

In Session with the “Oriole” Superintendent

By, Mark D. Rosekrans, Superintendent of Charlotte Public Schools

Reminder - Sinking Fund Vote is August 4, 2015 / Continued Work on Balanced Calendar

Tuesday, August 4, 2015, is the day to **vote** regarding the Charlotte Public Schools sinking fund (building and site fund). As previously shared in several press releases and communications, please visit our website, charlottenet.org, for complete information so you are informed when you exercise your right to vote. I personally hope people take the time to know the facts surrounding the election request. The district has conducted a thorough facility audit which serves as a detailed maintenance and repair plan to protect school assets for years to come. We want the very best teaching and learning environments for our students, your children. Having good schools equates to a good community and Charlotte is without question good and strong. Please get out and vote on Tuesday, August 4, 2015.

Our Board of Education met on Monday, July 20, 2015, and reaffirmed their support to continue working on the concept of a balanced school calendar. A “balanced calendar” distributes the school year equally across eleven months within the year vs. a traditional 9 month school calendar that usually has most of June, July and August off for summer recess.

With the Board’s continued support of the balanced calendar concept, we now will set the stage to advance involvement of both internal and external stakeholders during the upcoming school year. Specifically, our internal efforts will be to meet with all employee groups, departments, coaches, individuals, etc., to seek input and ideas. Externally we will involve parents and seek feedback from community groups, businesses and organizations.

By meeting with all stakeholders, internal and external, we hope to gather input from different perspectives and consider the information and the potential impact of changing the school calendar from a traditional one to a balanced one. Stay tuned as no decisions have been made. I will be sharing more throughout the upcoming months to communicate information as we continue the process of evaluating how this may or may not work for Charlotte Public Schools.

Go Orioles! Oriole Pride!