

In Session with the “Oriole” Superintendent

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Balanced Calendar Information On Website

On our Charlotte Public Schools website you will find information regarding the balanced calendar concept that our district will be evaluating this school year. As with previous communications on this initiative, no final decisions have been made.

Please take the time to go to our website and review, at a minimum, the example calendars that we have developed for the 2016-17 and 2017-18 school years. These calendars are a starting point for consideration and to begin the conversation. This information was shared at the start of the school year with all employee groups and I have also presented it at the ERESA Superintendent’s meeting (Superintendents of the area school districts; Grand Ledge, Potterville, Maple Valley and Eaton Rapids) on Thursday, September 17, 2015. Each of the area schools is also working on this concept and seeking information from their internal and external stakeholders.

The example calendars we have provided, spread the school year out “balanced” over eleven months instead of the traditional 9 months. The goal of a balanced calendar is rather simple, it is to distribute the school year evenly over the entire calendar year and to have students engaged in school and learning over the same period. Our students would have the same amount of school days as required by the State of Michigan, they just are spread out over eleven months.

Part of the process for this concept to be considered, is to secure input from our community. To that end, on the website is a survey that provides you an opportunity to give us feedback and commentary. We welcome your input and will value it in our evaluation over the coming months.

Eventually, we will share the survey information with your Board of Education. I assume this will take place sometime in the coming months with additional discussion to follow on the merits of whether to continue to proceed or not with this concept of changing the school calendar. If it is decided to continue, at some point a recommendation will be presented to the Board to act upon. If it is decided not to continue, then the traditional calendar will remain in effect.

Again, please take the time to review the information on our website and take the survey. We need your insight so that we have everyone’s involvement in this school calendar concept.

Go Orioles! Oriole Pride!!