

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

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### **Charlotte Public Schools Forms a Bond Steering Committee**

Charlotte Public Schools has recently formed a bond steering committee. The committee will meet for the first time on October 11, 2017. Forming the steering committee is the next step in the planning process as we progress toward a potential November 2018 bond proposal. Although the Board of Education has authorized the district administration to continue working towards a November 2018 election, they have yet to approve the overall scope and financial parameter of a potential 2018 bond proposal.

This is where the steering committee fits in and will provide assistance.

Committee membership is voluntary and the individuals that have agreed to serve on the committee are representative of internal and external stakeholders. Specifically, representation is from the Board of Education, community groups and organizations, parents, students, booster groups, coaches and representatives from all district buildings and departments which of course includes our teachers.

The primary charge of the committee will be to review, analyze and provide input into plans for upgrading educational facilities that will support our student centered – student learner environment for their success, performance and achievement.

The steering committee will meet twice monthly, except in December, to formulate a recommendation for the Board of Education for consideration on the scope of the bond proposal. This recommendation is projected to take place at the Board’s regular meeting on February 12, 2018.

The steering committee will be led by representatives from Granger Construction (construction management firm) and TMP (architect and engineering firm). Granger and TMP were selected by the Board of Education in August to assist the school district with this potential bond proposal.

Ultimately, the consideration of this bond proposal rests with approval by the Board of Education. The Board understands this responsibility and welcomes community input throughout this planning process. They sincerely value the input as they want to make the very best decisions for our students and their educational learning environment.

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