

**BOARD OF REGENTS**  
EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

**RECOMMENDATION**

**REAUTHORIZATION OF CHARTER SCHOOLS**

**ACTION REQUESTED**

It is recommended that the Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents issue a charter for *Commonwealth Community Development Academy* and authorize the President of the University to execute a new three-year charter school contract which will expire June 30, 2027.

Furthermore, it is recommended that the Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents issue a charter for *Great Lakes Academy* and authorize the President of the University to execute a new two-year charter school contract which will expire June 30, 2026.

**STAFF SUMMARY**

**Commonwealth Community Development Academy**

Mission Statement: Commonwealth Community Development Academy shall challenge each student to succeed at his/her maximum potential in a safe and secure environment. Academic and social excellence will be encouraged through effective instruction and cooperation between faculty, parents, and students.

Commonwealth Community Development Academy (Commonwealth) was established in 1996 to serve students in grades 6-8 in the city of Detroit. The Academy expanded its service to the community by adding grades K-5 in 1998. Commonwealth currently serves 159 students in grades Prek- 8 with many of these students having parents that attended the school with a desire for their children to have the same quality educational experience they previously had.

Commonwealth students have demonstrated higher levels of academic growth through full implementation of the Success For All program by its dedicated staff in addition to thriving community partnerships that provide educational experiences that extend learning beyond the classroom.

## **Great Lakes Academy**

Mission Statement: To provide an environment which promotes and provides practical knowledge to become productive and responsible citizens in the 21st century. GLA will prepare students to function in a complex, ever changing world by cultivating habits which promote a positive self concept. The results will be excellence in the basic core subject areas, art, music, physical education and technology.

Great Lakes Academy was established in 1997 to serve students in grades K-3 in the city of Pontiac. The Academy added a grade level each year for the first five years and now serves 183 students in grades PreK-8.

A newly configured Board of Directors has hired a new administrative team and educational service provider committed to ensuring Great Lakes Academy maintains a dedicated and high quality staff to continue the implementation of an integrated curriculum that includes the Success for All program to meet the academic needs of its student body and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.

### **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**  
**Rhonda Longworth, Ph.D.**

5/30/2024  
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**Date**