

In Session with the “Oriole” Superintendent

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Exciting Opportunities Coming to Charlotte Public Schools

The Charlotte Board of Education held a special Board Meeting on Monday, February 26, 2018 at 6:30 PM. After spending significant time reviewing information provided over the past several months, the Board made two important decisions last evening that I believe will have a positive impact on the future of students here at CPS. The results of the votes are as follows:

November 2018 Bond Proposal

The Board of Education voted to accept the recommendation from the Bond Steering Committee, representing a variety of community stakeholders, to put a bond proposal on the ballot in November 2018. After months of meetings to review and assess District needs that included two community engagement sessions, the committee made a recommendation to ask voters to approve their final bond project scope. With the Board’s approval, the planning for the bond proposal will now move to a new level with additional detailed information to come in the near future.

Reconfiguration of Galewood School

Board members also voted on the recommendation to reconfigure Galewood School as an early elementary school. Galewood School will focus on Developmental Kindergarten, Kindergarten, the Great Start Readiness Program and Early Special Education services. Students have filled our buildings to near capacity at Washington and Parkview. The District must now begin to move forward so final planning and program development can occur and information can get out to our families as soon as possible.

Project Success

“Project Success” will be a new initiative starting at Charlotte Public Schools in the fall. This was approved at the February 12, 2018 meeting. Project Success will be a unique alternative educational opportunity for students that are non-traditional learners or who have not experienced success at the High School level. Project Success will be geared towards students who are credit deficient, have attendance or discipline concerns or who are not meeting standards or achieving expectations, or failing core course(s) in the Freshman Academy. Project Success has many innovative concepts to try and meet student needs in a different school / classroom format while also creating a connection to Career and Technical Education (CTE), a Co-op work experience, or a “Community Engagement” experience (community service). Planning and program development has begun. Information for parents will be available soon.

Exciting things are happening in Charlotte Public Schools as we plan and prepare our students for the future. Detailed information will be coming soon!

Go Orioles! Oriole Pride!