

# Are There Better Options for Underperforming Schools?

Earlier this year, Michigan headlines were filled with news about the Benton Harbor school district's dire straits and a dispute over proposed drastic solutions to deep-seated academic and fiscal problems. This is just one case among many in which struggling Michigan school systems have confronted state intervention, takeover or even closure. What solutions has Michigan attempted to put in place, and which ones have shown promise? What different educational approaches might appeal to families and leaders in troubled communities? What options should Michigan have when schools chronically fail to serve students? A panel of leaders with relevant experiences overseeing schools in troubled urban communities will share their experiences and ideas at this event.

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Lunch is free for attendees who RSVP. **Registration is required by October 14.**

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**WHEN:** **Thursday, October 17, 2019**

11:30 a.m. - Check-in and lunch

Noon to 1:00 p.m. - Program with Q&A

**WHERE:** **Radisson Hotel Lansing at the Capitol**

111 North Grand Ave

Lansing, MI 48933

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Panelists



**Dr. Donald Weatherspoon** has

brought his extensive experience in educational administration and state agency management to help direct interventions in numerous troubled Michigan school districts.



**Kevin Teasley** is president and founder of the Greater Educational Opportunities Foundation, a non-profit educational organization headquartered in Indianapolis.



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