

## Charlotte Public Schools Hires New Community Recreation Coordinator

Charlotte Public Schools is pleased to announce the hire of Mike Sparks as the new Youth Recreation Coordinator. Mike, a graduate of Hope College, has vast experience in community services, coaching and recreation as he has previously worked in those capacities for the Bellevue and Maple Valley school districts.

Mike has also served as the head varsity football coach for Napoleon High School, football special teams coordinator at Olivet College, and athletic director for Maple Valley Junior & Senior High School. He looks forward to putting that experience to work in the Charlotte community to provide recreational opportunities for area youth. "I'm excited for the opportunity to serve the district in this capacity and have great hope that we can improve the infrastructure and offerings of youth recreation locally."

Mike looks forward to fulfilling the recreational needs in the community, and helping supplement sport and recreation offerings currently offered by other local organizations. "I am looking forward to building positive relationships with all organizations and individuals who currently assist in the development of our youth; especially within recreational programming," explains Sparks. "Through a comprehensive collaboration, we will serve Charlotte's youth and help them to bridge any gaps in their physical, academic and social development."

