

## **An Open Letter to All Citizens of Goodwill in the State of Michigan**

Dear Fellow Concerned Citizen:

The attached power point prepared by the duly elected Board of Education summarizing the impact of the negative impact of State control for the past 16 years. It chronicles most of the key benchmarks and the atrocities in the Detroit Public School District—both academic and financial from 1999 to the present.

We, the duly elected members of the Detroit Public Schools do hereby request that the parents, citizens, and taxpayers of the City of Detroit, as well as those throughout the State of Michigan contact their State legislators to urge that ty do the following in order to ensure the citizens of Detroit have what every school district in the State of Michigan has (equality):

1. **Oppose** any dissolution or replacement of Detroit Public Schools District with other experimental configurations such as the Community of Schools District proposed
2. **Oppose** any further intervention and/or experimentation on Detroit School District children.
3. **Demand the State of Michigan** immediately conduct a specific audit to determine the causes and origins of the Detroit Public Schools deficit
4. **Apply proportionate allocation of responsibility system** to ensure that no undeserved penalties or taxes are applied (forced on ) Detroit citizens.
5. **Mandate that the State of Michigan reconcile and reimburse** the Detroit Public School District any and all outstanding funds owed due to any Headlee violations (Article 9, Section 25-32) of the Michigan Constitution.

**6. Immediately empower the Current and already elected school board**

Please contact any and all of the legislators in both the House and Senate in the attachment provided with this letter.

If not now, when?

If not you, who will help?

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