



**2018 - 2019**

# **DPSCD OFFICE OF CHARTER SCHOOLS ANNUAL REPORT**



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# LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The 2018-19 school year was one that saw the Detroit Public Schools Community District Office of Charter Schools offering enhanced opportunities for professional development through the implementation of robust webinars, along with continuous 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, 2018 through June 30, 2019. It offers a snapshot of the students served, as well as how the school performed on a variety of important measures.

During the 2018-19 year, the Detroit Public Schools Community District Board of Education voted to reauthorize Pathways Academy for three years. Pathways Academy focuses on educating pregnant teens and young parents.

During the 2018-19 year, the Detroit Public Schools Community District Board of Education also voted for the district as an Authorizer to pursue Accreditation. The DPSCD Office of Charter Schools was evaluated by AdvancED to determine the institution's effectiveness as an Authorizer. The three-phase evaluation process was intense and included positive stakeholder interviews from our Board Members, Board Liaisons, Schools Leaders, and Charter Community Members. We are very grateful to the stakeholders that participated in the interviews and provided feedback on our ability to serve as a High-Quality Authorizer.

As a result of the dedication, time and efforts of our "Small but Mighty Team", the DPSCD Office of Charter Schools is proud to announce that we are an Accredited Authorizer that has been identified as High Quality and can now open new charter schools in the city of Detroit.



In addition to being an Accredited Authorizer, 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 adjust 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, board liaisons, management companies, principals, teachers and a host of other personnel who impact children daily.

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

Jendayi Gardner, Ph.D., Executive Director of Charter Schools, Detroit Public Schools Community District.

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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 Edgeron
- **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**
  - Oluwa Davis
  - Tamiko Leonard
  - Kamau Kheperu
  - Quintella Boyd
  - Kelly Gardner
- **ENROLLMENT DEMOGRAPHICS**

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

## ➤ SPECIAL PROGRAMS

African-Centered Education, African Drumming, African Dance, 21<sup>st</sup> 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

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.

# 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.

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- **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 Marsh

## ➤ ENROLLMENT DEMOGRAPHICS

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



# DAVID ELLIS ACADEMY



- **SPECIAL PROGRAMS**  
Parent University, After-School Programs such as Basketball, Cheer Team and Drum Line; Male Mentoring Program, Music, Technology, Physical Education, Math Olympics, Robotics/STEM
- **POINTS OF PRIDE**  
Offers rigorous learning in a family-like atmosphere
- **OUR MISSION**  
Educating Tomorrow's Future Leaders!

- **ADDRESS:** 18977 Schaefer, Detroit, MI 48235
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- **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%

\*2018-19 demographic data provided by school.

# MACDOWELL PREPARATORY ACADEMY



## ➤ 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.

➤ **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%

## ➤ OUR 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.

## ➤ OUR VISION

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



- **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. Offers credit recovery and 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 21<sup>st</sup> Century school provides pregnant and parenting students with the academic and ethical skills necessary for success.

\*2018-19 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**  
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.

➤ **POINTS OF PRIDE**  
“Nurturing”

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

# M-STEP 2019 RESULTS BY OVERALL

School	Overall 2019
<b>Michigan</b>	<b>39.1%</b>
<b>Detroit Charters</b>	<b>21.2%</b>
Rutherford Winans Academy	16.7%
David Ellis Academy	12.2%
MacDowell Preparatory Academy	10.5%
<b>DPSCD</b>	<b>10.4%</b>
<b>DPSCD Charter Portfolio</b>	<b>9.2%</b>
Barack Obama Leadership Academy	3.4%

Note: Pathways and Capstone Academies had too few valid results to measure across grades and subjects.



# BOARD GOVERNANCE PD OFFERINGS 2018-19

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 2018- 2019 school year. This list does not reflect individual school support that was provided.

## BOARD GOVERNANCE WEBINARS

Board Member Participation Policy, Member Job Descriptions, Onboarding	September 29, 2018
Officer Development, Job Descriptions and Effective Meeting Tools	October 22, 2018
Strategies for Getting Board Work Done, Committee Work	December 10, 2018
Strategies for Oversight (Academic/Finance/Compliance)	February 25, 2019
Board Retreats and End of Year Reports	April 29, 2019
Board of Directors Calendar	June 24, 2019

## PSA QUARTERLY LEADERSHIP MEETINGS

October 17, 2018

February 27, 2019

May 22, 2019



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 2018 - 2019 year:**

- 2017 – 2018 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
- 2018 M-Step Report
- Fall College Readiness Performance Report
- Winter College Readiness Performance Report
- Spring College Readiness Performance Report
- First, Second, Third and Fourth Quarter Compliance Reports
- Second, Third and Fourth Quarter Financial Reports
- Board Evaluations



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