

In Session with the “Oriole” Superintendent

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Michigan Department of Education visits Charlotte Public Schools



On Monday, March 13, 2017, three representatives from the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) visited Charlotte Public Schools. MDE State Superintendent, Brian Whiston, requests that his staff make dedicated efforts to get into the school districts at least once during a school year. Therefore, these three MDE representatives contacted CPS and scheduled this visit as part of their efforts.

In preparation for their visit, the administrative team developed an itinerary to showcase our district facilities and the many student programs we have to offer. The MDE team spent approximately five hours with us touring and learning about our district. The group started at the Weymouth Child Development Center, then went on to Washington Elementary, Charlotte Middle School, the Upper Elementary School, Aquatic Center, had lunch at Central Office (featuring our Food Service Department), and wrapped up the day with a tour of Charlotte Senior High School and Charlotte Performing Arts Center.

During the tour, initiatives from all buildings and departments were showcased. Some of the highlights included:

- Early Childhood Education at Weymouth (including a visit to classrooms, before/after school centers, and the new additional “infant” program)
- Science, Technology, Mathematics and Engineering (STEM) K-12 efforts
- Robotics
- Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS)
- Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS)
- Aquatic and athletic partnerships with Hayes Green Beach Hospital and Alive
- Early Middle College
- The concentrated efforts on our Focus schools
- Dual Enrollment opportunities
- Literacy; Math, Science and Social Studies efforts (core subjects)

- College partnerships-LCC, Davenport, MSU, Olivet and FSU
- Career and Technical Education (CTE)
- The Flight Club
- The Performing Arts Center (CPAC) and district related programming (band, choir and drama)
- Arts for Youth and local/regional rentals at CPAC

A “Points of Pride” presentation that showcased pictures and highlights of events that have taken place over the past couple years in our school district, was given during lunch.

The outstanding energy, dedication and commitment on revitalization efforts in downtown Charlotte was discussed with the team. The #Charlotte Rising and Michigan Main Street efforts in cooperation with groups, service clubs and individuals make Charlotte a preferred place to live and learn. It was evident to our visitors from the Michigan Department of Education that we have tremendous pride in our school district and the community of Charlotte; a great community which values hard work and provides many opportunities to grow and thrive. The Michigan Department of Education representatives were impressed with our students - their behavior in/out of the classrooms, their strong efforts to be responsible for their learning, and the progress our students are making in their studies. The representatives were also impressed with the obvious support from our community and partnerships with local businesses and groups and could see we are proud of what Charlotte Public Schools has to offer. We welcome them back anytime.

Go Orioles! Oriole Pride!