

## **In Session with the “Oriole” Superintendent**

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

### **Pre-Labor Day Start for 2017-18 – Approved**

In November, I shared that the Eaton Regional Educational Services Agency (ERESA) submitted an application request on behalf of the five Eaton County area schools - Charlotte, Grand Ledge, Eaton Rapids, Maple Valley and Potterville, seeking a waiver to start the 2017-2018 school year before Labor Day. Also shared previously is that all of the Eaton County schools are in agreement with seeking the waiver for 2017-2018 which includes the potential for a common five (5) year Pre-Labor day calendar that takes it out to 2021-2022.

ERESA Superintendent, Cindy Anderson, received notification from the State of Michigan on December 7, 2016, that the waiver has been approved.

**Charlotte Public Schools will start school on August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017 for the 2017-18 school year.**

Please plan accordingly and add August 21, 2017, as the date school starts to your family calendars.

The letter from the State granted approval of the waiver and authorized it for the next three school years; 2017-2018, 2018-2019 and 2019-2020.

A new application will need to be submitted in 2019-2020 to continue the waiver for the other two years, 2020-2021 and 2021-2022, to complete the five year common calendar for Eaton County schools.

Our district will post the calendars for the next three years on our website for our families, community and staff. This will help everyone so plans can be made accordingly for school and individual family circumstances.

In summary, we are very pleased the State acted quickly, by December 2016, to provide notice to the ERESA and the five local schools in Eaton County. The approval was granted within weeks of the application being submitted and provides everyone approximately eight months advance notice of the early August start, so everyone can adjust and plan.

Go Orioles! Oriole Pride!!