



**2017 - 2018**  
**DPSCD OFFICE OF CHARTER**  
**SCHOOLS ANNUAL REPORT**



# LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The 2017-18 school year was one that saw the Detroit Public Schools Community District Office of Charter Schools offering more opportunities for professional development, oversight and support to board members. The office focused on its mission to support, develop, and hold charter schools accountable, so that they can prepare Detroit children for future opportunities. The information contained in this annual report represents data from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. It offers a snapshot of the students served, as well as how the school performed on a variety of important measures.

During the 2017-18 year, our office experienced a reorganization that reflects our new focus on support and oversight of our Charter School Board of Directors. According to Ivan J. Lorentzen (2013), "the practices of effective boardsmanship, have a strong correlation with high student achievement." As a result, a new position was added to our team, Deputy Executive Director of Operations and Board Governance. Dikea Riley was selected for this role and is responsible for financial oversight, coordination of logistics, and support for our charter school boards. Our goal was to build capacity in our boards in order to have a positive effect on each of our charter schools.



Our team continues to assess our charter schools by using multiple sources of data and identifying deficiencies that need to be improved. As an Authorizer, we are data driven and have multiple data dashboards for academics, enrollment, financials, compliance and board evaluations. The data dashboards were used on a continuous basis to make adjustments to our policies and provide interventions for our charter school stakeholders.

In order to map our path to success, we must collectively take stock of where we are and how far we have to go. We hope this report will assist in that effort.

We are honored to work with dedicated school board members, principals, teachers and a host of other personnel who impact children daily.

Thank you for partnering with our team as we strive to be a High Quality Authorizer!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jendayi Gardner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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# Vision, Mission, and Core Values

## VISION

DPSCD will only authorize charter schools that provide students with the knowledge, skills and confidence necessary to thrive in our city, our nation, our world.

## MISSION

The DPSCD Office of Charter Schools supports, develops and holds accountable high-performing charter schools that prepare Detroit children for college and careers.

## CORE VALUES

### **Students First**

Make decisions that are in the best interest of students. Use every resource strategically so that we can meet students' individual needs.

### **Excellence**

Be relentless in your pursuit of greatness. Be bold and innovate. Learn from your mistakes. Hold yourself and others to high standards.

### **Integrity**

Do the right thing, even when no one is looking. Be honest. Be trustworthy. Be accountable.

### **Equity**

Diversity is an asset that makes us stronger. Advocate for the needs of others. Ensure that all members of our community have access to the tools and resources they need to be successful.

### **Service**

Listen. Empathize. Respond. Own problems and help to solve them.

### **Tenacity**

Embrace hard work and persevere in the face of challenges. Follow through on your commitments and strive to do your best, no matter what.

**Students Rise. We all Rise**

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# CAPSTONE ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL (SDA)



## ► POINT OF PRIDE

Capstone Academy Staff strives to re-energize its students and provide an educational bridge until the student is able to return to a traditional educational setting.

## ► OUR MISSION

The mission of Capstone Academy, in partnership with youth serving agencies, is to re-engage youth in the active pursuit of self-improvement, interpersonal growth and educational development. Within a climate where students, staff and stakeholders feel safe, secure and valued as individuals, Capstone Academy will encourage all students to excel to their highest potential, while providing them the support and tools needed to explore the infinite possibilities that learning and life has to offer.

- **JOHN R SITE:** 3500 John R, Detroit, MI 48201
- **MAYFIELD SITE:** 15255 Mayfield, Detroit, MI 48205
- **WAYNE COUNTY JDF:** 1326 St. Antoine, Detroit, MI 48226
- **PHONE:** 313- 202- 6082
- **PRINCIPAL:** William Sanders
- **GRADES:** 4-12
- **TYPE:** Strict Discipline Academy
- **YEAR OPENED:** 2012
- **MANAGEMENT:** EdTec Central
- **ENROLLMENT:** 180 students
- **FREE OR REDUCED LUNCH:** 100%
- **SPECIAL EDUCATION:** 44%
- **ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS:** 0%

## ► BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mary L. Johnson	Mitzi Mitsunaga
Alan S. White	Douglas M Butler
Victor Marsh	

## ► ENROLLMENT DEMOGRAPHICS

Black.....	70%
White.....	23%
Hispanic .....	7%

\*2017-18 demographic data provided by school.

# DAVID ELLIS ACADEMY



▶ **ADDRESS:** 18977 Schaefer, Detroit, MI 48235

▶ **PHONE:** (313) 927-5395

▶ **PRINCIPAL:** Tonette Hardison

▶ **GRADES:** K-8

▶ **YEAR OPENED:** 1999

▶ **MANAGEMENT:** Bardwell Group

▶ **ENROLLMENT:** 305 students

▶ **FREE OR REDUCED LUNCH:** 100%

▶ **SPECIAL EDUCATION:** 10%

▶ **ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS:** 0%

▶ **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Brian Logan  
Lawrence Crawford  
Patsy Johnson  
Linda Tripp  
Dannis White

▶ **ENROLLMENT DEMOGRAPHICS**

Black..... 100%

▶ **SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

Leader in Me Program; Parent University; After-School Programs such as Basketball, Cheer Team, and Drum Line; Male Mentoring Program

▶ **OUR MISSION**

Educating Tomorrow's Future Leaders!

▶ **POINT OF PRIDE**

Offers rigorous learning in a family-like atmosphere.

\* 2017-18 demographic data provided by school.

# ESCUELA AVANCEMOS! ACADEMY



### ► SPECIAL PROGRAMS

PE; Spanish; Art; Partnerships with the Association of Latino Professionals of America, Mercedes-Benz Financial Services, and the Wayne State University Department of Mathematics Center for Equity and Excellence in Mathematics

### ► STUDENT SUCCESS

Due to exceptional academic growth in state testing, Escuela Avancemos' School Index per the State of Michigan is 46.58, which is substantially higher than most neighboring schools.

► **ADDRESS:** 3811 Cicotte St, Detroit, MI 48210

► **PHONE:** 313-596-0079

► **PRINCIPAL:** Sean Townsin

► **GRADES:** K-5

► **YEAR OPENED:** 2012

► **MANAGEMENT:** Sanga Educational Partners

► **ENROLLMENT:** 297 students

► **FREE OR REDUCED LUNCH:** 97%

► **SPECIAL EDUCATION:** 9%

► **ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS:** 90%

### ► BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Cristina Stamatina	Maria Avila
Andreea Bordeianu	Linda Chittum
Monica Barbour	Gregory Farmer
Mariva Gonzalez	

### ► ENROLLMENT DEMOGRAPHICS

Black.....	4%
White.....	6%
Hispanic .....	89%
Multiracial.....	1%

### ► POINT OF PRIDE

A recipient of the Detroit Children's Fund School Collaboration Collective (SC2) Grant.

### ► OUR MISSION

Prepare, Educate, and Inspire Every Child Every Day for Lifelong Success!



\* 2017-18 demographic data provided by school.



# GEE EDMONSON ACADEMY



## ► SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Latchkey, 21st Century Afterschool program, Athletic Program, including Basketball Drama Productions.

## ► POINT OF PRIDE

GEE Edmonson Academy has a nurturing and safe environment that promotes student growth.

## ► OUR MISSION

To promote lifelong learning by nurturing academic excellence, positive character traits, and an appreciation of cultures.

- **ADDRESS:** 1300 W. Canfield St, Detroit, MI 48201
- **PHONE:** (313) 228-0910
- **PRINCIPAL:** Domini Nailer
- **GRADES:** K-8
- **YEAR OPENED:** 2011
- **MANAGEMENT:** Global Educational Excellence
- **ENROLLMENT:** 253 students
- **FREE OR REDUCED LUNCH:** 100%
- **SPECIAL EDUCATION:** 10%
- **ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS:** 0%
- **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
 Judge Archie Brown  
 W. Barnett Jones  
 Evette Napier  
 John Young

## ► ENROLLMENT DEMOGRAPHICS

Black.....100%



\* 2017-18 demographic data provided by school.

# GEE WHITE ACADEMY



- ▶ **ADDRESS:** 5161 Charles, Detroit, MI 48212
- ▶ **PHONE:** (313) 866- 3595
- ▶ **PRINCIPAL:** Thomas Talmadge
- ▶ **GRADES:** K-8
- ▶ **YEAR OPENED:** 2011
- ▶ **MANAGEMENT:** Global Educational Excellence
- ▶ **ENROLLMENT:** 361 students
- ▶ **FREE OR REDUCED LUNCH:** 100%
- ▶ **SPECIAL EDUCATION:** 9%
- ▶ **ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS:** 46%
- ▶ **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**
  - Jackqueline Lindsey
  - Zjockleen Harbin-Coley
  - Tameka Ward

## ▶ ENROLLMENT DEMOGRAPHICS

Asian.....	28%
Black.....	50%
White.....	22%

## ▶ SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Specialize in English Learning Populations, 21st Century Afterschool Program, Athletics, Performing Arts, and Partnerships with Wayne State University Code Blue, Michigan State University, Gleaner's Food Bank, St. John's Health System, Fifth Third Bank, Detroit Re-Entry Center, Motivity, Better Made Chips, and US Ecology.

## ▶ POINT OF PRIDE

GEE White Academy is all about student achievement and celebrating student growth.

## ▶ OUR MISSION

GEE White Academy will promote lifelong learning through dilivery of strong instructional practices understanding that every child has the ability to learn. We are focused on making a difference in the lives of our students through the guidance of leaders with integrity. We are committed to an appreciation of cultures, equality, and facilitating partnerships within our community.

\* 2017-18 demographic data provided by school.

# HAMILTON ACADEMY



- ▶ **ADDRESS:** 14223 Southhampton St, Detroit, MI 48213
- ▶ **PHONE:** (313) 866-4505
- ▶ **PRINCIPAL:** Dr. Pamela Bilbrew
- ▶ **GRADES:** K-8
- ▶ **YEAR OPENED:** 2011
- ▶ **MANAGEMENT:** Educational Partnerships, Inc.
- ▶ **ENROLLMENT:** 270 students
- ▶ **FREE OR REDUCED LUNCH:** 100%
- ▶ **SPECIAL EDUCATION:** 13%
- ▶ **ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS:** 0%
- ▶ **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**
  - Arthur Burt
  - Rikki Marcillis-Atagarin
  - Ross Emerton
  - Donna Gardner
- ▶ **ENROLLMENT DEMOGRAPHICS**
  - Black.....100%

## ▶ SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Technology-Driven Student Learning; Afterschool Programs such as Soccer, Tutoring, Basketball, Coding Classes, Finance Classes, Chess Club, and Safety Patrol; Partnerships with Eastside Community Network and the Michigan State University Health Living program.

## ▶ POINT OF PRIDE

Hamilton Academy students achieved 1.5 years of academic growth or better in 2017 - 2018.

## ▶ OUR MISSION

The Mission of Hamilton Academy in collaboration with its school community, parents, and stakeholders is to prepare students who can compete academically and socially in a democratic society.

# MACDOWELL PREPARATORY ACADEMY



### ► SPECIAL PROGRAMS

A rigorous college preparatory curriculum, Friends of MacDowell Alumni Mentoring and Tutoring program, Chess Club, Sewing Club, Basketball, Flag Football, Art Club, Pee-Wee Warrior, and Partnerships with RaquetUp Detroit, Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, and Samaritan Homes

### ► MISSION

The mission of MacDowell Preparatory Academy is to instill in its scholars the skill and will to prepare them for success in college and life.

### ► VISION

MPA scholars will maximize their potential and achieve success in every area of their lives.

- Our scholars come to school excited about their future and own their own learning.
- Our faculty are passionate, knowledgeable and accountable for creating an environment where scholars enthusiastically learn.
- Our parents, guardians and community are actively supporting our children's dreams and the work of our school.

- **ADDRESS:** 4201 W. Outer Drive, Detroit, MI 48221
- **PHONE:** (313) 494- 7310
- **PRINCIPAL:** Lindsie Johnson
- **GRADES:** K-8
- **YEAR OPENED:** 2012
- **MANAGEMENT:** Promise Schools
- **ENROLLMENT:** 366 students
- **FREE OR REDUCED LUNCH:** 88%
- **SPECIAL EDUCATION:** 11%
- **ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS:** 0%
- **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Nicole Wells-Stallworth  
Robert E. Thomas  
Carlton King  
Desiree Jones  
JohnNae Reynolds

### ► ENROLLMENT DEMOGRAPHICS

Black.....	99%
White.....	1%

\* 2017-18 demographic data provided by school.

# PATHWAYS ACADEMY



- ▶ **ADDRESS:** 11340 E. Jefferson Ave, Detroit, MI 48214
  - ▶ **PHONE:** 313- 209- 3804
  - ▶ **PRINCIPAL:** Michelle Shawver
  - ▶ **GRADES:** 7- 12
  - ▶ **TYPE:** Alternative School focusing on Pregnant and Parenting Teens
  - ▶ **YEAR OPENED:** 2014
  - ▶ **MANAGEMENT:** Innovative Educational Programs
  - ▶ **ENROLLMENT:** 289 students
  - ▶ **FREE OR REDUCED LUNCH:** 100%
  - ▶ **SPECIAL EDUCATION:** 9%
  - ▶ **ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS:** 0%
  - ▶ **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
Leonard Dixon  
Alonzo Bell  
Cynthia Bradford  
Tonjola Cole  
Hurticene Hardaway
  - ▶ **ENROLLMENT DEMOGRAPHICS**
- |               |       |
|---------------|-------|
| Black.....    | 99.3% |
| White.....    | 0.35% |
| Hispanic..... | 0.35% |

\* 2017-18 demographic data provided by school.

## ▶ PROGRAM MODEL

Our curriculum is online. This allows students to work at their own pace for purposes of credit recovery or to accelerate their learning. We offer onsite day care; Door-to-door transportation for pregnant teens and young parents, and parenting classes.

## ▶ PARTNERSHIPS

Detroit Cares, Michigan State University, Everest Institute, St. John's Providence Health System, College for Creative Studies, Gleaners

## ▶ Point of Pride

Pathways Academy focuses on educating pregnant teens and young parents. Offers credit recovery and door-to-door transportation for students. Onsite daycare provided.

## ▶ MISSION

Pathways Academy has been designed to prepare disconnected, vulnerable youth with options for adult living by also including rigorous dropout prevention and credit recovery components which will benefit especially those students that have fallen so far behind that, without an accelerated and focused credit recovery intervention, they will not have the opportunity to graduate on time.

# RUTHERFORD WINANS ACADEMY



## ► SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Mentoring, Harvest Feast, Royal Celebration, Academic Games, Saturday Science and Math, Tutoring, Dance, Washington D.C. Trip for 5th Graders, and Partnership with Fifth Third Bank, Madonna University and Wayne County Community College.

## ► POINT OF PRIDE

"Nurturing"

## ► MISSION

The mission of Rutherford Winans Academy is to prepare students for academic excellence and responsible citizenship.

► **ADDRESS:** 16411 Curtis, Detroit, MI 48235

► **PHONE:** (313)- 852- 0709

► **PRINCIPAL:** Karen Abbott

► **GRADES:** K-5

► **YEAR OPENED:** 2012

► **MANAGEMENT:** Solid Rock Management Company

► **ENROLLMENT:** 199 students

► **FREE OR REDUCED LUNCH:** 100%

► **SPECIAL EDUCATION:** 4%

► **ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS:** 0%

## ► BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Tamika B. Cromer  
 Stevie Green  
 Karen Ridgeway  
 Tonya Touchstone  
 DiAne Townsel

## ► ENROLLMENT DEMOGRAPHICS

Black..... 99.5%

White..... 0.5%

\* 2017-18 demographic data provided by school.

# TIMBUKTU ACADEMY



- ▶ **ADDRESS:** 10800 E. Canfield St, Detroit, MI 48214
- ▶ **PHONE:** (313)- 823-6000
- ▶ **PRINCIPAL:** ChaRhonda Edgerson
- ▶ **GRADES:** K-8
- ▶ **YEAR OPENED:** 1997
- ▶ **MANAGEMENT:** Magnum Educational Management Company
- ▶ **ENROLLMENT:** 410 students
- ▶ **FREE OR REDUCED LUNCH:** 100%
- ▶ **SPECIAL EDUCATION:** 8%
- ▶ **ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS:** 0%
- ▶ **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
Oluwa Davis  
Pamela Lane  
Tamiko Leonard  
Kamau Kheperu  
Quintella Boyd  
Kelly Gardner

▶ **ENROLLMENT DEMOGRAPHICS**

Black.....	99.7%
White.....	0.3%

## ▶ SPECIAL PROGRAMS

African-Centered Education, African Drumming, African Dance, Robotics Team, Afterschool Programming, Basketball, Soccer, LaCrosse.

## ▶ POINT OF PRIDE

African-Centered Culture

## ▶ MOTTO

Forging the next generation of leaders!

## ▶ VISION

To build and maintain a child-centered institution that develops the leaders of tomorrow

## ▶ MISSION

Our mission is to involve the students, families, teachers and community in designing a holistic approach to learning that provides students with a firm academic, applied scientific and moral educational experience, via a rigorous child centered curriculum.

\* 2017-18 demographic data provided by school.

# 2018 PORTFOLIO M-STEP RANKINGS

School	Overall 2018	Mathematics 2018	English 2018	Social Studies 2018
<b>Michigan</b>	<b>38.2%</b>	<b>37.4%</b>	<b>43.9%</b>	<b>23.8%</b>
<b>DPSCD Charter Portfolio</b>	<b>10.1%</b>	<b>8.1%</b>	<b>14.3%</b>	<b>3.4%</b>
<b>DPSCD</b>	<b>8.5%</b>	<b>6.7%</b>	<b>11.5%</b>	<b>4.7%</b>
David Ellis Academy	9.1%	6.8%	14.1%	1.4%
Escuela Avancèmos	17.3%	16.4%	21.5%	7.5%
GEE Edmonson Academy	8.5%	8.8%	11.0%	0.0%
GEE White Academy	11.2%	10.5%	14.5%	2.5%
Hamilton Academy	6.0%	2.8%	10.5%	2.1%
MacDowell Preparatory Academy	8.3%	5.8%	12.9%	3.2%
Rutherford Winans Academy	14.4%	6.5%	23.1%	11.5%
Timbuktu Academy	9.6%	6.9%	13.6%	4.8%

*Note: Capstone Academy and Pathways Academy had too few valid results to measure across grades and subjects*



## BOARD GOVERNANCE PD OFFERINGS 2017-2018

The DPSCD Office of Charter Schools mission is to support, develop and hold accountable high-performing charter schools that prepare Detroit children for college and careers. The following listing represents some of the support options made available to authorized schools during the 2017- 2018 school year. This list does not reflect individual school support that was provided.

### Board Governance Events and Professional Development

Mandatory New Board Member Training	July 22, 2017
Network After Work	November 16, 2017
Overcoming the Achievement Gap Trap: Liberating Mindsets to Affect	November 29, 2017
Change Marzano Essentials Training-Teach to Reach for Deepening Core	December 20, 2017
Instruction Successful Board Assessment: Creating a Culture of Efficacy	February 17, 2018
Annual Boards of Directors Conference	April 21, 2018

### PSA Quarterly Leadership Meetings Dates

October 25, 2017

February 28, 2018

May 23, 2018



For more information, visit the DPSCD Office of Charter Schools online at: [detroitk12.org/charters](http://detroitk12.org/charters)

# CLOSING

The Detroit Public Schools Community District Office of Charter Schools regularly provides board members of authorized academies with feedback on various aspects of school performance.

Past reports are available by request.



Other reports distributed to charter school board members during the 2017 - 2018 year:

- ▶ 2017 Annual Report
- ▶ Fall Environmental Health & Safety Follow-up Inspection Report
- ▶ Spring Environmental Health & Safety Inspection Report
- ▶ Fall Personnel Verification Report
- ▶ Winter Personnel Verification Report
- ▶ Spring Personnel Verification Report
- ▶ 2018 M-Step Report
- ▶ Fall College Readiness Performance Report
- ▶ Winter College Readiness Report Performance Report
- ▶ Spring College Readiness Performance Report
- ▶ Fall Compliance Report
- ▶ 3rd Quarter Compliance Report
- ▶ 4th Quarter Compliance Report
- ▶ 2nd Quarter Financial Report



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