

BOARD OF REGENTS
EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

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RECOMMENDATION

REISSUANCE OF CHARTER – ACADEMY FOR BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY (K-12)

REISSUANCE OF CHARTER – GREAT LAKES ACADEMY (K-7)

ACTION REQUESTED

It is recommended that the Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents reissue the charter for *Academy for Business and Technology* and authorize the president of the University to execute a new five-year contract which will expire July 1, 2017.

Furthermore, it is recommended that the Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents reissue the charter for *Great Lakes Academy* and authorize the president of the University to execute a new five-year contract which will expire July 1, 2017.

Accompanying this recommendation are profiles of Academy for Business and Technology and Great Lakes Academy.

SCHOOL SUMMARY

Academy for Business and Technology

The Academy for Business and Technology is housed in two buildings, an elementary school (K-5) and a secondary school (6-12). The secondary school was the first authorized by the Board of Regents in 1997 and operated in Dearborn Heights. In 2005 the academy relocated to Melvindale, Michigan. This school has a special emphasis on business and technology, while it continues to align its course offerings with the State of Michigan's curriculum (Grade Level Content Expectations).

The Academy for Business and Technology Secondary (ABTS) School made great strides in the area of academic performance during school year 2010-2011. The academy served a total of 372 students. Ninety-five percent of the 2011 graduates have gone on to pursue advanced studies in either community colleges or universities, while one has committed to serving this nation in the armed forces. The other graduates have joined Michigan's workforce.

The Academy for Business and Technology Elementary (ABTE) School in Dearborn, opened in 2003 and currently operates a grade K-5 elementary campus. The academy's curriculum is aligned with state standards. In 2010-2011, 357 students were enrolled.

This school, continues to meet federal (No Child Left Behind Act) and state (EducationYES!) guidelines for satisfactory progress in student academic performance. ABTE continues to achieve these educational goals, while working with a student population many of whom are from households where English is the second language.

During the 2010-2011 school year, Academy for Business and Technology Elementary received a grade of “A” on its Michigan Education YES! report card.

Great Lakes Academy

Great Lakes Academy (GLA) was initially authorized in 1997 as a K-3 grade school in Pontiac, Michigan. It is currently a K-7 school with an enrollment of 250 students during the 2010-2011 school year.

With nearly 100 percent of Great Lakes Academy’s students classified as low income, this school provides a rich educational environment that is intimate, safe and nurturing. Great Lakes Academy’s integrated curriculum includes extracurricular activities and character/ethics building. The academy recognizes that the training of a child at home in conjunction with the school is crucial to success. At Great Lakes Academy, the parents and faculty join together to promote solid instruction with character-building principles. According to the latest Michigan Department of Education official academic results (2010-2011), Great Lakes Academy met the federal measure of success (Adequate Yearly Progress) and the state measure of success (Education YES!).

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

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

University Executive Officer
Provost and Vice President

Date