



# DEVELOPING A SCHOOL RATING SYSTEM FOR DETROIT

# WHAT IS THE COMMUNITY EDUCATION COMMISSION (CEC)?

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Community Education Commission  
a new nonprofit commissioned to:

***ELIMINATE BARRIERS THAT  
FAMILIES FACE IN ACCESSING  
QUALITY SCHOOLS IN DETROIT***



# WHO IS THE CEC?

## CEC BOARD

### *Education Leaders*

#### **Ralph Bland**

CEO, New Paradigm for Education

#### **Venessa Keesler**

Deputy Superintendent, MDE

#### **Dr. Nikolai Vitti**

Superintendent DPSCD

#### **Nate Walker**

Policy Analyst, AFT

### *Community Leaders*

#### **Teferi Brent**

Detroit 300

#### **Monique Marks**

CEO, Franklin Wright Settlements

#### **Sherita Smith**

ED, Grandmont Rosedale Com. Dev.

### *Philanthropists*

#### **Tonya Allen**

CEO, Skillman Foundation

### *Teachers*

#### **Marsha Lewis**

DPSCD teacher

#### **Vacant**

Charter School Teacher

### *Business Leaders*

#### **Matt Simoncini**

Former CEO, Lear Corporation

## CEC STAFF AND PARTNERS

#### **Stephanie Young**

Executive Director

#### **Katie Rae Stolper**

Dir. Ops and Accountability

#### **Chanay Peterson**

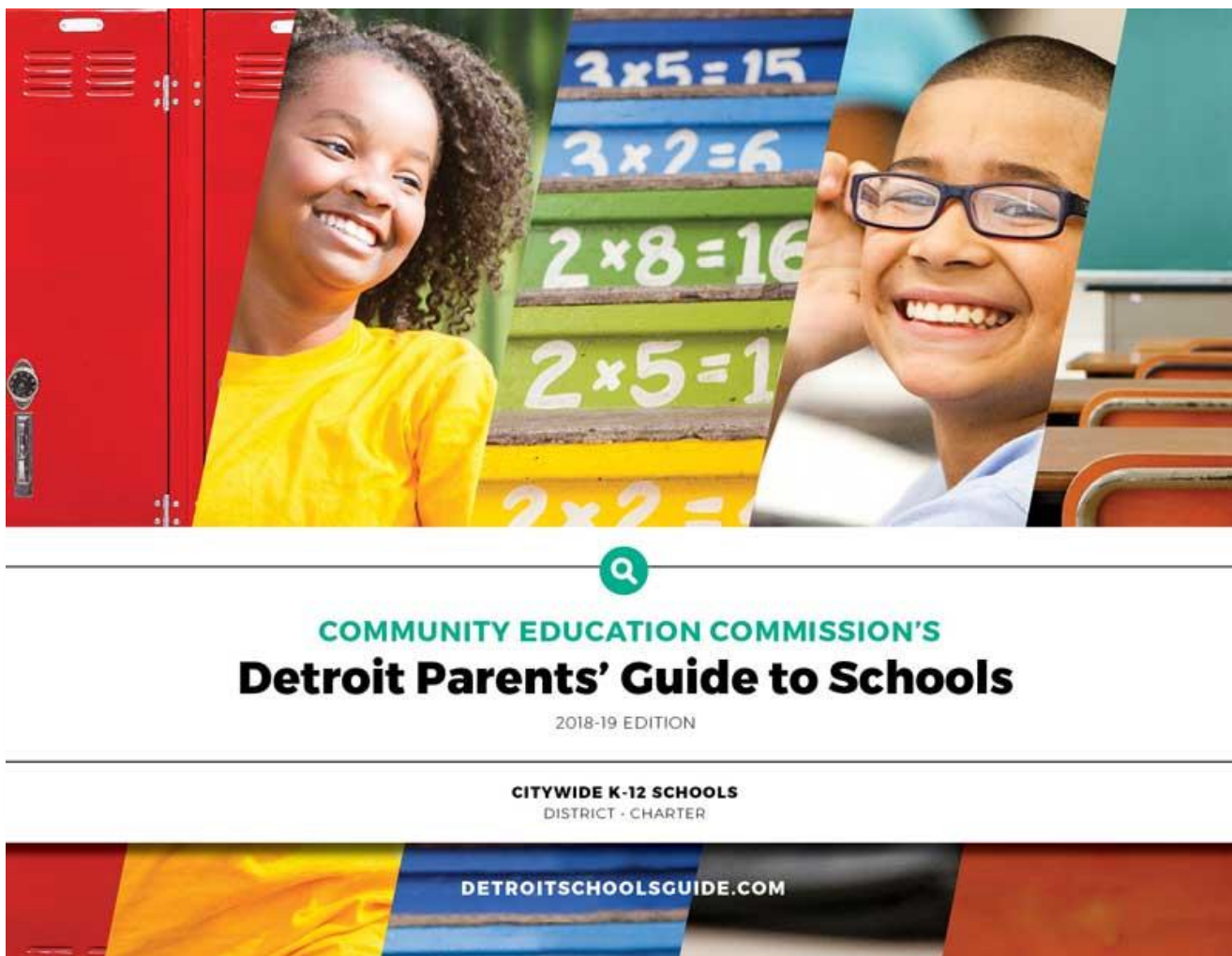
Program Manager

#### **John Barker**

Accountability Consultant



# CEC OFFERS ACCESS TO TRANSPARENT INFORMATION ABOUT SCHOOLS



# CEC OFFERS ACCESS TO TRANSPORTATION AND AFTERSCHOOL CARE



Get On And Learn

Pilot Initiative with 10  
Schools in NW  
Detroit – 6 DPSCD  
and 4 charters

Offers free  
transportation and  
afterschool care





# A NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR DETROIT...

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- Michigan State Law 380.390 mandates the creation of an A-F school accountability system within Detroit's city limits
- State has agreed to work with the CEC to create this system – empowering Detroiters to create something that meets the law and works for Detroit, its schools, parents, and community
- We're calling it the:

**School Rating System for Detroit (SRSD)**

# COMMUNITY PARTNERS HAVE INFORMED THE WORK

## SRSD Design Team

7 member team tapped by CEC Board to develop draft model to recommend to board

**Ralph Bland**, CEO NPFE

**Jack Elsey**, ED DCF

**Venessa Keesler**, Deputy Sup. MDE

**Jametta Lilly**, CEO DPN

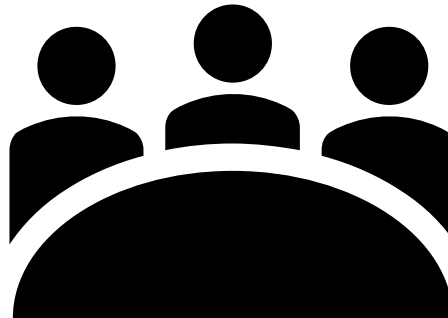
**Connie Simon** – Dir. Ecumenical Theological Seminary

**Nikolai Vitti**, DPSCD Superintendent

**Nate Walker**, AFT Policy Analyst

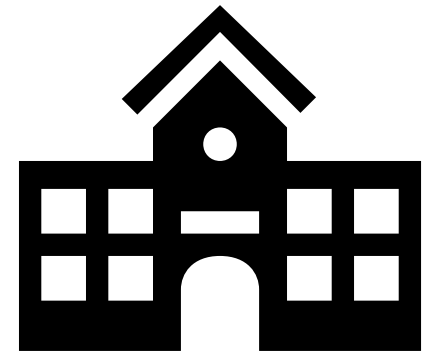
## SRSD Steering Committee

Group of informal advisors that review Design Team recommendations and help guide the creation of SRSD



## Educator Engagement

School leaders representing 128 schools & serving approx. 55k Detroit students



# SCHOOL RATING SYSTEMS

## WHAT IS DIFFERENT?

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### State-wide Ranking System

Heavy focus on **whether students are at grade level** - favors wealthy districts

### School Rating System For Detroit (SRSD)

**Heavy focus on growth**, without sacrificing grade-level performance

Bottom 5% identified as **targets for closures**

A-F grades to be awarded to schools based on a system decided by and for Detroiters; **no schools required to be the lowest-performing**

Rating system developed by **Lansing**

Rating system developed within state statute but also **by Detroiters**



# WHAT STATE LAW SAYS

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Our rating system must have three parts:

**1** PROFICIENCY

Are students performing at grade level?

**2** GROWTH

Did students' scores increase from last year?

**3** NON-ACADEMIC

Is the school a good place to learn?

**1**  
**PROFICIENCY**

# WHAT PERCENTAGE OF OUR STUDENTS ARE ON GRADE LEVEL?

## **Grades K–8:**

How did students perform on the English, Math, Social Studies and Science state tests?

## **High School:**

What is the school's graduation rate? How did students perform on English and Math SAT test, and state Science and Social Studies tests? How many students are enrolled in and passing college-level courses?

# 2 GROWTH

## COMPARED WITH SCORES FROM LAST YEAR, HOW MUCH IMPROVEMENT (GROWTH) DO WE SEE?

### Grades K–8:

How much did all students improve on the English and Math state test? How about students who are struggling the most? Students who have been enrolled for multiple years?

### High School:

How much did the graduation rate increase? How much did students improve on English, Math, Science and Social Studies tests? Did more students enroll in and pass college-level courses?

# 3

**NON-ACADEMIC**

## **IS THE SCHOOL A GOOD PLACE TO LEARN?**

**Grades K–8  
and  
High School:**

Are students and parents completing school surveys and what feedback are they providing? Are students coming to school every day? How many students re-enroll in the school year after year?

# DETROIT DECIDES HOW TO WEIGHT THE 3 PIECES

ACADEMIC

80%

NON-ACADEMIC

20%

1

PROFICIENCY

Are students performing well?

24%

2

GROWTH

Did students' scores increase from last year?

56%

3

NON-ACADEMIC

Is the school a good place to learn?

20%

# RECAP: SRSD

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## Who?

- ✓ The CEC is developing a model for school rating with stakeholders' help that applies to all public schools in the city limits of Detroit

## Why?

- ✓ The state is requiring an A-F grading model for K-8 schools and high schools that Detroiters get to create

## When?

- ✓ Ratings are projected for release in October 2019



# WHERE TO GO FOR MORE INFO

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## Get more info:

- Visit the CEC website and the **School Ratings webpage**: [cecdetroit.org/school-ratings](http://cecdetroit.org/school-ratings)
- Review the **FAQs** on the website
- Keep an eye out for **webinars** or more **Community Meetings**



## Give more feedback:

- Attend another **Community Meeting** (dates posted on website)
- Complete the **survey** on the School Ratings webpage
- Email [SRSDinfo@cecdetroit.org](mailto:SRSDinfo@cecdetroit.org)

# YOU NOW HAVE A CHANCE TO HAVE YOUR VOICE HEARD!

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