

BOARD OF REGENTS
EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

RECOMMENDATION

REISSUANCE OF CHARTER – ANN ARBOR LEARNING COMMUNITY (K-12)

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

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

REISSUANCE OF CHARTER -- HOPE ACADEMY (K-8)

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 two-year contract which will expire June 30, 2022.

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 five-year contract which will expire June 30, 2025.

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 four-year contract which will expire June 30, 2024.

It is recommended that the Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents reissue the charter for *Hope Academy* and authorize the president of the University to execute a new five-year contract which will expire June 30, 2025.

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

SCHOOL PROFILES

Ann Arbor Learning Community

Ann Arbor Learning Community (AALC) opened as a K-6 school in 1998. In 2018-19 the academy was approved to expand enrollment to K-12 with a blended-learning high school academy. The overall enrollment for 2019-20 was 320 students. The student body is comprised of a wide diversity of social and economic backgrounds from Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti and several surrounding communities.

AALC is committed to the rigorous development of student intellect, curiosity and cooperation with a focus on helping students value themselves, their peers and their community. A safe and nurturing environment supports the social and emotional development of children, which is fundamental for effective student learning.

AALC is proud of the following accomplishments:

- The high school moved to a new location in Pittsfield Township at 4377 Textile Road. This new facility provides a larger community area, a gymnasium, and a stage for future performances.
- Students in the middle school recently competed in the Michigan History Day competition. Students created intensive projects based the theme, “Triumph and Tragedy.” One exhibit, “The Italian Hall Mining Disaster,” and two websites, “Women’s Suffrage” and “Frederick-Douglas’s Life and Death” advanced to the state finals.
- Expansion of its academic offerings to include a blended-learning high school academy.

Academy for Business and Technology

The Academy for Business and Technology Elementary School (ABTE) is a school of choice in Dearborn, Michigan enrolling students in grades K-5. Presently, ABTE has an enrollment of 275 students in grades K-5. ABTE is fully accredited by AdvancEd and the North Central Association on Accreditation and School Improvement. ABTE offers a challenging curriculum which is aligned to the State of Michigan Standards.

The vision of ABTE is, “Academic Success for All,” and, as such, the goal is to provide the academic support system necessary to make this a reality for every student. This is accomplished by providing a safe, secure school culture, a Positive Behavior Intervention Support system, an English as a Second Language program, tutoring for all grade levels, a summer academic camp, and a structured Multi-Tier System of Supports (MTSS) program designed to bring all students to grade level achievement.

ABTE is proud to offer:

- **Highly Qualified Staff:** Teachers who are highly qualified and dedicated. They go above and beyond for our students and families.
- **Multi-Tier-Systems of Support (MTSS):** A system to support students who are struggling academically and behaviorally.
- **Michigan School Safety Grant:** ABT was the recipient of the Michigan School Safety Grant. Through the grant they were able to ensure that all exterior doors were secure as well as having cordless phones installed throughout the school.
- **Renovated School:** During the summer of 2018, they replaced all of the flooring in the classrooms and various districts around the school donated more than 200 desks, 50 tables, 200 chairs, office furniture, and carpets.

The Academy for Business and Technology Secondary School (ABT MS/HS) is a tuition free public charter school located in Melvindale, MI that serves 285 students in grades 6-12. This school is accredited by the North Central Association. ABT MS/HS offers a rigorous curriculum aligned to the State of Michigan standards that prepares students to be college ready. In addition

to the core-curriculum, ABT MS/HS offers classes to create well-rounded students in the areas of science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM) and business.

ABT MS/HS operates with the foundational belief that all students can learn. They dedicate resources to supporting students both academically and socially. For example, ABT MS/HS offers free after-school tutoring, school day academic and behavior support through the Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) program, social work services, and guidance counseling. By working with their various community partners, ABT MS/HS also offers students a variety of experiences to learn, grow and become productive citizens. This includes college fairs and tours, career day speakers, and field trip opportunities. ABT MS/HS also offers several sports programs including football, softball, basketball and cheerleading.

ABT Middle/High School is most proud of the following accomplishments:

- Implementing a robotics team which participated in several competitions and increased the school's ranking at each competition.
- Exposing our students to several colleges and universities via campus tours such as: Eastern Michigan University, Michigan State University, University of Michigan, Western Michigan University, Henry Ford College, Grand Valley State University, Wayne County Community College District and Wayne State University.

Great Lakes Academy

Great Lakes Academy is celebrating 23 years of service to the city of Pontiac. Great Lakes Academy began operations in the fall of 1997 as a K-3 school. The school added a grade level each year for the first five years, leading to the current configuration of providing a public education for 151 students in grades K-8. Presently, Great Lakes Academy has an enrollment of 155 students.

Great Lakes Academy's programming is built around the shared vision of educating children in a safe and nurturing environment. Great Lakes Academy is committed to giving every student the opportunity to be responsible for their academic success and to put them on the path to lifelong learning.

Great Lakes Academy is most proud of these achievements:

- Exceeded last year's scores in reading and math in the NWEA Assessment.
- Talented, dedicated and highly qualified teachers.
- Experienced school leader.
- Chromebooks for every student
- School-wide field trips
- After school tutoring
- Summer school
- Smaller class size
- Extended learning day
- Full-day kindergarten
- Peaceful learning environment
- Individualized learning paths for each student

Hope Academy

Hope Academy began the process, promise and commitment to educate students in July 1998, enrolling 288 students in kindergarten through 3rd grade. Presently, Hope Academy has an enrollment of 500 students in grades K-8. Each grade cluster contains 2-3 classes. Students in grades 4-8 are departmentalized. All Hope Academy teachers are certified and highly qualified.

To enrich the students' education, Hope Academy offers students music, physical education, instructional technology, and science labs for both elementary and middle school students. As Hope Academy implements the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) in all academic classes, the special subject and special education teachers are responsible for including the CCSS in their lesson planning and classroom instruction. The Academy also offers intervention classes to meet the challenges of diverse learners and special needs students. Programs are designed for students who are exceeding the standards consistently at Hope Academy. All Hope Academy students are challenged to reach greater heights.

Hope Academy continues to engage students in extracurricular activities to enhance their learning experiences. Its overall focus is to provide a well-rounded education that addresses the needs of the whole child. In-school and after-school tutorial services and programs include: academic games, Boy and Girl Scouts, basketball leagues for boys and girls, academic tutoring, Spanish, chess club, art, drama, Boys to Men male mentoring, and summer school programs.

Hope Academy is most proud of the following accomplishments:

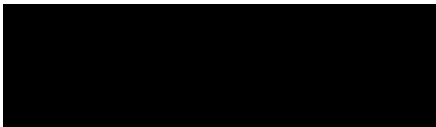
- Establishing a district-wide Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS). This includes a procedural guide for academics and behavior.
- Professional Learning was impactful and included the five (5) power strategies for improving student academic achievement: Reciprocal Teaching; Gradual Release Method; Cornell notes; Close Reading; and Frayer Model Vocabulary.
- All staff receive on-going training in restorative practices and differentiated instruction.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

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



June 1, 2020

University Executive Officer

Date