

In Session with the “Oriole” Superintendent

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

CPS Audit Approved by Board of Education

The Charlotte Board of Education approved the school district’s financial audit for the 2014-2015 fiscal year at their regular meeting on October 12, 2015.

Mr. Mark Perry, representing Yeo and Yeo, CPA’s and Business Consultants along with Michelle Sine, Executive Director of Business, Operations and Human Resources for Charlotte Public Schools, shared information regarding the audit as well as a brief fiscal review of the 2014-2015 General Operating and auxiliary funds.

The audit showed no material weaknesses or recommendations. In essence, no material weaknesses indicates healthy district accounting and budgeting practices that include the needed checks and balances within all of the district finances and business operations.

The audit included a review of all accounts within district operations. The General Fund, Food Service, Charlotte Performing Arts Center, Charlotte Aquatic Center, Weymouth Child Development Center, capital projects and debt fund accounts are all subject to review, evaluation and compliance. All of the district areas of operation mentioned above are in good financial standing. This finding proves the district is conducting business on behalf of the community of Charlotte with great purpose and intention. Each departmental area has well developed plans and a structure in place to protect community and school district interests.

It is not easy to remain in good standing financially and takes everyone working together. This is especially true as our school district is continuing to experience declining enrollment coupled with year to year uncertainty of the funding provided by the State of Michigan for the per pupil foundation allowance.

Again, I commend our Board of Education for their leadership and for setting the high standards for the district to adhere to. I sincerely appreciate the effort of all of our employees to work within Board of Education expectations and parameters to remain financially sound. And finally, thank you to our CPS Business Office. The CPS Business Office staff are truly detailed oriented and the district audit validates their efforts in keeping us solid and stable across all of our operations.

The 2014-15 audit information is posted on the school district web-site. This posting is required by state law to show accountability and transparency in finances.

Go Orioles! Oriole Pride!!