



August 10, 2012

**Re: Replicating High Performing Charter School Programs
Through the Education Achievement Authority of Michigan**

Dear Perspective Charter School Operator:

This letter of invitation is being sent to high performing charter schools and networks to extend an extraordinary opportunity to you and to ascertain your interest in working with the Educational Achievement Authority (EAA) of Michigan.

The EAA of Michigan was created in August, 2011 through a groundbreaking agreement between the Board of Regents of Eastern Michigan University and the School District for the City of Detroit to establish a statewide system of schools to radically transform teaching and learning in Michigan's Persistently Lowest Achieving (PLA) schools. One of the primary goals of the EAA of Michigan is to create opportunities for new and innovative schools to take root in Michigan with the first group of schools scheduled to open in Detroit in the Fall, 2012. We are committed to providing charter or contract schools with total flexibility and autonomy for school operations, curriculum design, teaching methodology and strategies, and other applicable decision-making authority to achieve statistically significant increases in measureable student academic achievement as determined by the EAA of Michigan and approved by its governing board. With this goal in mind, we are extending to you an invitation to join us for an informational meeting Wednesday, August 15, 2012, from 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. at 3022 West Grand Boulevard, First Floor, L-150 Conference Room, Detroit, Michigan.

During this meeting, we will share information on the EAA of Michigan, provide an overview of our goals and objectives, and provide critical information regarding the application process. Please confirm your attendance to Arese L. Robinson via email at Robinsona10@michigan.gov or at 313.456.2265. Thank you in advance for your time and interest in this most important work. We look forward to seeing you August 15, 2012.

Sincerely,

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