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### **Charlotte Public Schools Joins New Athletic League**

As of Monday, July 22, 2013, Charlotte, Coldwater, Harper Creek, Lumen Christi, Marshall, Northwest, Pennfield, and Parma Western have all agreed and been school board approved to move forward with a new league/ conference that will begin school year 2014-2015. We are all excited about this new path that we will be taking and feel that this move is in the best interest of all of our athletic programs, student-athletes, coaches and communities.

Our goal was to form a conference of like sized, like minded communities that will compliment each other academically and athletically. This will assist us in creating a long term home that is both a competitive and a balanced fit for all teams involved. Geographic location, school size, sports offered at the freshman, jv and varsity levels, competitiveness, travel, cost/ revenue, and rivalries were taken into account, among many other items, to make this transition. One very nice thing about this new league is that all travel is able to be made via the 94 and 69 highway corridor for all schools.

Northwest, Lumen Christi, Parma Western and Charlotte will all be making the move from the CAAC to the new league.

Coldwater, Marshall, and Harper Creek will all be making the move from the South West Michigan East Conference.

Pennfield will be making the move from the KVA Conference.

At this time we are working towards a new conference name/ title that will solidify the make-up of schools and represent us well across the state of Michigan. Once we have a conference name/ title we will release it to the public.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me by email or phone anytime.