

BOARD OF REGENTS
EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

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RECOMMENDATION

REISSUANCE OF CHARTER – ANN ARBOR LEARNING COMMUNITY (K-8)

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

REISSUANCE OF CHARTER – GREAT LAKES ACADEMY (K-6)

ACTION REQUESTED

It is recommended that the Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents reissue the charter for *Ann Arbor Learning Community* and authorize the President of the University to execute a new three-year contract which will expire June 30, 2020.

It is recommended that the Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents reissue the charter for the *Academy for Business and Technology* and authorize the President of the University to execute a new three-year contract which will expire June 30, 2020.

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 three-year contract which will expire June 30, 2020.

Accompanying this recommendation are profiles of Ann Arbor Learning Community, Academy for Business and Technology and Great Lakes Academy.

SCHOOL PROFILES

Ann Arbor Learning Community

The Ann Arbor Learning Community (AALC) opened as a K-6 school in 1998. During the 2015-2016 school year AALC had an enrollment of approximately 160 students, with an average class size of 17. Approximately 90 percent of the student body resides in the Ann Arbor-Ypsilanti area with the remainder coming from other communities throughout southeast Michigan. They represent a wide range of social and economic backgrounds.

The Ann Arbor Learning Community provides a student-centered, integrated curriculum. Its strong, basic core curriculum consists of language arts, mathematics, science and social studies supported by a stimulating, hands-on thematic approach of environmental education.

Ann Arbor Learning Community was proud of the following accomplishments:

- An increase in the percent of students who met their target in both reading and math according to standardized test results.
- The entire community worked together to make progress toward the goal of meeting NASA's recommendation for the number of plants per square foot. Each grade level participated in a developmentally appropriate manner.

Academy for Business and Technology

The Academy for Business and Technology received its first charter in 1997 and was reissued a charter in 2012. This K-12 charter school has one building in Dearborn (K-5) and another building in Melvindale (6-12), with a combined enrollment of 660 students, during the 2015-2016 school year.

The Academy for Business and Technology (ABT) Elementary School, which was established in 2003 has an enrollment of 309 students during the 2015-2016 school year. This academy offers a challenging curriculum which is aligned with state standards. This academy is fully accredited by AdvancEd and the North Central Association on Accreditation and School Improvement.

ABTE is proud of the following accomplishments:

- Achieving a "Lime" school rating from the Michigan Department of Education.
- Improved academic performance based on the results on various assessment measures.

The Academy for Business and Technology Secondary School enrolls 351 students in grades 6-12. This school places special emphasis on business and technology, while aligning its courses to with state standards.

ABTS is proud of the following accomplishments this year

- The successful implementation of a Response to Intervention (RtI) process for middle school students to address the needs of students of all learning levels.
- The continued laser focus, dedication and drive for educational excellence and continuous improvement.

Great Lakes Academy

Great Lakes Academy received its first charter in 1997 and was most recently reissued a charter in 2012. During the 2015-2016 school year this public school academy had an enrollment of approximately 180 students. It had a student to teacher ratio of 16:1.

Great Lakes Academy is dedicated to educating children by offering small class sizes, innovative teachers, a safe and nurturing environment, an integrated curriculum, 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.

GLA is most proud of the following accomplishments this year:

- Academic growth as reflective of the results in both reading and math on standardized test results.
- Improved family engagement in the Great Lakes Academy community.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

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

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University Executive Officer

6/5/17
Date