

BOARD OF REGENTS
EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

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June 23, 2009

RECOMMENDATION

REISSUANCE OF CHARTER – GRAND BLANC ACADEMY (K-8)

REISSUANCE OF CHARTER –
EDISON OAKLAND ACADEMY (K-8)

ACTION REQUESTED

It is recommended that the Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents reissue the charter for *Grand Blanc Academy* and authorize the president of the University to execute a new five-year contract which will expire June 30, 2014.

Furthermore, it is recommended that the Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents reissue the charter for *Edison Oakland Academy* and authorize the president of the University to execute a new five-year contract which will expire June 30, 2014.

STAFF SUMMARY

Grand Blanc Academy

Grand Blanc Academy received its first charter in 1999 and a second one in 2004. This highly successful K-8 public school academy enrolls 456 students in its present Grand Blanc location. The Academy has exceeded state standards in MEAP results, has achieved “Adequate Yearly Progress” in the No Child Left Behind measures, and has maintained sound financial status and adequate yearly fund equity with annual revenues of approximately \$4.3 million.

Edison Oakland Academy

Edison Oakland Academy received its first charter in 1999 and was reissued a charter in 2004. This K-8 charter school in Detroit has an enrollment of 926 students. The school has annual revenues of approximately \$8.5 million and has maintained an excellent fund balance by employing sound fiscal practices.

Accompanying this recommendation are profiles of Grand Blanc Academy and Edison Oakland Academy.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

The proposed Board action has been reviewed and is recommended for Board approval.

University Executive Officer

6/9/09
Date

GRAND BLANC ACADEMY

Grand Blanc Academy opened in 1999 and is managed by the Mosaica Corporation of New York. The initial school enrollment was 341 students, and the 2008-09 enrollment in grades K-8 was 456 students.

The academy stresses basic skills, technology, creative studies and the Paragon Program. The Paragon Program is based on Great Books and comprises approximately half of the school day. The academy also uses the University of Chicago Math Program and the Core Language Arts Program.

Students in grades K-5 are offered reading, language arts, mathematics, science, Spanish, music, physical education and Paragon. Students in grades 6-8 are offered language arts, mathematics, science, Spanish, world and U.S. history, physical education and health. Students also had the opportunity to elect coursework in journalism, speech and debate, photography, videography, life skills, visual art, choir, band, computers and drama.

During the 2008-09 school year, Grand Blanc Academy received a grade of “B” on its Michigan *Education YES!* report card.

EDISON OAKLAND ACADEMY

Edison Oakland Public School Academy of Ferndale opened its doors in the fall of 1999. It is managed by Edison Schools, Inc. In 2008-09, the charter school served 926 students in grades K-8 and was organized into two academies: the primary academy (K-2) and the elementary/secondary academy (3-8). Nearly 80 percent of this academy’s student population resides in the city of Detroit.

The academy offers a variety of choices in its curriculum. In the reading area, teachers use Success For All in the primary grades. This curriculum requires students to master phonetic skills prior to making a transition to a literature-based program. In grades five and six, teachers use a five-day literacy plan based on Success For All and Project Read. In the math program, teachers use the University of Chicago School Mathematics Program: everyday mathematics, transition math and algebra. In addition, extensive programs are offered in writing, science, history, social science and foreign language.

During the 2008-09 school year, Edison Oakland Public School Academy received a grade of “B” on its Michigan *Education YES!* report card.