

In Session with the “Oriole” Superintendent

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Cooperative Efforts between CPS and City Of Charlotte

There are several cooperative efforts underway between Charlotte Public Schools and the City of Charlotte. Please allow me to take a moment and outline a few, as I am sure many in our community do not know about them.

For over fifteen years, the Charlotte Public Schools has had a liaison officer assigned to the district from the Charlotte Police Department. This was put in place to provide additional safety for our students, staff and community. The liaison officer is based out of the high school but is available for all of our buildings. This year, we started with Officer Antcliff who mid-year accepted another position, and we now have Officer Poortvliet assigned. The officers build positive relationships with students and staff. We have had a great experience with the officers in our schools and look forward to their involvement continuing.

The Charlotte Fire Department performs periodic walk-throughs of our buildings to continually have their firefighters familiar with our facilities. This past month the fire department toured the high school and Performing Arts Center. We are working to coordinate a tour of the middle school, upper elementary and Aquatic Center next. These walk-thoughts provide valuable insight for us if a fire response is ever needed. The fire department officials always provide us with information on how we can improve and decrease their response time in the case of an emergency.

The school district is involved in the Rising Tide and Main Street initiatives with the city that are underway with support and guidance from the State of Michigan. The city manager and department staff along with council members have not only reached out to district and school administration, but also to our board and other community members to participate in this important effort to revitalize and enhance Charlotte.

Finally, the school district recently worked with the Department of Public Works to conduct water tests in all of our facilities. The water tests confirmed our water is safe for consumption to use in all aspects of our operations.

Cooperation between the Charlotte Public Schools and the City of Charlotte is based upon communication and the joint desire to make Charlotte a wonderful place to live and grow. School and city officials are striving to work together to make Charlotte a great community. We are appreciative of our city leaders and the ongoing relationship between our two organizations.

Go Orioles! Oriole Pride!