

# DETROIT SCHOOLS



A fresh start for education in Michigan's Comeback City

## WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR STUDENTS?



### IMPROVING ACADEMICS

- Under the legislation, a total of \$617 million will help restructure the district, including \$467 million to help pay off debt and **\$150 million to invest in student achievement.**
- **Local control will be restored after school board elections** are held in November, eliminating the need for an emergency manager.
- **All schools in the city will be held accountable for academic performance** by the State School Reform/Redesign Office, which will develop an "A-F" grading system so that parents can easily find which schools are best for their kids.

### IMPROVING FINANCES

- Debt will remain with the old Detroit Public Schools district, and the **new district will start with a clean slate, focused completely on academic achievement.**
- Right now, about \$1,100 per student is spent paying off debt. That's money the new district will be able to **better spend in the classroom.**
- The district will work with the city's Financial Review Commission to **maintain fiscal accountability.**