



# Meet the Candidates *for an* Education Town Hall

Tuesday, July 8, 2014 • 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. • Madison-Carver Academy • Detroit, MI



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## **17 Candidates Confirmed for Education Town Hall in Detroit** *Voters Urged to Attend and Meet Candidates for State House and Senate at Education Town Hall in Western Detroit on Tuesday, July 8*

**Detroit, MI** – 17 candidates from ten State Senate and House districts have confirmed their participation in an Education Town Hall event to be held from 6:00 – 8:00 pm on Tuesday, July 8 at the Madison-Carver Academy on Detroit’s west side. The list of participating candidates is below.

The invited candidates hail from districts that stretch from Northern Detroit, along the western portion of the city, and over to Redford, Dearborn Heights, Dearborn, Inkster, and Garden City. Members of those communities are encouraged to attend this public event.

“The purpose of this forum is to give candidates for the state legislature an opportunity to introduce themselves to voters and address education policy issues vital to our state’s future,” says Greg Handel, Senior Director at the Detroit Regional Chamber, one of the event sponsors.

Sharlonda Buckman, CEO of the Detroit Parent Network, and Armen Hratchian, Vice President of Excellent Schools Detroit will moderate the town hall portion of the event. Immediately following the town hall will be a trade fair style set-up to give members of the public the ability to directly interact with the candidates.

Sponsoring organizations include; The Detroit Parent Network, Excellent Schools Detroit, The Detroit Regional Chamber, The Great Lakes Education Project, Students First – Michigan, The Michigan Association of Public School Academies, The Michigan Council of Charter School Authorizers, and The Education Trust – Midwest.

Interested citizens can visit [detroitforum.eventbrite.com](http://detroitforum.eventbrite.com) for information and to register for this FREE event.

Madison-Carver Academy is located at 19900 McIntyre St., Detroit MI 48219.

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## Invited

Senate District: 2

**Rep. John Olumba**

Sen. Bert Johnson  
Georgia Lemmons  
Taras Nykoria

Senate District: 3

Sen. Morris Hood

Senate District: 4

Sen. Virgil Smith  
Rep. Rashida Tlaib  
Howard Worthy

Senate District: 5

**Former Rep. Shanelle Jackson  
Rep. Tommy Stallworth**

Rep. David Knezek  
Rep. David Nathan  
Carrie O'Connor  
Frank Tomcsik

House District: 3

**Melia Howard  
Clarence Gayles  
Carron Pinkins**

Dorthea Thomas  
Vanessa Simpson  
Steven Lett  
Jermaine Davis  
Wendell Byrd

House District: 7

**Nicole Wells-Stallworth  
Bernard Thompson**

Jennette Brown-Williams  
Kurt Swanson  
James Cole Jr.  
LaTanya Garrett

House District: 8

**Sherry Gay-Dagnogo**

Muhsin Muhammad  
Nicole Hampton  
Stacy Pugh  
Mia Griller  
Cyrus Wheeler

House District: 9

**Rep. Harvey Santana**

Hussein Berry

House District: 10

**Brandon Jessup  
Roy McCallister, Jr  
Leslie Love  
Ronald Cole**

Jay Johnson

House District: 11

**Lisa Hicks-Clayton  
Ned Apigian  
DeArtriss Coleman-Richardson**

Hilliard Hampton  
Dorothy Webb-Grady  
Julie Plawecki  
Rashid Baydoun  
Patricia Scott

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