches Association — Steve Ingram, Olathe South High School
- Third diamond degree of membership from the National Forensics League — Richard Belske, Olathe North High School



Thank you to all of our educators!

- Certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards — Julie Daicoff, Olathe Northwest High School; Natasha Erb, Indian Trail Middle School; and Elizabeth Hunt Esco, Olathe North High School
- Outstanding Music Educator by the Northeast division of the Kansas Music Educators Association — Joel Martin, Olathe Northwest High School and Manchester Park and Ravenwood elementary schools
- 2010 Kansas School Counselor of the Year nominee — Krista Graham, Countryside Elementary School
- National Distinguished Principal nominee for Region 1 by the National Association of Elementary School Principals — Melanie DeMoss, Arbor Creek Elementary School
- One of a dozen nationwide Javits-Frasier Teacher Scholars — Kathy Sanders, Fairview Elementary School
- Healthy School Hero Award from Action for Healthy Kids — Wendy Scholten, Ridgeview Elementary School
- 2010 affiliate winner of the Outstanding New Career and Technical Teacher award from the Kansas Association for Career and Technical Education — Gary Pommier, Millcreek Center
- 2010 state recipient of the Outstanding Teacher in Community Service award from the Kansas Association for Career and Technical Education — Ken Gandy, Millcreek Center
- Distinguished Dissertation Teacher Education Award from the Association of Teacher Educators in Kansas — Rusty Meigs, Education Center



Did You Know?

The district successfully reconfigured its schools this year, thanks in part to the support of the district's patrons. Elementary schools in the district are now kindergarten through fifth grade; middle schools are sixth grade through eighth grade; and high schools are ninth grade through 12th grade.



Fast Facts:

- 14.3 years — Average experience of classroom teachers
- \$51,308 — Average teaching salary





Outstanding Athletes

6A State Championship Teams

- Olathe East High School Girls Cross Country
- Olathe East High School Boys Bowling Team
- Olathe East High School Girls Track and Field
- Olathe Northwest High School Softball Team

20 Individual 6A State Championships

- Boys and Girls Swimming and Diving, Wrestling, Boys and Girls Track and Field, Boys Golf, Boys Bowling, and Gymnastics



2007 and 2008 Bond Updates ✓ Completed ● Remaining

NEW SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

- ✓ Forest View Elementary School
- ✓ Mission Trail Middle School
- Elementary #35
- Technical Education Facility
- Design of High School #5

SCHOOL ADDITIONS

- ✓ Countryside Elementary School
- ✓ Indian Creek Elementary School
- ✓ Manchester Park Elementary School
- ✓ Olathe East High School
- ✓ Olathe North High School
- ✓ Olathe Northwest High School
- ✓ Olathe South High School
- ✓ Havencroft Elementary School
- ✓ California Trail Middle School
- Two elementary schools to be determined

SCHOOL RENOVATIONS

- ✓ Central Elementary School
- ✓ Ridgeview Elementary School
- ✓ Heartland Early Childhood Center
- ✓ Olathe North High School entry
- ✓ Washington Elementary School

AGING FACILITIES — IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

- Windows, Heating/Air Conditioning, Roofing, Asphalt/Concrete, Flooring, Ceilings/Lighting
- ✓ 102 projects
 - 2 projects

SUPPORT FACILITIES

- Technology Support Building

SITE PURCHASES

- ✓ Elementary Site #1
- Elementary Sites #2, #3, #4

DIGITAL CLASSROOMS

- ✓ All regular classrooms digital

INCREASED ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY

- ✓ Foundation standards met at all schools, all levels

TECHNOLOGY FOR NEW SCHOOLS

- ✓ Forest View Elementary School
- ✓ Mission Trail Middle School

ADDITIONAL TECHNOLOGY PROJECTS

- ✓ Full wireless coverage (all schools and designated support buildings)
- ✓ Infrastructure enhancements, including network security
- ✓ Removal and reinstallation of technology for additions/remodels at Indian Creek, Countryside, Manchester Park, Ridgeview, and Central elementary schools
- ✓ Technology for four high school additions
- Technology for future new construction



Fast Facts:

- Number of staff: 4,292
- 2,350 — certified
- 1,942 — classified support staff
- Mill levy — 72.917

Student Awards

- National Merit Scholarship Finalists — Carmen Christensen, Elise Fogleman, Annette Jardon, Rosemary Liu and Maria Schletzbaum, Olathe East High School; Deborah Bennett, Aaron Kruger and Kayla Sale, Olathe North High School; Kristen Ramsdale and Nicole Sundell, Olathe Northwest High School; Suhani Gandhi and Erin Murray, Olathe South High School
- National Technology Student Association Conference — first in Flight Endurance — Cyrus Duong of Olathe Northwest High School
- National Technology Student Association Conference — third in Construction Renovation — Torrence Campbell, Morgan Clapp, Ashlee Foster and Mac Wendling of Olathe East High School
- 6A Kansas forensics champion in Oral Interpretation of Prose — Jessica Smotherman, Olathe North High School
- Perfect scores on the ACT exam — Christopher Williams and Robbie Winslow, Olathe South High School
- 2011 National ProStart Invitational — second place — Olathe Culinary Arts program at Olathe North High School
- The Stock Market Game, Kansas, Elementary Division — first-place team — Neelie Browne, Dominique Jaramillo, Jack Lewis, Kaleb Maelzer, Zane Roberts and Timothy Schmidt of Heatherstone Elementary School



- 2011 Kansas SkillsUSA competition — four first-place medals, two second-place medals and seven third-place medals to Millcreek Center students
- 2011 FIRST Robotics Competition Championship, Industrial Safety Award sponsored by Underwriters Laboratories — Olathe Northwest High School Team 1710 Ravonics Revolution
- 2011 Kansas Technology Student Association (TSA) competition — Morgan Clapp, Ashlee Foster, Isaac Phillips, Sam Powell, Tyler Spitz and Mac Wendling, Olathe East High School, earned first place honors in their categories and qualified for the national event
- Medalists at the 2011 Kansas Technology Student Association (TSA) competition — 25 first-through fifth-place honors to Olathe East High School students
- Kansas City, Kan., regional North South Foundation math competition, Level 1, second place — Chimnay Krishna, Arbor Creek Elementary School
- Medalists at the state German language competition — 11 from Olathe North High School, nine from Olathe East High School
- Highest rank in Kansas and in the 99th percentile on the national German exam — Antonio Ortiz, Olathe North High School

- 2011 State MATHCOUNTS, third-place team — Camella Carlson, Erica Chang, Isaiah Hastings and Akshay Prabhushankar of Frontier Trail Middle School
- 2011 State MATHCOUNTS, fourth-place overall — Akshay Prabhushankar, Frontier Trail Middle School
- 2011 State MATHCOUNTS, seventh-place overall — Isaiah Hastings, Frontier Trail Middle School
- 2011 Kansas ProStart Invitational — Olathe Culinary Arts program at Olathe North High School earned first- and second-place Culinary Team, second- and third-place Management Team, first- and third-place Edible Centerpiece awards
- Achievement Award in Writing from the National Council of Teachers of English — Zach Ast, Olathe South High School
- 2011 National Achievement Scholarship Semifinalist — Mackenzie Taylor, Olathe Northwest High School
- National Merit Scholarship Commended Students — Rob Breeden, Haley Claxton, Danielle Dobratz, Samantha Hinrichs and Amanda Walters, Olathe East High School; Jennifer Caseres, Nicholas Graff and Benjamin Johnson, Olathe North High School; Alexandra Bozeman, William Kist, Paul Plotkin, Joseph Stack, Andrew Strempeke, Jordan Taylor, and Mackenzie Taylor, Olathe Northwest High School; Kathryn Mersmann, Staci Sanders and Nathaniel Symons, Olathe South High School

Fast Facts:

- Number of schools: 47
- 34 — Elementary schools (Grades K-5)
- 9 — Middle schools (Grades 6-8)
- 4 — High schools (Grades 9-12)
- Claire Alternative Education Center
- Harmony and Heartland Early Childhood Centers for children with special needs
- Head Start program for preschool-age children
- Millcreek Technical Education Center
- Prairie Learning Center for children with special needs

Did You Know?

In 2010-11 Mission Trail Middle School opened as the district's ninth middle school. Principal Jim McMullen and his staff welcomed 525 students on the first day of school. (photo below)



Our Mission:

To provide a safe environment where all students acquire skills, knowledge, abilities and behaviors necessary to be productive citizens in an ever-changing world.

Our Vision:

Students prepared for *their* future.

Our Purpose:

Student learning

Our Beliefs:

- All children can learn
- Together we can achieve more

Our Core Values:

- Continuous improvement
- Life-long learning



Board Strategic Directions

Improve Student Achievement

The Olathe Public Schools will increase achievement for all students through learning based on a comprehensive, challenging instructional program, focused on individual needs and grounded in research.

Recruit, Develop, Retain a Quality Staff

The Olathe Public Schools will actively recruit, develop, and retain a highly competent, caring, and student-focused staff throughout the organization.

Engage and Involve All District Stakeholders

The Olathe Public Schools will proactively inform and engage all district stakeholders (staff, students, and community) to support and ensure student success.

Use Resources Responsibly

The Olathe Public Schools will implement effective and efficient financial, operational, and safety procedures to enhance its educational program.



Fast Facts:

- The Olathe Public Schools received \$6.3 million in grant funding
- \$29.4 million in scholarships were offered to 2011 graduates

Finance Statement 2010-11

Mill Levy

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| General Fund | 20.000 |
| Supplemental General | 23.123 |
| Capital Outlay | 1.400 |
| Special Liability | 0.152 |
| Extraordinary Growth | 5.634 |
| Cost of Living | 3.937 |
| Bond & Interest | 18.345 |
| Special Assessments | 0.272 |
| Total | 72.863 |

Sources Of Revenue

Operating Funds

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|----------------------------|----------------------|
| Local & County Taxes | 77,603,509 |
| State Funds | 143,836,265 |
| Federal | 4,195,586 |
| ARRA Stabilization | 5,485,379 |
| Total | \$231,120,739 |

Assessed Valuation

\$1,685,798,724

Expenditures

By Function Area

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| Instruction | 151,836,095 |
| Student Support | 13,194,432 |
| Instructional Staff Support | 11,219,349 |
| General Administration | 1,240,500 |
| School Administration | 7,333,548 |
| Business, Human Resources, Student Services, Planning and Technology | 7,628,540 |
| Operations & Maintenance | 17,645,824 |
| Transportation | 9,249,291 |
| Total | \$224,831,358 |

Expenditures

By Object Area

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| Salaries & Benefits | 195,417,145 |
| Professional & Technical Services | 4,286,681 |
| Contracted Services | 278,737 |
| Other Purchased Services | 10,055,751 |
| Supplies, Materials, Utilities | 14,751,696 |
| Equipment | 41,348 |
| Total | \$224,831,358 |

Finance Facts

Financial Efficiency

For the 14th consecutive year the district received the Meritorious Budget Award for clarity, accuracy and accessibility of financial information to the district patrons.

Assessed Valuation

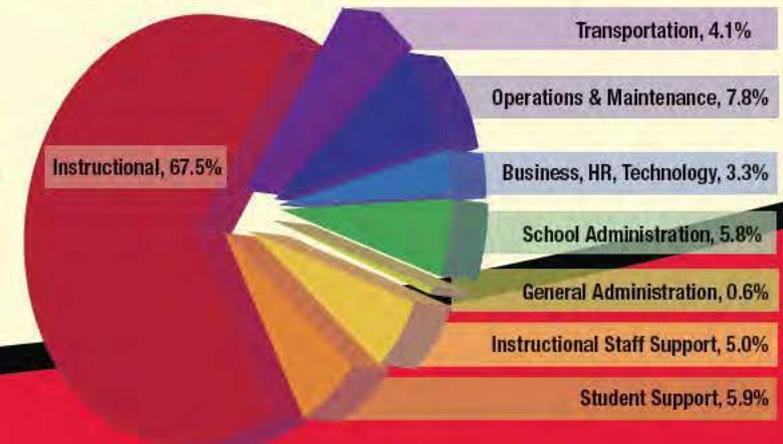
Assessed valuation in Johnson County decreased 4.8 percent from the previous year.

Base State Aid Per Pupil

Base State Aid Per Pupil was \$3,937 in 2010-11, a decrease of 1.86% from the 2009-10 school year.

Expenditures

By Function Area



Schools of Distinction

- Finalist for the School of the Year Award from the National Association of Middle School Principals — Chisholm Trail Middle School
- 2010-11 Middle School of the Year Award from the Kansas Association of Middle School Administrators — Pioneer Trail Middle School
- Excellence in Conservation and Environmental Education award from the Kansas Association for Conservation and Environmental Education — Geoscience program at Olathe North High School
- Apple Exemplary Program — e-Communication program at Olathe Northwest High School
- 2010 Environmental Excellence Award for Schools from Bridging the Gap — AP Environmental Science program at Olathe South High School
- Kansas School Public Relations Association Certificate of Merit — Cindy Ponder and Alicia Brush, for the Olathe Public Schools Foundation 2008-09 Annual Report; Lori Fielder and Jennifer Thompson, for the Rolling Ridge Rocket Reader, a parent newsletter
- 2010 Distinguished Title 1 School award from the National Title 1 Association — Washington Elementary School
- 2010 Challenge Award given by The Confidence in Kansas Public Education Task Force — Central, Fairview, Ridgeview, Washington and Westview elementary schools

