

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

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### **2017-2018 Coming to a Close**

It is hard to believe, but the 2017-18 school year is nearing completion. With less than 4 weeks of school left, I would like to share a few district updates with you.

**STRATEGIC PLAN** - The Board of Education Strategic Planning surveys of parents/community, students grades 6-12 and Charlotte Public Schools staff have come to a close. We had an exceptional response of over 1,600 surveys submitted. The next step in the process is for Gartner Marketing, the Board’s consultant, to present preliminary strategic planning information surrounding the survey responses to the Board at their June 11, 2018 meeting. Then, in July, the Board will begin to frame the strategic plan and the main elements of it, including the vision and goals for the next five years. In September, an all-day planning session is scheduled to further refine the goals and establish short term and long term objectives within the main elements identified. By December, the plan will be finalized and go to print. The end result of the strategic planning process is for the Board of Education to have a living document which reflects the community’s goals for the district going forward.

**GALEWOOD EARLY ELEMENTARY** – The planning for Galewood Early Elementary School to re-open in August continues and is starting to take shape. We have expanded the parking lot area and have adapted existing parking areas to assist with traffic flow. The playground area has new fencing and play equipment being installed. The public address system, wireless connectivity and building access security features have all been updated as well. Teachers have been meeting regularly at the building and have been assigned their classrooms. Many preparations are underway by the teachers to make the re-opening successful for the newest orioles. We also have been interviewing principal candidates.

**PROJECT SUCCESS** - Planning for Project Success, the new High School offering for the non-traditional high school student, continues for the start date in August. Interviews for the lead teacher and identifying interested high school staff for the subject areas, is underway. The program started with the goal of identifying fifteen (15) students and we have already met that number. Therefore, we have decided to cap the student number in this first year of the program at twenty-five (25) students to ensure we make the offering successful for them, the staff and the parents. We want this to be an outstanding new program and as such do not want to over commit this first year.

**NOVEMBER BOND PROPOSAL** - The November 6, 2018 bond proposal work continues. A meeting with the bond steering committee will be held this month to share conceptual drawings of the High School auxiliary gym, the agricultural science pavilion, the tennis courts and even the proposed addition to Galewood Early Elementary School. The overall projected

cost of the bond proposal remains the same, at 29.85 million, with an anticipated increase in the millage rate of .9 mills. On June 11, the Board of Education will see the information again before everything is presented to the State of Michigan Treasury department on June 26.

Many exciting things are already taking place to prepare for the 2018-2019 school year and we want to keep you informed. As always, if you have any questions, feel free to contact us!

Go Orioles! Oriole Pride!