Education Achievement Authority (MI)

The Education Achievement Authority (EAA) is a new statewide school system that will assume operation of the lowest five percent of persistently lowest achieving schools in the state of Michigan that are not achieving satisfactory results on a redesign plan or that are under an Emergency Manager. The system's initial operation will be in Detroit, where Detroit Public Schools (DPS) Emergency Manager Roy Roberts will create and publish criteria that will be used to place schools in the new district. The EAA will expand to include low-performing schools throughout Michigan. The mission of the EAA, as a catalyst for change, is to transform traditional public schooling and create a prototype for 21st century teaching and learning.

System Overview

- An 11-member board administers the system and appointed Dr. J. Wm. Covington as Chancellor.
- EAA will first operate 15 underperforming schools in Detroit in the 2012-2013 school year and then expand to cover the entire state, with 39 schools in Detroit expected to be annexed when it launches statewide.
- Though total per-pupil allocations will remain the same, a far greater percentage of those dollars (95 percent) will reach the classroom than are reaching it currently (55 percent) due to a leaner central administrative structure.
- Buildings will continue to be owned and maintained by the local school district, even when the EAA has responsibility for the management of the school.
- A school that enters the EAA remains there for a minimum of five years. After five years, an evaluation will be made of the school's progress, with input from the parent reinvention teams. If the school is deemed healthy and performing at the end of that period, the school can choose to remain in the system, transfer its governance back to the local district, or seek a charter to run independently.
- A parent reinvention team will be created at each school.
- The EAA is the recipient of a Next Generation Learning Challenge grant for its breakthrough model of personalized, student-centered learning.

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