



Making Sense of School Systems Change in Detroit

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Introducing Neighborhoods Taking Action

Rapid changes are taking place in public education in the City of Detroit. It is important for students and their families to get the information they need to participate in shaping the future of Detroit schools.

Neighborhoods Taking Action (NTA) is a partnership of students, families and community stakeholders working to improve high school graduation rates through systems and policy change. The goal is to put students on a path toward better jobs and improved health. **If your school is being transferred to the Education Achievement Authority, this fact sheet will help answer some of your questions. Together we can make sure students get the education they deserve.**

What is the Education Achievement Authority (EAA)?

The Education Achievement Authority (EAA) is a new statewide school system intended to redesign and turn around the lowest performing schools in Michigan. The first phase begins in Detroit and will eventually encompass schools across the state failing to make academic progress. The EAA is headed by John Covington, Ed.D. and governed by a board of 11 members appointed by the Detroit Public School Board of Education, Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents and the Governor of Michigan.

What is the purpose of the EAA?

The EAA's stated goal is to create equitable opportunities to afford all students a quality education ensuring that they successfully complete the pre-kindergarten to high school educational experience ready for college, career and the workforce.

Families with students enrolled in EAA schools have an opportunity to make sure the EAA delivers.



What does this mean for my child?

If your child's school was chosen for EAA, you have the option to remain in that school, or transfer to another school. Families have the freedom to decide to enroll their students in the best available school to meet their needs and prepare them for future success. EAA schools will be holding open enrollment 3/15 – 4/16/2012. For more information, call the Parent Information line at 313.456.2278 or visit www.michigan.gov/ea.

What does this mean for me as a parent?

The EAA makes a series of commitments to parents. A few of them are:

- **Providing every parent a voice** in the future of their child's school, including participation on School Reinvention Teams where they can provide direct feedback and guidance.
- **Sharing students' individualized education plans with parents** so they can make an informed decision about how to best help their children learn.
- **Focusing on student needs** through a student-centered curriculum that will combine technology and project-based learning.

How Can I Get Involved?

You have been committed to your school for some time now. This transition provides an opportunity for students and families to become even more engaged in making the changes necessary to ensure Detroit students get a high quality education.

Neighborhoods Taking Action provides information and training to families and students who want to participate in the decisions being made about our children's future.

We work with parents and youth in EAA schools to assist with:

- Organizing students, parents and families;
- Identifying the best policy solutions to get and keep students on the path to graduation;
- Determining best strategies to work with school officials and policy makers; and
- Planning policy advocacy campaigns.



List of EAA Schools

- Brenda Scott Elementary/Middle
- Burns Elementary/Middle
- Law Academy PreK - 8
- Mary M. Bethune Elementary/Middle
- Murphy Elementary/Middle
- Nolan Elementary/Middle
- Phoenix Academy
- Stewart Elementary/Middle
- Trix Elementary/Middle
- Central Collegiate Academy
- Denby High School
- Ford High School
- Mumford High School
- Pershing High School
- Southeastern High School of Technology and Law

Learn More about the EAA:

EAA Website - <http://www.michigan.gov/ea>

Watch EAA public meetings live - <http://www.mistreamnet.com/>

Meeting schedule - http://www.michigan.gov/documents/eas/Approved-EAA-Meeting-Calendar_364924_7.pdf

GET INVOLVED IN NEIGHBORHOODS TAKING ACTION TODAY!

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