

Eastern Leaders Group

Collaborating to meet the immediate and long-term economic and quality of life needs of Eastern Washtenaw County.

Statement of Support for the Creation of a Unified School District October 2012

The Eastern Leaders Group enthusiastically endorses a unified school district and the transfer of the existing non-homestead millages to support a new district.

The Eastern Leaders Group's primary mission is to improve the economic vitality and quality of life for the residents of eastern Washtenaw County. Both of these outcomes are dependent on having a quality school system in our community. We must position our schools to prepare our students for higher education and career opportunities. Our economic programs also depend on our schools as they play a critical role in our ability to attract new businesses to our community and create new jobs for our residents.

The Eastern Leaders Group has been an active supporter of secondary school options for our students including New Tech High, Washtenaw International High, the Early College Program at EMU and Widening Advancement for Youth. We view the creation of a unified school district as an important next step in attaining a high quality education for our students. We believe that taking a fresh approach to educating the over 5,000 students currently enrolled in the two districts is needed.

We are convinced that a bold and pioneering education system will result from this unification and we urge the voters in the Willow Run and Ypsilanti School Districts to approve the proposal on the November 6th ballot.

Sincerely



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