

In Session with the “Oriole” Superintendent

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Facilities Audit and Assessment Underway

Charlotte Public Schools has started a facilities audit and assessment with Granger Construction Company. Granger Construction has been the school district’s construction manager since 1999. Thus, Granger has been involved with all of the school district’s major bond construction projects which include the 1999, 2002 and 2010 bond proposals. Working with Granger on this audit is a natural fit for the school district. Granger knows and understands our facilities, our maintenance staff, the building and district administration, and our Board of Education.

Over the next several months, Granger staff will be in each of our facilities assessing all aspects of our infrastructure. Specifically each building will have an electrical, mechanical, architectural, structural, and civil (our sites – including parking lots, fields, stadium complex, etc) analysis done to assess where we are presently and where we need to be moving forward into the future. This thorough evaluation process, per building and site, will be very beneficial for the district in creating priorities for the future.

Our facilities are in great shape, probably the best they ever have been. This is due to the outstanding support our community has provided to us over the years. Conducting this audit will position us with knowing the facts about our facilities, setting priorities, and having estimated costs to address future needs.

An important aspect to note is we have already completed an energy audit with the State of Michigan through the *Re-Build Michigan Initiative* and the State Energy office. The energy audit findings have been provided to Granger and they will integrate recommendations into their review process.

All of this assessment work is in an effort to know exactly what we need to prepare for. Our facilities are community assets. We absolutely must have a plan to maintain them or they can quickly become liabilities. We must be proactive and have a deliberate plan to maintain our facilities, our community assets.

When the facilities audit is complete a formal presentation will be made to the Board of Education. I will also share findings with the community and recommendations going forward.

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