

# COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



Detroit Public Schools Community District  
Government & Community Affairs

WINTER 2024  
EDITION



## DPSCD STATE OF THE SCHOOLS

Detroit Public Schools Community District is Michigan's largest public education system. We are governed by a locally elected, seven-member board, with Dr. Nikolai Vitti serving as Superintendent. We champion a whole-child approach that combines superior academics with socio-emotional, extracurricular, and health services, all tailored to each student's needs.

In his 2023 State of the Schools address, Dr. Nikolai Vitti highlighted how the district's strategic priorities are positioning students for long-term success. Throughout his tenure as Superintendent, the District has experienced significant gains, improvement, and growth, while being laser-focused on ensuring sustainable outcomes.

We know for sure that the future state of this district is bolstered by the commitment of all stakeholders—educators, staff, the business community, our neighborhoods, legislators, and parents—doing their part to help students rise.



*Scan the QR code to watch the DPSCD State of the Schools 2023 address.*

**YouTube link:** <https://youtu.be/xG6MIXikea4>

**For more information, visit our website**  
[www.detroitk12.org](http://www.detroitk12.org)

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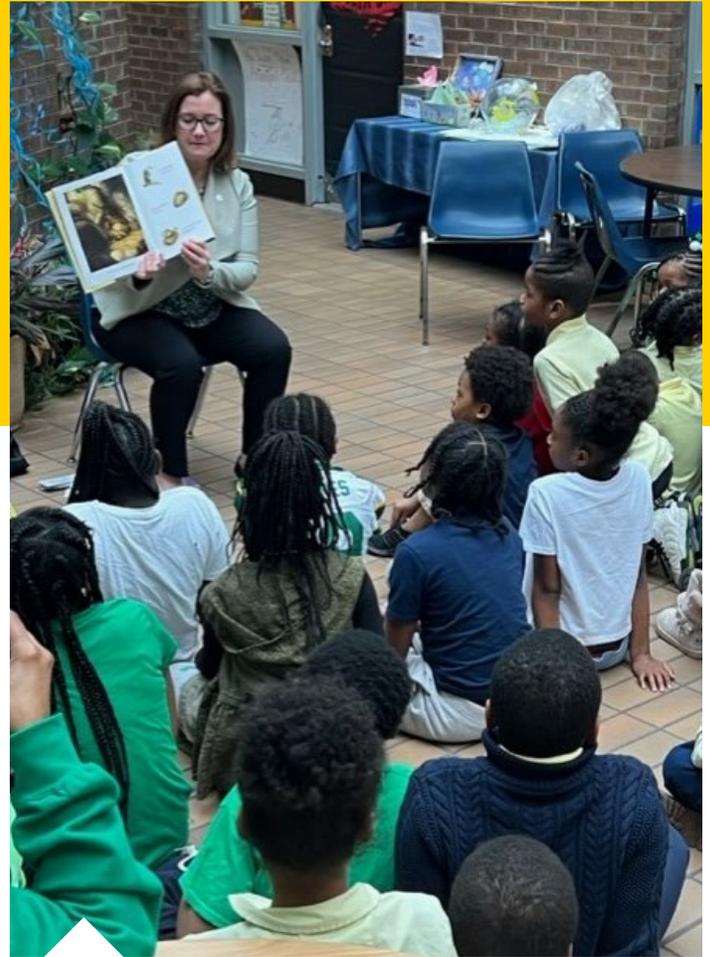
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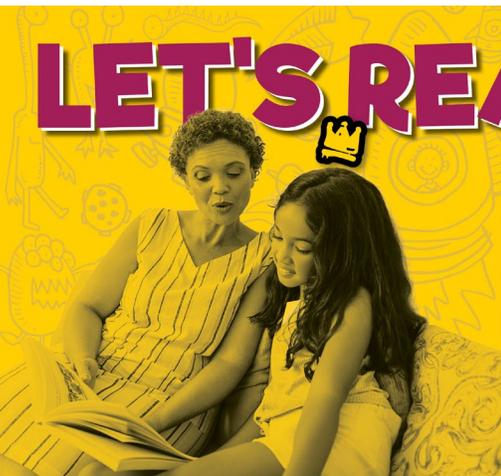


Michigan State Senator, Mary Cavanagh, visited Vernor Elementary and read books to several classes.



Michigan State Representative, Natalie Price, visited Coleman A. Young Elementary and read books to several classes.

DPSCD staff promoting the Let's Read program at Eastern Market



DPSCD staff at Heilman Recreation Center working with youth for Summer Enrichment Activities. The students made a pillow and blanket from recycled black and white plastic bags.



DPSCD staff at Farwell Recreation Center, engaging the youth with Summer Enrichment Activities



**Back to School event at Davison Elementary/Middle School, featuring the Detroit Lions**

The Detroit Lions Football team engaging with the students and staff at Davison Elementary/ Middle school



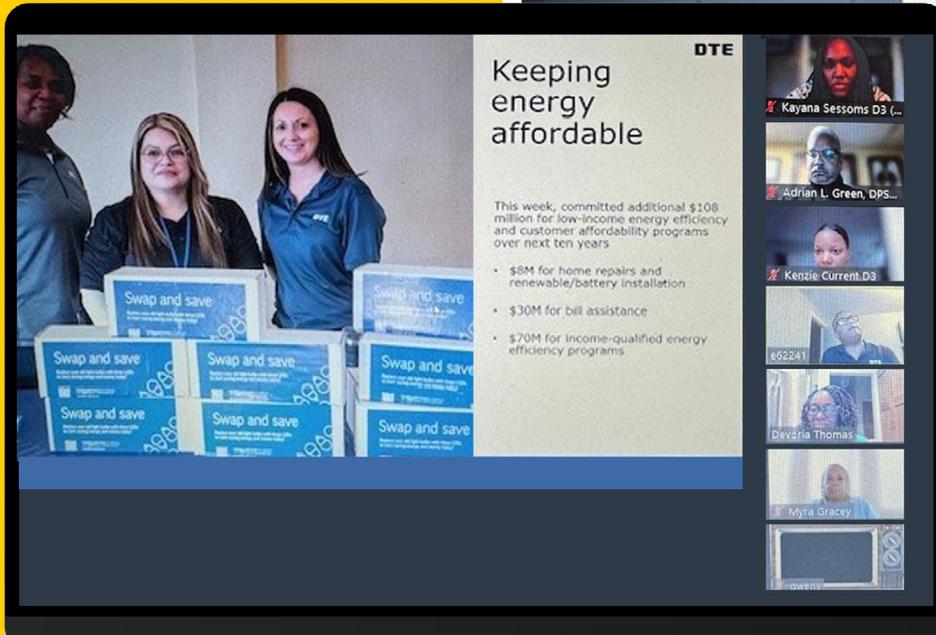
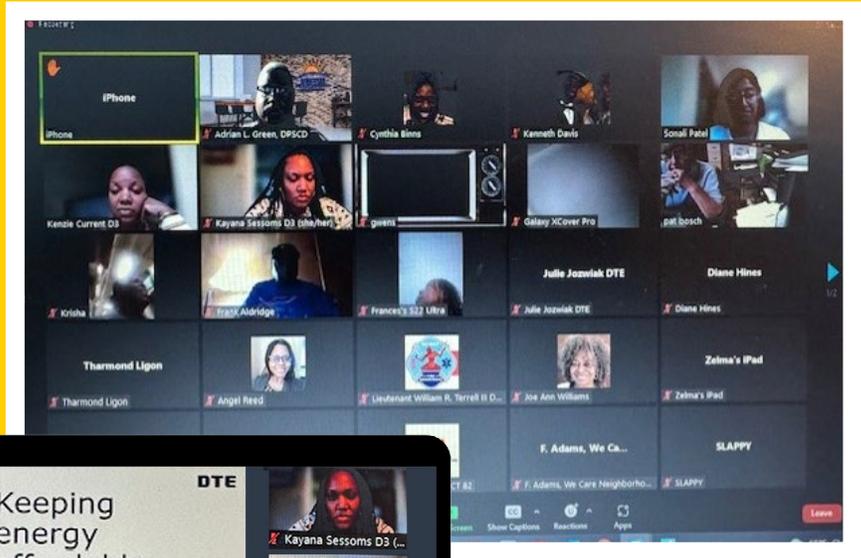
Assistant Principal Aurelia Ramos at Davison Elementary/Middle school with players from the Detroit Lions, enjoying some beginning of the school year fun with students. Thank you, Detroit Lions Football Team!

DPSCD Community Engagement Event at Heilman Park, sponsored by US Attorney Dawn Isom for Peacenic 2023



# Virtual

District 3, Department of Neighborhoods Meeting, September 2023



District 3 Manager, Kayana Sessoms, Adrian Green, and others listen to DTE present on Solar Panels for residents.



DPSCD staff providing information to the community at the Jack Adams Hockey Arena located in the Adams/Butzel Recreation Center for "Winter in the D," sponsored by the City of Detroit Recreation Department

DPSCD staff along with DPD Officer Robinson attending the Teen Mental Health Summit sponsored by the Detroit Pistons and the Detroit Police Department at the Detroit Piston Performance Center



Lisa Blackwell along with City Council President, Mary Sheffield, at the annual District 2 Christmas Party at the Northwest Activity Center



Rodney Williams Sr. along with the former City of Detroit District 7 Manager, Mona Ali, at the monthly District 7 community meeting



Scan the QR code to see the DPSCD 2023-2024 Academic Calendar

<https://www.detroitk12.org/Page/2#calendar1/20240124/month>

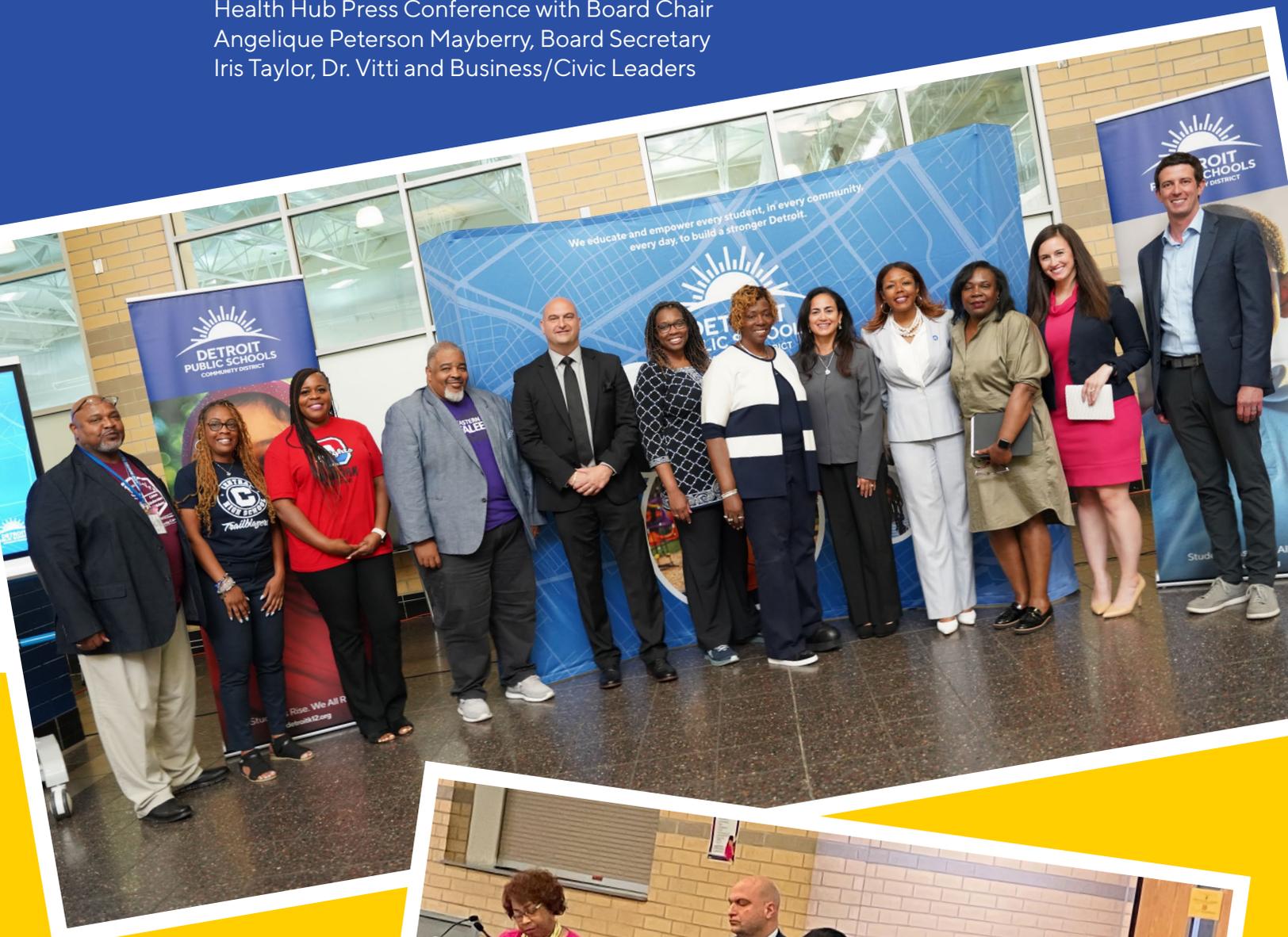
DPSCD Summer employment youth, Tanya Brown, and Ronnie Brown working to promote enrollment and volunteerism at DPSCD at the annual Senior Summer Fest sponsored by the City of Detroit City Council Member At-large, Mary Waters, at the Eastern Market



DPSCD staff member promoting DPSCD with Ms. Nigeria at Eastern Market

# HEALTHHUBS

Health Hub Press Conference with Board Chair Angelique Peterson Mayberry, Board Secretary Iris Taylor, Dr. Vitti and Business/Civic Leaders



Board Members Bishop Vaughn, LaTrice McClendon, and Sherry Gay-Dagnogo, along with Dr. Vitti at the Fall community engagement meeting



District 4 Police Community Relations meeting with residents of the Denby/ East English Village/ Fisher Upper and Lower schools monthly meeting. The monthly meeting is held at the Heilman Community Recreation Center, just down the street from Fisher Upper and Lower Schools.



### Detroit City Council Electoral Districts Map

