



Policy: 3.32

SUBJECT: **EMPOWERED AND DISTRICT ADOPTED CHARTER SCHOOLS**

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1.0 Policy

The Detroit Board of Education has established a policy to create Empowered and District Adopted Charter Schools focusing on Pre-school through Adult Education programs operating within the Detroit Public Schools. The Detroit Board of Education will be the Governing Agency of all schools established in compliance with this policy. This policy includes the following:

1. District Empowered Schools

All Detroit schools are eligible to become empowered schools. An Empowerment Agreement defines the administrative, budgetary and curricular relationships between the Detroit Board of Education and empowered Detroit Public Schools. The Empowerment Agreement is a common document with which all empowered schools must comply.

The Empowerment Agreement will define the unique budgetary curricular, and personnel processes utilized by empowered school communities.

The Empowerment Agreement sets the standard for the continuation of the empowerment status of any existing empowered school. All schools, both existing and new, must sign the Empowerment Agreement to receive or continue empowerment status.

2. District Adopted Charter Schools

Detroit Public Schools will not be considered as applicants for District Adopted Charters. Detroit Schools applicants must seek Empowerment Agreements.

Consistent with Public Act 362, any interested individual or group of individuals outside of the Detroit Public Schools seeking District adopted

Charters may petition the Detroit Board of Education for adoption as a District Charter School. Such individuals or groups will prepare and submit, for Board approval, a District Adopted Charter which describes the school's program alignment with the Detroit Public Schools' mission, goals and objectives and the administrative relationships between the Board of Education and the individual District Adopted Charter School.

This policy will enable the Detroit Board of Education to remain at the forefront of progressive educational reform in Michigan and throughout the nation.

Attachments to Policy 3.32: None

See also: None

Legal References: None

Labor Contract References: None