

In Session with the “Oriole” Superintendent

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Charlotte Public Schools Welcomes New Transportation Supervisor

Charlotte Public Schools will have a familiar face in the role of Transportation Supervisor for the 2015-16 school year. Ms. Kathy Fuller accepted this leadership position as of June 2015. Kathy is a life-long Charlotte area resident and has been a regular CPS route bus driver for over 20 years. During those same years of service, she has also been an athletic team / extra-curricular driver for the school district. Kathy has been and continues to be a strong supporter of both the athletic and band boosters.

Ms. Fuller has been very busy since taking the Transportation Supervisor position in June. She has attended trainings through the Michigan Association of Pupil Transportation (MAPT) to learn and understand the many roles and duties associated with being the Transportation Supervisor. MAPT offers classes that keep supervisors current in their knowledge of changes in school bus operation and student safety expectations.

Ms. Fuller has also been updating the student transportation handbook with building principals. The revised transportation handbook will bring into line the building level student code of conduct expectations. Specifically, code of conduct infractions at our buildings will now align closely to the expectations of students that are involved with transportation services. This alignment should assist our students and families with a clear and consistent knowledge of code of conduct standards within our school district.

Another effort Ms. Fuller has taken on this summer is school bus maintenance and repair. Our district has a cooperative service agreement in place with Grand Ledge Public Schools to repair and maintain our bus fleet. This arrangement is working out very well as our fleet is required to pass annual Michigan State Police inspections related to bus maintenance and condition. In addition, Kathy has worked to secure lease return buses that are only a few years old to add to our fleet while removing older buses. This allows our district to acquire buses in very good condition at a significantly reduced cost. The replacement of the older buses helps to keep the age of our bus fleet reasonable and the overall miles on our buses at a manageable level.

Ms. Fuller looks forward to the new opportunities the 2015-16 school year will bring. Her goal is to continue the transportation department's commitment to providing safe services to our students and families. Ms. Fuller is aware that there will be much to experience in her new role but, her great familiarity with our community, the bus routes, and with our students and families, will serve her well right from the start.

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