

BOARD OF REGENTS

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

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June 23, 2009

RECOMMENDATION

AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE FLETCHER SCHOOL AND PROPERTY

ACTION REQUESTED

It is recommended that the Board of Regents authorize the President to negotiate and purchase the Fletcher School and property from the Ypsilanti Public Schools (YPS) subject to approval of final terms by the Board's Executive Committee.

STAFF SUMMARY

The Fletcher school property consists of 11.5 acres and a 39,200 sq. ft. one-story school building located at 1055 Cornell Street.

The University-owned Cooper building was originally envisioned as the site for EMU's Autism Clinic. Fletcher School, however, represents a more suitable site for the Clinic and Fletcher's larger size also enables the relocation of the Children's Institute from Rackham as well as, potentially, housing University classes. Further, the Fletcher School property is inside the University's present footprint and will connect the University's East and West campuses.

If the Fletcher School and property is acquired by EMU, the Cooper building property could be sold, subject to Board approval. The Cooper site, located at 2000 Huron River Drive, consists of 2.3 acres and a 10,800 sq. ft. one-story office building. The building's close proximity to St. Joe's hospital could make it an attractive property.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The acquisition, renovation, and operating costs for the Fletcher building and property are included in the University's proposed 2009-10 capital and general operating budgets.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

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

University Executive Officer

6/23/09

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