



# W·A·Y MICHIGAN™

## Widening Advancements for Youth

### Words from the Director - James Middleditch

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Hello Parents and Students!

I am excited to work with you to prepare for the 2021-22 school year. The staff are working hard on improvements for the upcoming school year. We will be offering Virtual Cohort Learning to replace our Micro School lessons this year. These will run very similar to the Micro School lessons. Students will meet with teachers twice a week in each of the core subjects (English, Math, Science and Social Studies). Each Cohort will have up to 15 students assigned. This year the classes will be presented in back-to-back days for example Mon-Tues, Weds-Thurs, or Thurs-Fri. We plan to start our Virtual Cohort Learning Classes with the start of the new school year September 7th.

If you are interested in being a part of our school improvement team or the school improvement process, please let us know. We will have our first meeting in September. Additionally, we will be enrolling students for the fall until September 24<sup>th</sup>. If you have any friends or family interested please have them reach out to us at 313-638-2716 or email us at [enroll@wayprogram.net](mailto:enroll@wayprogram.net).

I look forward to working with you and having an amazing year



## College & Career Corner

I am so excited for this 2021-22 school year. I hope that you and your families have had a great summer so far! This year we will have several events to assist your students in planning for their future. Some of those events include Virtual College Tours, Resume Workshops, Guest Speakers, and One-on-One Sessions. We will use these different tools to help personalize each student's plans. Stay tuned for more information as this school year progresses.

- Jackee Patterson



## WAY Students

Your help is needed in getting the word out about WAY Michigan. We believe that we have a lot to offer to students all across the state. We have two campaigns we would like your participation in. The first is the continuation of our "Tell It Your WAY" Campaign. We are looking for students or families with stories we can spotlight on our website and Facebook page. Additionally, we have a project on Hero students can earn credit for completing. The second campaign we are promoting is called "Refer a Friend". We will be providing \$200 gift cards to students or staff that help recruit new students for the 2021-22 school year. To be eligible to receive the gift card the new student must stay enrolled through October Count and provide the student or staff members name that referred them to our program on their enrollment application.

## WAY Parents

We hope that you all had a restful summer! The WAY Michigan staff is officially back in the office as of Monday, July 26th. We are gearing up for a great school year! We have some major announcements that will be discussed at this month's parent meetings. This month's parent meetings will be held on Tuesday, August 10th at 7pm and Tuesday, August 31st at 7pm. Kim Iorillo, our Parent Liaison will send out the recorded presentation beforehand and these meetings will be a question and answer time for the topics discussed in the presentation. Please come with all of your questions!

Also, please make sure you fill out the parent meeting survey that was emailed out. We need your feedback! We want the parent meetings to meet your needs as parents/guardians and give you the information YOU need! It should take less than a minute to complete. Please see the parent email with the link. If you did not receive any of the parent emails, please contact your student(s)'s mentor or team leader, as all of the information was also sent to them.

- Kimberly Iorillo

## Credits

Welcome Researchers and Families!

Please remember that all researchers are still required to achieve a 0.25 credit for the month of August. They also need to communicate with their mentors at least three to five days a week. We still have tutor appointments, and paraprofessional one on one help if your researcher needs extra help. If you have any questions feel free to reach out to their mentors or team leaders.

- Joy Jurado

