



Public Education in Michigan

A Shared Responsibility

Article 8, Sec. 3-MI Constitution

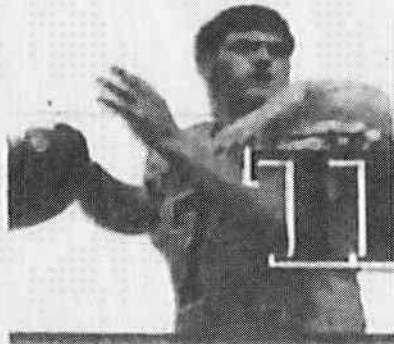
- ▶ The Michigan Constitution places all public education, and all general planning, coordination, leadership, and general supervision under the State Board of Education
- ▶ Money to local school districts is appropriated by the Legislature
- ▶ This creates a bifurcation or sharing of responsibility

PA 72 of 1990-“The Dam”

- ▶ Recognized shared responsibility; allowed for state assistance and financial direction
- ▶ Preserved local control and administration
- ▶ Only allowed intervention for financial matters when there were no other alternatives
- ▶ This was operative statute when DPS requested state assistance in 2008

Was there a problem?

- ▶ DPS was achieving academic success
- ▶ Detroit News: “DPS Test Scores Soared”
- ▶ Then-Gov. Engler took credit in 1998 campaign literature
- ▶ DPS had 92% market share; 114M surplus
- ▶ Voters passed 1.3 Billion construction bond
- ▶ DPS out scored 250 school districts in the State placing it in the mid-range of M.E.A.P. testing



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SPORTS



Detroit's state school test scores soar

MEAP gains in writing, science late Supt. Sneed; but totals for tests are still behind state averages.

By Charles Holt
The Plains News

Detroit students scored dramatic gains on statewide assessment tests — bringing good news to a city where rebuilding education is linked to rebuilding the community.

"I woke up singing that James Brown song 'I Feel Good,' Supt. David Sneed said. "It doesn't get any better than this."

Detroit fifth graders doubled their writing scores on the exam and made

gains of at least 10 percent in all other areas, administrators announced Wednesday.

The bright news comes as school year, parents and business leaders — fed up with the city's poor schools — draw up plans to completely overhaul the school district.

"We can't be a Renaissance City if our schools aren't ready for the 21st century," said Henry Williams, who has three nephews and two nieces in the system. "If we really want people

to move back to our city, then we have to improve the schools."

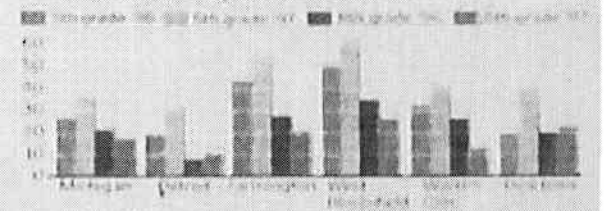
Sneed, who has headed the district during four troubled years, said he had a hard time sleeping Tuesday night after learning the city outpaced average statewide increases on the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP).

The number of Detroit children scoring "proficient" in writing rose 11 percent among eighth graders and 101 percent among fifth graders. Among eighth-grade science students, the number scoring proficient in Detroit

Please see MEAP Page 12A

Science results

Eighth-grade science scores at Supt. Sneed's district rose sharply. Method of testing is new. Test scores Detroit, 48%; state average, 30%. Statewide and in Detroit, scores show the percentage of students scoring at or below 4.



Source: Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP), 1997. © 1997 Detroit News

Academic

Finances

Enrollment

**Market Share (%
of Detroit
students)**

1999

Testing in the mid-range of schools with approximately 250 below and 250 above Michigan schools with the Michigan MEAP score district wide

\$114m surplus + \$40m rainy day fund.

173,871

92% of all Detroit resident students attended DPS.

PA 10 of 1999- “Breach in the Dam”

- ▶ Covered any first class school district (DPS was the only one at the time, since or ever. However, it was worded carefully as to avoid an unconstitutional local acts violation)
- ▶ Placed the State Superintendent of Public Instruction (or designee) on newly-created school board which made it nearly impervious to a federal court challenge.
- ▶ Engaged the Mayor-City and school district which had contiguous taxing bodies of taxpayer property as to not violate Headlee provisions
- ▶ With about a quarter of its students failing which was very common in the state. That percentage represented approximately 48,000 students. This was nearly twice the number of total students enrolled the second largest district's.
- ▶ Because of the DPS district's shear size the legislature reasoned that their intervention was necessary, or so they said.
- ▶ The Detroit community reasoned that this was a money and power grab to control the 1.5 Billion dollar bond money that Detroit voters had approved for building repair, rehab and construction. Of course these allegations presupposes a knowledge of intent which they did not and could not prove.
- ▶ However, then State Representative LaMar Lemmons introduced an amendment that would have allowed the locally elected school Board to be left in place to oversee the Bond money, the repair, rehab and construction of schools. This would allow the State's Reform pedagogical experiment to run its course.
- ▶ The amendment failed on party lines.

Detroiters resist and rebel!

- Many middle class parents immediately rejected the idea of a Reform Experiment on their children with 11,000 students and families abandoned DPS.
- ▶ The District became stigmatized by the State's labelling.
- ▶ Parents and Taxpayers had no recourse for complaints, concerns and disagreements with the Reform C.E.O. and the essentially powerless reform Board
- ▶ Reform school Board meetings were often disrupted with protests and demonstrations; arrests were commonplace
- ▶ Detroiters did what ever they could to resist the imposition of the State's failing reform experiment on their children
- ▶ It is widely believed that the often looped footage of the appointed Reform School Board President instructing security to "get her, a complaining guardian grandparent, out of here" changed his fortune in a future Mayoral bid.

“When it Rains, It Pours”

Deputy Wayne County Executive Mike Duggan, of Livonia, was given charge of the DPS summer rehab project

- ▶ In charge of the \$89,000,000 summer DPS rehab program
- ▶ Mr. Duggan is empowered to award No-Bid contracts by the State
- ▶ According to *Detroit News & Free Press*, Duggan received huge donations from school contractors in his bid for Wayne County Prosecutor
- ▶ DPS staff indicate work performed under Duggan’s supervision was shoddy & required more money to renovate buildings at additional expense

Friday, October 1, 1999



MSU, U-M tilt a perfect matchup

By Dave Dye and Angeliqne S. Chengelis
The Detroit News

BASEBALL — The Detroit matchup is one of the best in the sport.

For the first time in 40 years, Michigan State and the University of Michigan will take whatever comes from last Saturday's game at Spartan Stadium. Both are 40-10 overall, 14-10 in the Big Ten.

On Saturday, No. 1 ranked U-M scheduled Purdue, 40-11, while Michigan State scheduled Iowa, 40-9.

"It's always a big game because of the rivalry, but it's also a big game for the Big Ten," MSU Coach Nick Saban said. "That's the way I like it. Why can't we have two great programs in this state, kind of like Florida and Florida State?"

Shane Bieber and Steve Pekar, friends who share a Berkeley house, watched both games at Campus Sports bar in Troy — and have bet on the outcome since Saturday. The loser has to wash the other's laundry and dishes for a month.

"Michigan is going to crush them," said longtime U-M fan Warwick, 25. "Michigan State looked good, but they played Iowa. It's the biggest rivalry in state, if not the country."

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More coverage

OK Study starts for U-M, MSU says MSU Section E

FARMERS GET ACT TOGETHER

As profit margins plummet, Michigan farmers are turning to "agribusiness" — buying and selling stock — to survive. Page 18

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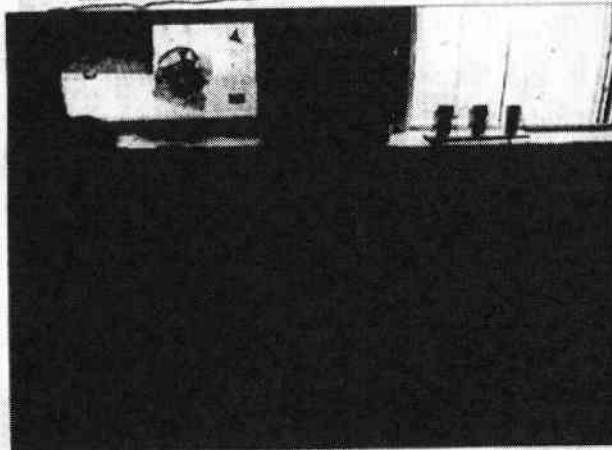
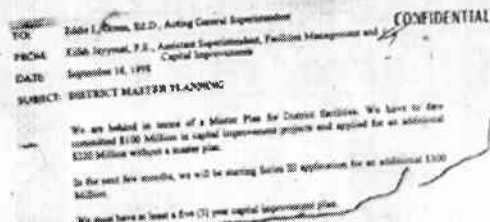
WASTED DOLLARS, BROKEN BUILDINGS

Bad management, cronyism waste school repair money

Five years later, Detroit schools still in disrepair, learning hindered

Detroit News investigation details how district botched its \$1.5-billion bond program.

By MELVIN CLAYTON AND CHARLEY HUNT
The Detroit News



Visitors approved an \$1.5 billion in bonds to fix schools five years ago, but little work has been done. Many students still must learn in old buildings with leaky roofs, peeling paint, broken windows and coal-fired boilers. At some Detroit schools, many of the most pressing problems shown in this four-photo series still exist.

Coming Monday
 • District school district bypassed national construction management firms and instead chose two inexperienced local companies to manage the \$1.5 billion bond program.

Coming Tuesday
 • Five years after announcing an school rebuilding effort, the district still has no overall plan for spending the money and no sign of how much work is really needed.
 • Some of the district's worst schools are still awaiting repairs. In others, repair estimates were off by \$300 million.

Inside this Detroit News special report



In charge Contractors who get together to compare bids submitted their budgets paid out on-page. Page 10A

Public School Board members sought to change how they work with district. Page 10B

Editorial Detroit school board to end the use of many relationships and 'Big Detroit' only one that led to the \$1.5 billion bond program. Page 10C

Worse County Deputy Executive Mike Duggan. Page 10D

Incompetence, mismanagement and cronyism by Detroit school officials, employees and contractors and a system with inadequate safeguards have devastated a \$1.5 billion school construction project. Many of the city's public schools that should have been repaired under the 1994 bond program are still falling apart, forcing students to work in substandard buildings where roofs and windows leak, electrical and plumbing systems fail repeatedly and essential teaching aids such as computers are in short supply of maintenance.

What The News Found

For seven months, the city's top officials and school board members and Detroit News reporters investigated how Detroit Public Schools managed the \$1.5 billion construction bond program approved by voters in 1994. Here's what they found.

• **Construction:** The district officials have awarded contracts to their friends and supporters. Those officials often ignored state laws and district rules in the selection of contractors and suppliers.

• **Incompetence:** The district never had a master plan to spend the money. Without such a plan, district officials wasted more than a million dollars designing or building unnecessary additions for schools.

• **Mismanagement:** The district hired consultants who provided little or no service. In one case, district officials paid \$250,000 for a computer system to track paperwork. The system was never used.

Caught in the middle are thousands of Detroit public school students. Already among the poorest performers in standardized tests in the state — even finished near the bottom in the Michigan Educational Assessment Program — they continue to work in decrepit, outdated classrooms.

"There is no fair way to put it. The bond program has been an absolute failure," said David Adams, the school district's former chief executive since May.

The office manager hired a number of contractors to prepare the district can figure out how to better manage the bond program.

When Detroit voters in 1994 approved the issue, they approved the issue as a way to get schools ready for the needs of students.

Five years later, less than 10 percent of the schools included in the bond program have been repaired. Many schools are still in need of repairs. In others, repair estimates were off by \$300 million.

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Summer contractors aid Duggan's campaign

\$76 million goes to a select group of area builders

By Tom Ichniowski

When the summer contractors bid for the \$76 million in summer repair work for the state's schools, they were also bidding for a chance to help Governor Robert Duggan's campaign.

The contractors, who are members of the Pennsylvania Contractors Association, were given a special bid for the work.

The bid was given to the contractors because they are the ones who will be doing the work.

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School district skips bids for summer repair work

Advocating more funds, network source bids at risk

By Tom Ichniowski

The school district has decided to skip the bids for summer repair work, a move that could put the network source bids at risk.

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1999 David Adamany 1st Reform CEO reports:

- ▶ Reported the following to the MI Legislator:
That the Detroit Public School district was the number 1 performing School district in the nation with a population above 100k Students where the majority were receiving free and reduced lunch.
- ▶ DPS had 40 schools where over 80% of its students were eligible for free or reduced lunch to score at or above national levels.
- ▶ Detroit had more national certified teachers than any other any school district in the State.
- ▶ Teaching professionals from around the nation came to Detroit to learn what and how to teach impoverish students.
- ▶ David Adamany leaves DPS with a continued surplus of approximately.

The Deluge Worsens

- ▶ Reform Board forced to hire Kenneth Burnley after Superintendent of Instruction, his designee, rejects reformed board's initial candidate for the District's Reform CEO.
- ▶ Kenneth Burnley sells the Maccabee Building, also known as the School center bldg. to Wayne State University leaving the DPS District without a home office
- ▶ **The Maccabee Building not only was paid for, but generated income for the District through its tenets**
- ▶ Kenneth Burnley purchased four (4) floors of the Fisher Building for more than the entire Fisher Building had been purchased for the year earlier
- ▶ Recently, Fisher Building and the Kahn Building combined sold for half as much as the four (4) floors purchased under the state's leadership through Burnley
- ▶ Kenneth Burnley increased the size of DPS administration in the midst of rapid enrollment decline
- ▶ Kenneth Burnley "blew through" the elected school board's surplus and created a huge deficit
- ▶ **Kenneth Burnley and Jennifer Granholm borrow an unprecedented \$200,000,000 against anticipated revenues from enrollment**

Detroiters, How Long Can you Tread Water????????????

- ▶ In 2004, by an overwhelming margin of 2 to 1, Detroiters voted to reject any continuation of a reform experiment or Mayoral control.
- ▶ The \$114,000,000 surplus has been eradicated. DPS is now encumbered with over 1.1 Billion dollars in liabilities (leases, contracts, loans, bonds and other obligations)
- ▶ The 1.5 Billion dollar construction bond has all been spent
- ▶ Schools were built costing many times the price of their similar counterparts in the suburbs at \$150 per square feet in the suburbs vs. \$400 per square feet in Detroit

Experiment Ends: But is it too late?

- ▶ Brief return of an elected school board
- ▶ The elected school Board had no school Board experience
- ▶ Inherited deficit created by reform CEO
- ▶ Previous year budget balanced by unprecedented \$200M bond (at 21% interest) imposed by Governor Granholm and the Reform CEO
- ▶ Closed 32 schools in first year
- ▶ But saddled with many pre-existing contracts
- ▶ That the district was encumbered with legacy debt, Leases, purchases, contracts, and obligations. This totaled to over 1.1 billion dollars in state commitments that the elected local school board was bound to honor. This we believe to be a Headlee violation!

Elected Board in, But Barely Afloat

- ▶ Board initiates investigation of irregularities leading to conviction of eight (8) people
- ▶ Board is unable to balance budget and is prevented by law from negating the contracts, leases, bonds, and other obligations left by the State during the State's Reform experiment
- ▶ In 2007, Board placed on the Detroit ballot a referendum requesting State assumption of all debts and obligations acquired during State takeover in accordance with the Headlee Amendment of the Michigan Constitution
- ▶ The Detroit citizens overwhelmingly voted in support of State assumption of State created debt!!
- ▶ State ignores Detroit voters' request for State assumption of State created debt.
- ▶ FBI found reform CEO Burnley and others' actions were highly irregular and boarded on gross incompetence, however did not necessarily rise to the level of criminality.

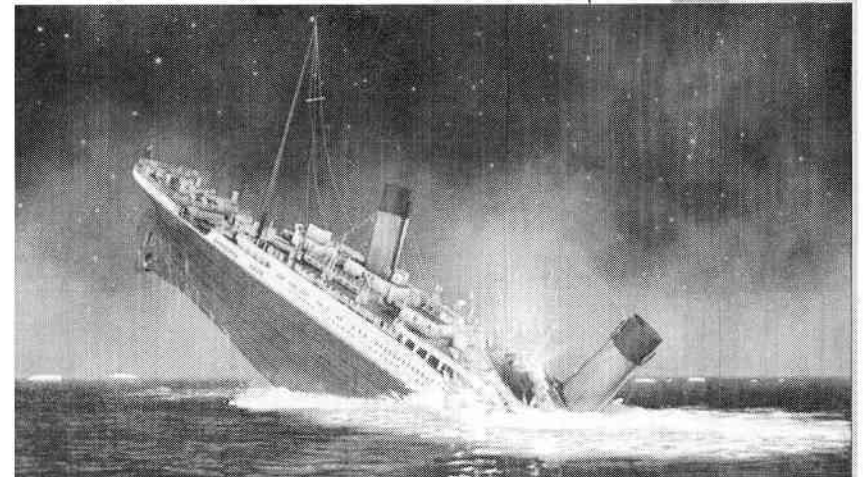


Requested a lifeboat...

- ▶ Elected school board requests state's financial management expertise under P.A. 72, the emergency FINANCIAL manager law by a majority vote ("shared responsibility")
- ▶ Enter The first and only Emergency Financial Manager [E.F.M.] Mr. Robert Bobb.
- ▶ Mr. Bobb never recognized bifurcated responsibility or the academic authority of the elected School Board over the academics of the district.
- ▶ Claimed control over "anything a penny touched" illegally operated the Academics of the district.
- ▶ Increased deficit by 100M

...but got the Titanic

- ▶ Hired the infamous, now incarcerated, Barbara Byrd-Bennett as Academic Accountability Officer
- ▶ DPS Auditor General advises against her textbook contract and other irregularities
- ▶ Purchased obsolete notebook computers
- ▶ Robert Bobb operated finances and academics in violation of the State Constitution and PA 72



“The Baxter Decision”

- ▶ In light of Bobb’s actions, the elected board sees no choice but to enforce its responsibility over academics
- ▶ The Board sues Mr. Bobb and the State of Michigan. The Board prevails in State court!
- ▶ In its decision, the court finds that the EFM caused “irreparable harm to the district”
- ▶ Finds that Mr. Bobb’s overreach violated both the state constitution and PA 72

STATE OF MICHIGAN

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF WAYNE

ANTHONY ADAMS, PRESIDENT OF

THE DETROIT BOARD OF EDUCATION,

ANNE CARTER, CARLA D. SCOTT, M.D.,

TERRY CATCHINGS, JAYETTE HARKINS,

WILLIAMS, REVEREND DAVEY

MURRAY, IDA SHORT, TYRONE

WINFREY, CAROL BANKS, JEANNA

HERRATA and TAMAR LEMONS, all of

whom comprise the DETROIT BOARD OF

EDUCATION,

Plaintiffs/Counter-Defendants,

vs.

ROBERT JOHN, Emergency Financial Manager

for Detroit Public Schools,

Defendant/Counter-Plaintiff.

As a Sumsan filed

On the ____ day of February, 2011

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PREPARED BY: THE HON. WENDY M. BAXTER

VERMONT JURISDICTION

The Detroit Public Schools Board of Education provided on the merits and accordingly was granted injunctive, declaratory and writ of mandamus relief by Order of this Court dated December 6, 2010 and as amended, supplemented or corrected thereafter, and the Emergency

Financial Manager, accordingly identified the financial claims he wished to file. 141 (2)(1) (2) (3) and accordingly was granted a default verdict on that claim and the relief requested in the counterclaim was declared moot. The parties were ordered to present written orders for entry in compliance with the Court's opinion. The parties presented competing orders. However, pursuant to MCR 2.310 (2) the following sets forth the reasons and the specific terms (the scope of the permanent injunctive and the acts restrained that exceeds the power.

WHEREAS The Revised School Code and the Local Government Fiscal

Responsibility Act read together share a common purpose to provide for school districts and

WHEREAS Detroit Public Schools are a general purpose school district and therefore

is a body corporate and is governed by a school board that in non-emergency circumstances

would govern the dual components of school financing that being both educational (students)

WHEREAS Detroit Public Schools is under declaration of a financial emergency

such that an emergency financial manager was appointed over the district finance department

to avoid insolvency, insure the survival and protect the credit of the school district, and

WHEREAS the Revised School Code grants authority, general powers and rights to

the DPS School Board which include the right to exercise power in grades K-12, including

pre-school programs for other persons, decisions, that and set curriculum, educational goals and

the methods of attainment, establish funds and types of schools and programs, methods in assessing

student achievement via testing in various subjects, frequency of testing, standards,

selecting directors for nonoperated organizations operating schools with public financing,

appointment and appointment of school superintendents, teachers, principals and the hierarchy of

personnel dedicated to teaching and learning; and

WHEREAS the Local Government Fiscal Responsibility Act allows the emergency

financial manager of the Detroit Public Schools to control the financial operations of the district

including the authority to exercise and responsibility for receiving, accounting for, budgeting,

issuing, or expending school district money; borrowing money; and pledging school district

funds for repayment; and quelling for state school aid and other public or private money from

local, regional, state, or federal sources, marshaling the district resources and assets, contracting,

negotiating, re-negotiating hiring, firing and/or filing personnel vacancies within the confines of

law; and

WHEREAS the Court further found that defendant was chosen solely on the basis of

competence in fiscal matters and that he is not (3)(3), he has no legislative authority to implement

executive orders; and

WHEREAS the Court found that the actions of the Board prevented the Board from

performing its statutory duties under MCL 130(12)(2)(3)(4) and (5), MCL 380.11(4)(5)(6), MCL

141.224(2) which is irreparable harm; and

goals, programming and academic curriculum and if the educational policies of the defendant are imposed on students and teachers without the sanction of a statutorily responsible entity making that academic and educational decisions; and

WHEREAS this Court further found that plaintiff has suffered irreparable harm by being prevented by defendant from performing its duty to supervise, implement and make decisions for the Detroit Public School District educational policy, goals, standards, curriculum, school hours, sessions, and programs; and

WHEREAS this Court further found that plaintiffs will suffer irreparable harm if defendant is not restrained from implementing academic and educational policies, curriculum programs and educational reform without statutory authority; and

WHEREAS this Court further found that the harm to plaintiffs of not having a permanent injunction that defendant cease and desist frustration of the school board from the performance of its statutory duties outweighs the harm to the defendant who can carry out his statutory duties without responsibility to lead, supervise, set, chart or dictate academic and/or education goals and policy; and

WHEREAS this Court further found that the public interest is best served by enjoining the EBM from acting outside its authority under the local Government fiscal Responsibility Act and enabling the plaintiff to perform its statutory duties by enjoining the EBM not to exercise academic authority in the absence of any clear legislative grant of academic authority to a school district EBM; and

WHEREAS this Court further found that there is no adequate remedy at law such that injunctive relief is appropriate; and

WHEREAS The Court found that no security is needed because the parties are public officials; and

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the defendant/counter-plaintiff, emergency financial manager Robert Cleveland Bobb, the emergency financial manager's assistants and staff, officers, agents, servants, employees, and attorneys and on those persons in active concert or participation with them who received actual notice of the order by personal service or otherwise are bound by this injunction and are permanently restrained, enjoined, included, prohibited and must cease and desist from taking the following actions without specific approval by the School Board:

1. Enforcing, implementing or publicizing as District Policy, the EBM's February 12, 2010 Order on Social Promotion; and

2. Directing the quarterly assessment test other than the state mandated MEAP test without Board approval; and

3. Issuing any directives to engage in deficit teaching or to take any other steps in concert with the Board's academic policy; and

4. Directing the DPS's academic staff not to communicate with or take directions on

academic matters from the School Board or its agents, and

5. Contracting to purchase textbooks and online academic resources in the absence of the book adoption process and policy of the School Board or without Board approval; and

6. Authorizing the granting of charter status to any district school;

7. Enforcing, implementing or publicizing the EBM's academic plan "Excellent Schools for Every Child" except that the current academic policies and plans including those policies stated in the above named plan in effect and practice on the date of this order shall continue under the auspices and authority of the Board unless voided, or modified by the Board; and

8. Implementing any curriculum, standards for promotion and similar academic policies that are in conflict with policies that have been or are in the future adopted by the Board; or without Board approval except that the EBM retains the right to determine on fiscal grounds the extent to which particular policies can be implemented within the confines of available resources; and

9. Refusing to maintain and support financially within the budgeted resources of the district the Board's selection of the school superintendent, teachers in the schools and the selection of the academic administrators of the District; and

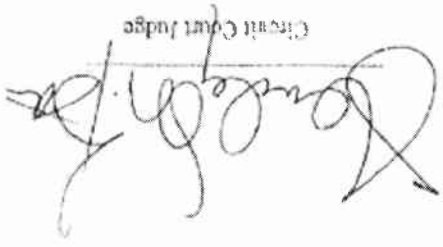
10. Refusing to conduct a consultation with the Board in accordance with the statutory mandate; and

11. Refusing and/or failing to rescind March 10, 2010 order that all DPS academic personnel report to the EBM and not the Board's designs; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any contract entered into between the EBM and a third party that are inconsistent with this injunction and the authority of the EBM are voidable at the option of the School Board.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

A TRUE COPY
CATHY M. GARRETT
WAYNE COUNTY CLERK


Circuit Court Judge

Unleashing of Floodwaters

- ▶ PA 4 repeals PA 72
- ▶ PA 4 does not recognize the shared, bifurcated responsibility over public education as set forth in the state constitution
- ▶ Gave total control over academics and finances to an emergency manager (“EM”)
- ▶ Took all authority from the elected board
- ▶ Disregarded board request for transparency and cooperation

...That Followed

- ▶ Roy Roberts further refinanced debt against advice of Auditor General
- ▶ Failed to rectify or even improve the financial situation even though that was the chief responsibility under PA 4
- ▶ Failed to supervise the district-turned a blind eye toward the Charles Pugh situation even though notified repeatedly by elected board

The Wreckage...

- ▶ Enter Roy Roberts-first Emergency Manager [E.M.]
- ▶ Signs over 15 schools to experimental EAA above the objections of the powerless elected Board.
- ▶ Massive school closures which creates gaping holes in neighborhoods
- ▶ Sold Closed school buildings to competing Charters schools.
- ▶ Eliminated effective programs at Southwestern, Oakman, Catherine Ferguson, Davis Aerospace and others

PA 436 & Continued Failure of EM's

- ▶ Failed to comply with board policy regarding background checks and fingerprinting
- ▶ Conflict of interest in appointments
- ▶ Failed to adequately address debt reduction
- ▶ Failed to address ratio of administrators to teachers and students
- ▶ Failed to stabilize or increase enrollment
- ▶ 44,000 of 118,000 students <42% market share

	Academic	Finances	Enrollment	Market Share (% of Detroit students)
1999	Testing in the mid-range with 250 schools 250 below and 250 above Michigan schools with the Michigan MEAP score district wide.	\$114m surplus + \$40m rainy day fund.	173,871	92% of all Detroit resident students attended DPS.

What State control has wrought!

	Academics	Finances	Enrollment	Market Share (% of Detroit student)
2016	DPS has the lowest academic performance in the State.	\$3.5 Billion deficit	Approximately 46,000	42% of all Detroit resident students attend DPS

Voter concern gaged by Participation

Detroit Public Schools, At-Large General Election, 4-year term, 2014		
Candidate	Vote %	Votes
LaMar Lemmons	11.9%	42,112
Reverend David Murray	10.8%	38,242
Ida Carol Short	9.5%	33,453
Patricia Johnson Singleton	8.5%	30,130
A. Heard	7.3%	25,959
K. Sanders	7.2%	25,574
D. Bryant	7.1%	24,963
S. Johnson	6.8%	23,975
V. Gibson	5.2%	18,456
G. Lemmons	4.8%	16,913
W. Harris	4.6%	16,255
G. White	4.5%	15,952
R. Paul	3.2%	11,321
R. Patrick	2.8%	11,175
J. Williams IV	2.8%	9,984
U. Sherman jr.	1.7%	5,844
Write-in votes	0.9%	3,094
Total Votes=		353,342

The Mayor of Detroit, Michigan, 2013			
Party	Candidate	Vote %	Votes
Non-Partisan	Mike Duggan	54.9%	74,254
	Benny Napoleon	47.7%	60,448
	Write-in	0.3%	445
Total Votes=			135,157
The Governor Race in Detroit 2014			
Candidate	Vote %	Votes in Detroit	Total Votes Casted
Rick Synder / Brain Calley	6.8%	11,522	166,247
Mark Schauer / Lisa Brown	92.18%	152,096	166,247
Non-Partisan	Write-in	0.3%	445
Total Votes=			166,247

How can we rescue the Detroit Public School District from any further State intervention or experimentation?

- ▶ Immediately conduct a specific audit to determine the causes and origins of the deficit.
- ▶ Apply a proportional allocation of responsibility system. This would insure that the State of Michigan would not impose undeserved penalties on the local School District that occurred during the State's operation of the district.
- ▶ Have the State to immediately assume its portion of the deficit. Mandate that the State reconcile and reimburse the local district for any and all outstanding funds owed due to any Headlee violations [Article 9; Sections 25-32 of the Michigan Constitution]
- ▶ Immediately empower the current already elected School Board.

Stopping the D.E.C., and other Damaging Strategies!

The Detroit Education Commission

- ▶ The so called Detroit Education Commission [DEC] will divert sorely needed resources away from the classroom and into a newly created Mayoral bureaucracy.
- ▶ The DEC takes away the authority granted to Detroit voters and gives those powers to a newly created Mayoral appointed “commission”--
- ▶ The DEC will adversely affect:
 - ▶ Enrollment
 - ▶ Curriculum
 - ▶ Programming
 - ▶ Staffing
 - ▶ Salaries
 - ▶ Logistics
 - ▶ Finances
 - ▶ Class size

- ▶ Potential Litigation
- ▶ Projection
- ▶ Competitions
- ▶ Credit Rating
- ▶ Bond Rating
- ▶ Academic Rating of Schools
- ▶ Other Operational Functions & Responsibilities too numerous to list

DEC will operate only in the City of Detroit allowing other school districts to compete without any such impediments

The DEC is a continuation of experimentation on Detroit's children

The elected Detroit School Board Members have unanimously opposed the creation of the DEC or any form of Mayoral control

This was done in response to the will of the voters' of the City of Detroit in 2004 voted against Mayoral control and continued experimentation

Old Co, New Co, and the Penalizing of the Victims

- ▶ State proposes the bifurcation of the DPS school district for the purposes of separating the debt
- ▶ However, much of the debt, if not the vast majority, was created by and/or during the State's operation of the District
- ▶ Without a specific audit to determine the causes and origins of the debt, this (Old Co, New Co) is a punitive and underserving penalty & a probable violation of Headlee amendment- the prohibition of the State to impose taxation on local unites of government (cities, school districts, local elected school boards & citizens)

Who Will Stop This Disenfranchisement?

- ▶ Who will stand up for the children of Detroit?
- ▶ Who will stand up for democracy?
- ▶ Who will stand up and speak truth to power?

▶ **Will it be you?**