

**Michigan African American Alliance  
Education Policy Town Hall:**

**“Education Policy, Partnerships, & Politics”**

Thursday, October 23, 2014, 5:30 p.m.  
Wayne County Community College District-Downtown Campus  
Detroit, MI

**Event Purpose:**

- To provide a legislative update on State of Michigan Ed policy impacting K-12 academic achievement.
- To establish a unified agenda to secure a positive educational and political landscape for Michigan.
- To advance a positive academic achievement agenda with awareness of sound education policy for smaller classroom sizes, high performing schools, high school and college completion.

**Target Audience:**

- Parents, Educators ( Teachers, Academic Leaders, Principals, Educational Advocates)
- Potential Voters, Civic, Grassroots, Labor & Faith PACS & Clubs

**Event Host:** Michigan African American Alliance  
**Honorary Chair:** Congressman John Conyers, Jr.

**Program:**

**Mistress of Ceremonies**.....Sherry Gay-Dagnogo, M.Ed.

**Welcome**..... Wayne County Community College District Associate

Purpose & Video Presentation.....Closing of Oakman Schools (5 mins)

**Presentation: Update on E.A.A. Investigative Report**.....Curt Guyette (8-10 mins)

**Congressional Remarks** .....Congressman John Conyers, Jr. 6pm

**Legislative Remarks**.....Rep. Tim Greimel, House Democratic Leader 6:05 pm

**Introduction Moderator**..... 6: 10 PM

**Panel Discussion: Making Education Our #1 Priority!**

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**I: Education Policy Panel: Advancing Academic Solutions that work!**

**Moderator: Chastity Pratt Dawsey, Reporter, Bridge Magazine.**

**Panelist:**

- Sen. Bert Johnson
- Professor Thomas Pedroni, Wayne State University
- Lamar Lemmons, Detroit School Board Member
- Simone Lightfoot, Esq., Ann Arbor School Board Member
- Karen Twomey, M.Ed. Educator, West Bloomfield Public Schools
- Professor Steve Wellinski, Eastern Michigan University

**Opener:** Highlight research from Bridge Reports and recent conversations for academic solutions.

**Focus Points:**

Current policies which impact school districts with respect to local governance and the implications it can have for the entire state of Michigan.

**Action:** Restore Local Governance to School Boards.

A legislative update on the E.A.A., its impact, toxicity and overreach. EMU's Professors and Board of Regents position, and what's next.

**Action:** Dissolve the E.A.A.

Update on current legislation to place a moratorium of charter expansion, potential lame duck legislation being craft by foundation community, and the data on charter performance

**Action:** Halt the expansion of charters, and provide greater oversight.

**Introduction of Keynote Speaker**

**Keynote Speaker**.....Congressman Mark Schauer, 7 pm

**Panel Remain In Place for Q& A**.....

**Closing: A Call to Action**.....