

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

By, Mark D. Rosekrans, Superintendent of Charlotte Public Schools

### **Final Farewells**

The last day of school is June 8, 2018. It is a half day of school and will officially mark the close of the 2017-18 school year. It is hard to believe how quickly the year has gone by.

With the school year ending, we would like to recognize staff that are retiring from our school district. Please join me in acknowledging the following staff who have retired during the year or will retire from Charlotte Public Schools at the end of this school year:

Ms. Diana Bartolacci

Ms. Becky Frazier

Ms. Deb Minzey

Ms. Carolyn Nelson

Ms. Amy Smith

Ms. Cathy Smith

Collectively the staff members have over 145 years of dedicated service. Some of these individuals also had additional public school experience serving students before they came to Charlotte. I would personally like to extend a thank you to our retirees and hope you will join me and express your appreciation and gratitude for their service when you see them around town. I wish them the very best in their future retirement endeavors.

We would also like to recognize Charlotte High School’s Class of 2018 who will graduate on Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 PM on the campus of Michigan State University at the Wharton Center. Congratulations to all of the seniors and their parents, guardians and extended family members. We are all extremely proud of your accomplishment and wish you the very best in the future. The seniors will also be recognized at Honors Convocation which will be held at the Charlotte Performing Arts Center on Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. This is an outstanding ceremony that recognizes all of the educational achievements, athletic success, performing arts acknowledgements and scholarships awarded by this group of seniors.

Last, the senior farewell tour is this Thursday morning, May 24<sup>th</sup>. This has become a community tradition in just a few years. The seniors will ride a school bus from building to building and say good-bye to all of the other students and many teachers and staff that supported them over their careers here at Charlotte Public Schools. The tour culminates with a cook-out lunch and group photo on the downtown courthouse lawn.

Congratulations to the graduating class of 2018 and to the Charlotte Public School retirees.