

In Session with the “Oriole” Superintendent

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Student success is abundant right now at Charlotte Public Schools

Student success is abundant at all levels at Charlotte Public Schools and must be celebrated! Daily our students are demonstrating advancements in the classroom, on our performance stages, in our extra-curricular offerings and in our winter athletic programs. Let me break down just a few examples:

In the classroom:

- Our students at all levels are experiencing academic success, achievement and progress. Our scores on the 2014-15 new State of Michigan M-Step assessment show progress at or above state and local percentages in ELA and Math at multiple grade levels. In addition, our teaching staff has reviewed the data for the scores that are in need of improvement and are making significant instructional adjustments to impact our student’s knowledge and understanding
- Daily our staff is examining their instruction to reach students at their level of understanding of the curriculum. Students are engaged and understand their role in taking ownership of their learning
- Our students are involved in career and technical educational opportunities with local colleges and with business and industry organizations
- Our students have been inducted into the National Junior Honor Society at Charlotte Middle School and the National Honor Society at the High School
- Our CPS Education Foundation has once again awarded grants to support our teachers with various initiatives to work with our students in the classroom

In the arts:

- Our students are excelling in the visual, vocal and performance areas
- Our students are participating in solo and ensemble as well as concerts, arts for youth, and our professional productions
- Our HS students are achieving an arts endorsement on their diploma for reaching standards and expectations within the arts curriculum

In extra-curricular programming:

- Our students are involved in community initiatives – chamber events, food drives, safe driving for teens and winter clothing drives, (hats, gloves, mittens, boots)
- Our students are involved in civic and governmental experiences like Harvard Model Congress and student council at all levels that create better school culture and environments for all
- Our students are involved and doing well in robotics competitions

- Our students will soon compete for the best HS student cheering section at athletic events

In our athletic programs:

- Our students are experiencing great success in our Middle and High School winter sports; wrestling, basketball, bowling, cheerleading, and swimming.
- Individual and team success is outstanding
 - Wrestling is at the top in the conference
 - Competitive cheer at both the Middle School and High School have excelled at competitions
 - Boys and girls basketball at various levels are in the midst of conference races
 - Boys and girls bowling teams are competing at the top in conference levels
 - Swimming teams are doing great with many achieving personal goals

Our school district has much to be proud of. These are a few examples of the successes of our students and the opportunities available to them for growth and achievement.

Go Orioles! Oriole Pride!