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**RECOMMENDATION**

**REISSUANCE OF CHARTER – COMMONWEALTH COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY (K-8)**

**REISSUANCE OF CHARTER – GAUDIOR ACADEMY (K-8)**

**ACTION REQUESTED**

It is recommended that the Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents reissue the charter for *Commonwealth Community Development Academy* and authorize the president of the University to execute a new five-year contract which will expire July 1, 2016.

Furthermore, it is recommended that the Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents reissue the charter for *Gaudior Academy* and authorize the president of the University to execute a new two-year contract which will expire July 1, 2013.

**SCHOOL SUMMARY**

**Commonwealth Community Development Academy**

Commonwealth Community Development Academy opened its doors as a middle school in 1996. An elementary school was added in the fall of 1998. Commonwealth is currently a K-8 academy located in Detroit. It has an enrollment of 262 students. According to the latest Michigan Department of Education official academic results (2009-2010), Commonwealth met the federal measure of success (Adequate Yearly Progress) and the state measure of success (Education YES!).

**Gaudior Academy**

Gaudior Academy received its first charter in 1996. This K-8 school located in Inkster has a current enrollment of 240 students. In the fall of 2004 Gaudior opened a child-care center and preschool for children ranging in age from six months to four years. According to the latest Michigan Department of Education official academic results (2009-2010), Gaudior met the federal measure of success (Adequate Yearly Progress) and the state measure of success (Education YES!).

Accompanying this recommendation are profiles of Commonwealth Community Development Academy and Gaudior Academy.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

None.

**ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION**

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

University Executive Officer *[Signature]*

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### **COMMONWEALTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY**

In 1996 Commonwealth Community Development Academy opened its doors as a middle school. An elementary school was added in the fall of 1998. Commonwealth Community Development Academy is currently a K-8 school located on the east side of Detroit with an enrollment of 262 students.

Commonwealth Community Development Academy continues to make improvements in student achievement. This is the tenth year that the academy has utilized the Success For All comprehensive school reform model as a method of improving student academic performance. The Success For All school reform model mandates that all students participate in a daily 90-minute structured reading program, with higher grade level students being assessed every eight weeks.

During the 2009-2010 school year, Commonwealth Community Development Academy received a grade of "B" on its Michigan Education YES! report card.

### **GAUDIOR ACADEMY**

Gaudior Academy is a K-8 public school academy located in Inkster. The 2010-11 school year marked the beginning of the fifteenth year of its charter with Eastern Michigan University. Gaudior Academy currently enrolls 240 students. Approximately 50 percent of its students reside in Detroit and Inkster, with the remainder coming from 12 other school districts.

The 2010-11 school year marked their seventh year of ownership of the building they occupy. It also marked their sixth year operating the Gaudior Early Learning Center, a child-care center and preschool for children ranging in age from six months to four years. This center greatly strengthens Gaudior Academy's presence in the community.

During the 2009-2010 school year, Gaudior Academy received a grade of "B" on its Michigan Education YES! report card.