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DPSCD OFFICE OF CHARTER SCHOOLS

ANNUAL REPORT



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LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Dr. Jendayi Gardner
Executive Director

The 2019-20 school year was unprecedented for the Detroit Public Schools Community District Office of Charter Schools due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In the midst of the uncertainty, the DPSCD Office of Charter Schools continued to offer robust webinars that included topics based on governance best practices and saw the largest participation rate of our charter boards. Beyond board members attending the webinars, we also witnessed many examples of board members implementing the shared best practices during meetings that transpired to effective decision making for their academy.

In addition to the added value of the board webinar series, we provided continuous oversight, support, and resources related to COVID-19. The office also continued to focus 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, 2019 through June 30, 2020. It offers a snapshot of the students and the academies that serve them.

During the 2019-20 year, the Detroit Public Schools Community District Board of Education voted to reauthorize Barack Obama Leadership Academy and David Ellis Academy. The DPSCD Office of Charter Schools is looking forward to the continued partnership with the board members and management company staff from each of these academies.

During the 2019-20 year, the Detroit Public Schools Community District Office of Charter Schools and other Authorizers were charged by Governor Whitmer to review and approve the Continuity of Learning and COVID-19 response plans for each academy. Thank you to the academies for submitting the plans and making the requested revisions based on feedback for submission to the Michigan Department of Education.

In addition, to the submissions of the Continuity of Learning Plans, each academy ended the 2019-2020 school year with the highest compliance ratings.

As a data driven Authorizer, we are excited to see the hard work from each academy as we continue to assess our charter schools by using multiple sources of data and identifying areas strength and growth.

As we approach a new school year that continues to be filled with uncertainty due to COVID-19, we are looking forward to the innovative ways each academy will ensure all students receive the best education rather it's virtually, face to face or a hybrid model. As an Authorizer, we will continue to provide oversight and high-quality support as we approach an unparalleled school year.

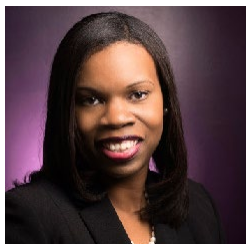
Thank you so much for your commitment and continued partnership with our team as we continue to be a High-Quality Authorizer!

We are proud to announce for the first time in our history, all schools have achieved a 3-star rating in board compliance and a 3-star rating in school compliance. Even-though it was a struggle for some and easier for others, our schools forged through these difficult times. Congratulations!
Jacqueline Sims, Compliance Specialist

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.

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BARACK OBAMA LEADERSHIP ACADEMY



- **ADDRESS:** 10800 E. Canfield St, Detroit, MI 48214
- **PHONE:** (313) 823- 6000
- **CO-PRINCIPAL:** Cha-Rhonda Edgerson
- **CO-PRINCIPAL:** Kimberly Pritchett
- **GRADES:** K-8
- **YEAR OPENED:** 1997
- **MANAGEMENT:** Magnum Educational Management Co.
- **ENROLLMENT:** 407 students
- **FREE OR REDUCED LUNCH:** 100%
- **SPECIAL EDUCATION:** 7%
- **ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS:** 0%

➤ **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Dr. Oluwa Davis
 Tamiko Leonard
 Kamau Kheperu
 Quintella Boyd
 Kelly Gardner
 Dr. Cheryl Munday

➤ **ENROLLMENT DEMOGRAPHICS**

Black.....98%
 White.....1%
 Multiracial.....1%

➤ **SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

African-Centered Education,
 African Drumming, African
 Dance, 21st Century After-
 school Programming,
 Basketball, My Brothers
 Keepers & The Leader In Me

➤ **POINTS OF PRIDE**

African Centered Culture &
 The Leader in Me Program

➤ **MOTTO**

Transforming Students Into
 World Class Leaders

➤ **VISION**

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

➤ **OUR MISSION**

At Barack Obama Leadership
 Academy, we are dedicated to
 providing the highest quality
 educational experience and to
 develop and build upon the
 leadership characteristics that are
 inherent in all children.

*2019-20 demographic data provided by school.

CAPSTONE ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL (SDA)



➤ POINTS 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:** Brian Serafino
- **GRADES:** 4-12
- **TYPE:** Strict Discipline Academy
- **YEAR OPENED:** 2012
- **MANAGEMENT:** EdTec Central
- **ENROLLMENT:** 185 students
- **FREE OR REDUCED LUNCH:** 100%
- **SPECIAL EDUCATION:** 21%
- **ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS:** 0%

➤ BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mary L. Johnson
Mitzi Mitsunaga
Alan S. White
Victor L. Marsh

➤ ENROLLMENT DEMOGRAPHICS

Black.....	76%
White.....	20%
Hispanic.....	4%

DAVID ELLIS ACADEMY



- **ADDRESS:** 18977 Schaefer, Detroit, MI 48235
- **PHONE:** (313) 927-5395
- **ACADEMIC PROGRAM PRINCIPAL:** Michelle Lee
- **ADMINISTRATOR OF BUILDING OPERATIONS:** Kenya Hildreth
- **GRADES:** K-8
- **YEAR OPENED:** 1999
- **MANAGEMENT:** Bardwell Group
- **ENROLLMENT:** 301 students
- **FREE OR REDUCED LUNCH:** 100%
- **SPECIAL EDUCATION:** 2.9%
- **ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS:** 0%
- **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**
 - Brian Logan
 - Lawrence Crawford
 - Patsy Johnson
 - Linda Tripp
 - Dannis White
- **ENROLLMENT DEMOGRAPHICS**
 - Black.....100%

- **SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

Parent University, After-School Programs such as Basketball, Cheerleading, Majorettes, Dane (Hip Hop Jazz and Ballet), Karate, Tutoring and Drum Line; Male Mentoring Program, Music, Technology, Physical Education, Spanish, Math Olympics, Robotics/STEM
- **POINTS OF PRIDE**

Offers rigorous learning in a family-like atmosphere
- **OUR MISSION**

The educational family of the David Ellis Academies will provide a safe and supportive environment to prepare the children of today to be the leaders of tomorrow. We will promote, nurture, and encourage academic mastery to inspire lifelong learning in a global society.

*2019-20 demographic data provided by school.

MACDOWELL PREPARATORY ACADEMY



➤ **ADDRESS:** 4201 W. Outer Drive, Detroit, MI 48221

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➤ **PRINCIPAL:** Lindsie Johnson

➤ **GRADES:** K-8

➤ **YEAR OPENED:** 2012

➤ **MANAGEMENT:** Promise Schools

➤ **ENROLLMENT:** 362 students

➤ **FREE OR REDUCED LUNCH:** 99%

➤ **SPECIAL EDUCATION:** 12%

➤ **ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS:** 0%

➤ **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Nicole Wells-Stallworth

Robert Thomas

Cornell Batie

Desiree Jones

JohnNae Reynolds

Edgar Vann, III

Marnita S. Harris

➤ **ENROLLMENT DEMOGRAPHICS**

Black.....98%

White.....2%

➤ **SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

A rigorous college preparatory curriculum, Friends of MacDowell

Alumni Tutoring program, Chess Club, Mighty Mustang Boys Basketball Team, Lady Mustang Girls Basketball Team, Girls and Boys Mentoring Programs, Girl Scouts Program, Project Healthy Communities, and Partnerships with Goal Line Detroit, RaquetUp Detroit, Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, The Children's Center, Central Baptist Church and The Detroit Parent Network.

➤ **OUR 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.

➤ **OUR 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.

*2019-20 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
- **YEAR OPENED:** 2014
- **MANAGEMENT:** Innovative Educational Programs
- **ENROLLMENT:** 105 students
- **FREE OR REDUCED LUNCH:** 100%
- **SPECIAL EDUCATION:** 8%
- **ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS:** 0%
- **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**
 - Leonard Dixon
 - Alonzo Bell
 - Cynthia Bradford
 - Tonjola Cole
 - Hurticene Hardaway
- **ENROLLMENT DEMOGRAPHICS**

Black.....	98%
White.....	1.1%
Hispanic.....	0.7%

- **PROGRAM MODEL**

Our curriculum is a blended learning model. This allows students to work at their own pace for purposes of credit recovery or to accelerate their learning. We offer free onsite day care; free Door-to-door transportation for pregnant teens and young parents, free breakfast and free lunch. We also offer parenting, nutrition and cooking classes in addition to the Michigan Core Curriculum.
- **POINTS OF PRIDE**

Pathways Academy focuses on educating pregnant teens and young parents (moms and dads). Self-Paced Program for Accelerated Learning or Credit Recovery, Door-to-Door transportation for students, onsite daycare provided
- **PARTNERSHIPS**

Detroit Cares, Michigan State University, Urban Job Readiness, Project Noah, Salvation Army, Oak Grove AME Church, St. John's Providence Health System, College for Creative Studies, Gleaners
- **OUR MISSION**

Within a caring and supportive environment, this 21st Century school provides pregnant and parenting students with the academic and ethical skills necessary for success.

*2019-20 demographic data provided by school.

RUTHERFORD WINANS ACADEMY



- **ADDRESS:** 16411 Curtis, Detroit, MI 48235
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- **PRINCIPAL:** Karen Abbott
- **GRADES:** K-6
- **YEAR OPENED:** 2012
- **MANAGEMENT:** Solid Rock Management Company
- **ENROLLMENT:** 177 students
- **FREE OR REDUCED LUNCH:** 100%
- **SPECIAL EDUCATION:** 12%
- **ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS:** 0%
- **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**
 - Tamika B. Cromer
 - Karl Bell
 - Tonya Touchstone
 - Stevie Green
 - Karen Ridgeway
 - DiAne Townsel
- **ENROLLMENT DEMOGRAPHICS**
 - Black.....99%
 - White.....1%

- **SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

Harvest Feast, Royal Celebration, Pistons' Math hoops, Tutoring, Dance, Partnerships with Fifth Third Bank, Madonna University, Mentoring Youth Network, Mobile Dentist, Wayne State University - Run Detroit and Wayne County Community College, Book Mobile, Detroit Fire Dept. Pal Basketball Team, Boys and Girls Bible Club, Marsha Damien-School Supply donations, Kelly Family and First church of the Nazarene in Owosso., Goal Line, PTO, Cabbage, Lens Crafter

- **POINTS OF PRIDE**

"Nurturing"

- **OUR MISSION**

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

M-STEP 2020 SPRING TESTING

The 2020 M-STEP assessment was suspended due to COVID-19.

BOARD PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OFFERINGS

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 2019- 2020 school year. This list does not reflect individual school support that was provided.

BOARD GOVERNANCE WEBINARS

Building the Leadership Pipeline: Recruitment, Retention and Board Succession Planning	January 27, 2020
Board Governance Top 10 List - Book Study – <i>Governing for Greatness: Ten Fundamentals Every Charter School Board Member Needs to Know</i> by Brian L. Carpenter	March 30, 2020
Developing an Effective Board-Management Partnership	May 18, 2020

PSA QUARTERLY LEADERSHIP MEETINGS

October 16, 2019

February 26, 2020

CONTINUITY OF LEARNING PLAN AND COVID-19 FINANCIAL IMPACT DISCUSSION MEETINGS

June 1 – June 5, 2020



For more information, visit the DPSCD Office of Charter Schools online at:
<https://www.detroitk12.org/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleinstanceid=13509&dataid=34277&FileName=Board%20Governance%20Events%20Calendar%2018-19%20with%20Descriptions.pdf>

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 2019 - 2020 year:

- 2018 – 2019 Annual Report
- Fall Environmental Health & Safety Report
- Follow-up Environmental Health & Safety Report
- Spring Environmental Health & Safety Inspection Report
- Fall Personnel Verification Report
- Winter Personnel Verification Report
- Spring Personnel Verification Report
- 2020 M-Step Report (No testing due to COVID-19)
- Fall College Readiness Performance Report
- First, Second, Third and Fourth Quarter Compliance Reports
- Second, Third and Fourth Quarter Financial Reports
- Board Evaluations
- COVID-19 Resources and Updates



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