

SECTION: 7
DATE: February 7, 2019

**BOARD OF REGENTS**  
EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

**RECOMMENDATION**

**ISSUANCE OF CHARTER: NEW SCHOOL HIGH**

**ACTION REQUESTED**

It is recommended that the Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents issue a charter for New School High (9-12) and authorize the President of the University to execute a new five-year charter school contract, commencing on July 1, 2019.

**STAFF SUMMARY**

**New School High**

**VISION:** Shaping the future through knowledge, creativity, character, and community.

**MISSION:** New School High’s stated commitment is to academic excellence, creativity, community engagement and the nurturing and development of compassionate and responsible human beings through a personalized liberal arts education led by master teachers and enhanced by the resources of the community.

**EDUCATIONAL GOALS:** Academic excellence, creativity, citizenship and responsibility

New School High (NSH) offers a very different experience than any other school that serves the Plymouth-Canton community. Because relationships and trust are the foundations necessary for learning, each of their students is well known by every adult, and every teacher teaches every child. Structures that promote relationships and community are an intentional and integral part of the school schedule. The goal of NSH is to help all students understand how they best learn, what they need to be successful, and how to take responsibility for their own education.

NSH seeks to prepare students for adult life with academic excellence and personal development being the desired outcomes for every student. New School High delivers the Michigan Merit Curriculum by a certified, highly-qualified team of teachers. All students are encouraged to participate in advanced learning opportunities, such as:

- **Independent Study:** To honor their interests and needs, students are encouraged to propose their own individualized course and design a curriculum and timeline with the guidance of the content area teacher. This may reflect advanced work, such as preparing for an Advanced Placement (AP) exam. In semester one of 2018-19, 18 students were

engaged in independent study courses.

- **Advanced Placement:** Students may participate in a full range of AP courses. In semester one of 2018-19, 15 students were enrolled in seven different AP courses.
- **Dual Enrollment:** Students may enroll in a university or community college course for college credit. In 2017-18, the first NSH, dual-enrolled student successfully completed two college courses. In semester one of 2018-19 there were three students dual-enrolled in a total of four college courses.
- **College and Career Guidance:** Regular, all-school presentations introduce students to the possibilities that await them after high school. In the first two months of 2018-19, NSH students have attended presentations given by admissions officers at 10 Michigan colleges and universities, as well as all branches of the military.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

None.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION**

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



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Date