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It is indeed an honor to serve Charlotte Public Schools as your Interim Superintendent. My service will continue until a permanent administrator is in place. The target for the transfer of leadership is in July. In the meantime, the Board has done a great job identifying priorities for me during my tenure here.

One of the priorities identified for my service is assisting with the Superintendent search and aiding the new leader's transition to the school district and community.

With all of the great things happening K-12, the tremendous opportunities for students in this District, as well as the outstanding community pride and support, Charlotte will attract a number of highly qualified people for this post.

The challenge the Board will face will be selecting the best fit for the District and community. As you know, they have chosen Michigan Leadership Institute to assist them in the critical function. Specifically John Silveri is the consultant working with the Board.

John will be leading internal and external forums to secure input on desirable characteristics for the new Superintendent. We hope you will take the opportunity to attend one of these sessions to share your opinions.

Also at the top of the Board's list is assisting with the bond election information campaign. Being a part of bond campaigns in multiple districts during my career makes this familiar territory. You'll be hearing about meeting opportunities to receive information and ask questions in the near future.

Of course regular, daily operations of the school district must continue. In that regard, my role will be to provide oversight, support and assistance to our Central Office staff, building administrators and supervisors. At this time of year, we are multi-tasking. In addition to completing the current school year, planning and preparation is required for next year.

While it is a very busy time of year, my intention is to spend time in the buildings, departments and around the community. Please stop me and introduce yourself. And of course, please feel free to call me here at the office.

In closing, thank you to everyone who has made me feel so welcome in my transition to this position.

Warmest regards,

Richard Ames, Interim Superintendent