

Coalition for the Future
of Detroit Schoolchildren

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Coalition regroups, focuses on change Detroiters can lead

DETROIT – The Coalition for the Future of Detroit Schoolchildren – a diverse collection of Detroiters from the city’s education, corporate, philanthropic, and social sectors – is targeting eight priorities for the city’s public schools (DPSCD & charter), working alongside parents, educators and concerned community members to ensure Detroit schoolchildren receive the world-class education they deserve.

The state has addressed many of the city’s most pressing educational challenges. Now, it’s up to us to take the next steps. The choice is ours, Detroit. Let’s choose excellence.

*The Coalition for the Future of Detroit Schoolchildren formed on December 11, 2014 as an independent, diverse cross-section of Detroit leaders who came together to make recommendations to improve the city’s education system. Its first report, *The Choice Is Ours*, focused on how the state could help. Most of our recommendations were enacted. Now, the Coalition is focused on actions Detroiters can take locally to strengthen the city’s schools.*

The Coalition’s leadership teams are made up of approximately 150 community members. The Coalition is led by six co-chairs: Tonya Allen, Skillman Foundation president & CEO; Rev. Wendell Anthony, Fellowship Chapel and president of the Detroit branch of the NAACP; David Hecker, president of AFT Michigan/AFL-CIO; John Rakolta Jr., CEO of Walbridge; Mark Reuss, executive vice president, global product development, purchasing and supply chain of General Motors; and Angela Reyes, executive director of Detroit Hispanic Development Corporation.

*The Coalition’s 2017 report, *Our School, Our Moment*, is available at www.DetroitEducationCoalition.org.*

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