

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

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### **Another “Snow Days” Update**

Charlotte Public Schools has currently used a total of six (6) days due to snow, ice, cold and wind chill temperatures district wide. Parkview Elementary, however, was closed an additional day, for a total of seven (7) days, due to a power outage on Tuesday, January 13, 2015.

As previously communicated, the Michigan Department of Education sent out a press release in mid-February clarifying allowable limits for snow days. Each school district across the state is allowed a total of six (6) school days to be counted as snow days or days of no school due to weather or acts beyond the control of school officials.

It is obvious that we have now “maxed out” the days allowed by the state district wide, and that Parkview Elementary presently will need to make-up one (1) additional day of school. In addition, we also recognize that we are still subject to winter weather circumstances for the next month to several weeks. As a result, any further days resulting in closure will either have to be added to the end of the school year, or we will have to look at existing days to recapture within the school calendar where presently school is not scheduled for students and staff.

Evaluation by administration, with staff input and approval by the Board of Education, will need to be done to meet State of Michigan instructional day requirements. When winter conditions end, we will communicate out to parents and the community what the calendar will look like to meet these requirements. Stay tuned....winter is not over.

**--- Go Orioles / Oriole Pride!**