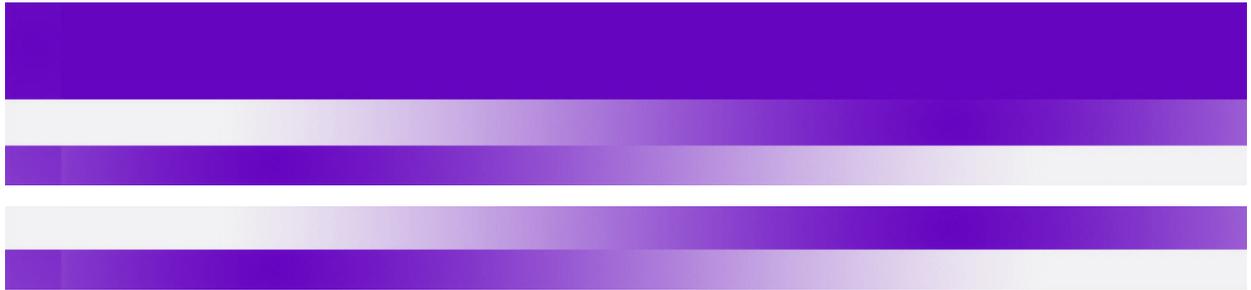


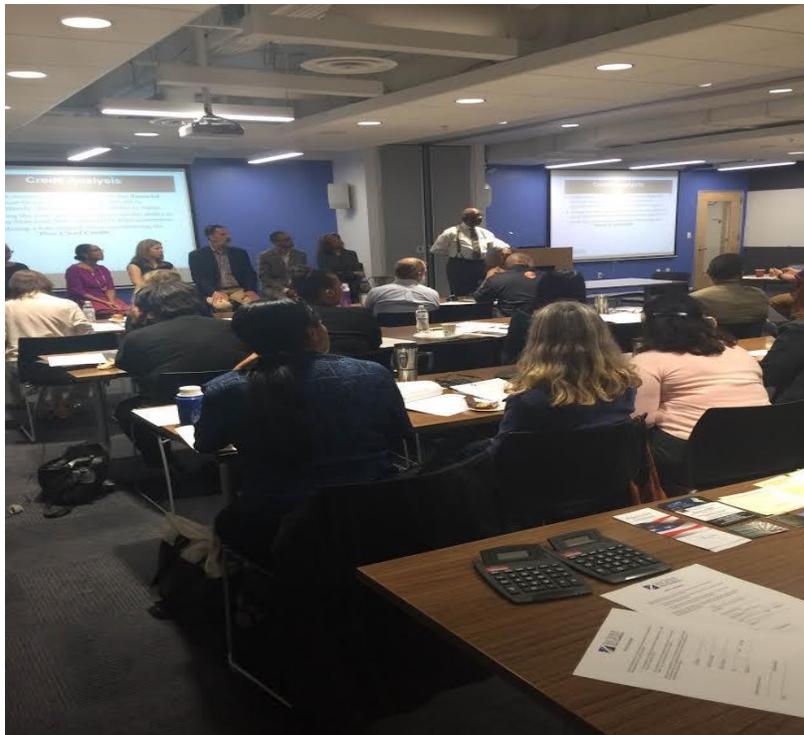


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The Road to Readiness program



On Monday, Sept. 21, the “Road to Readiness” program kicked off with a session entitled “Understanding Financial Statements.” New Detroit partnered with TechTown and the

Accounting Aid Society to present this three-part educational series that provided small business owners with information related to their organization, such as how to get a loan.

The first session was organized and led by Rich Hawkins, division manager at New Detroit. The day began with a presentation, which outlined how to understand financial statements. Afterward, a panel comprised of lenders representing a variety of options for business loans that made several presentations, and later held a question and answer session. Following the presentations and questions, the participants were quizzed to see if they understood all the information they were provided with during the session.

On Sept. 28, the Accounting Aid Association held its session. On Oct. 12, New Detroit, the Accounting Aid Society and TechTown will arrange individual meetings for participants based on their informational needs, thus completing the first annual “Road to Readiness” program.

New Detroit’s advocacy day in Lansing



On Tuesday, Sept. 29, New Detroit, as part of the Coalition for the Future of Detroit Schoolchildren (CFDS), made a trip up to Lansing to make a case to lawmakers about the coalition's "The Choice is Ours" report and their official recommendations about how to improve Detroit schools.

New Detroit helps comprise the coalition in numerous ways. Our president and several of our board members serve as co-chairs or steering members, as well as several of the subcommittees.

The day began early, with a group of New Detroit employees and board members taking a bus to Lansing, arriving at the capitol around 10:30. From there, each employee and board member went to designated meetings with lawmakers and politicians from both sides of the aisle to show them the diversity of the coalition and why the recommendations made by the coalition are necessary.

At around noon, a rally in the capitol building's rotunda demonstrated the dedication and passion of people in and supporting the coalition. A variety of people spoke, including the Reverend Dr. Wendell Anthony, president of the Detroit branch of the NAACP, New Detroit board member and co-chair of CFDS; Sharlonda Buckman, CEO of the Detroit Parent Network and New Detroit board member; and parents who had personal stories that brought to light the past and current shortcomings of Detroit Public Schools.

After the rally and a few more meetings with legislators, the coalition members were on their way home. Though change may not be obvious immediately, meeting with legislators and making the presence of The Coalition of the Future of Detroit Schoolchildren known in Lansing is extremely important. Alerting lawmakers about the problems with Detroit Public Schools and showing them how many people are concerned with these problems are the important first steps to reaching solutions.



Champion of Justice Award recipient: New Detroit president and CEO, Shirley R. Stancato

The Michigan Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) Host Committee recently awarded its "Champion of Justice Award" to New Detroit president and CEO, Shirley R. Stancato. The award was presented at the Michigan CBC Delegation Reception, where Ms. Stancato was a guest of honor. The Michigan CBC Delegation is held annually during the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C.

Ms. Stancato has joined esteemed company, with past winners such as Judge Damon Keith, Senator Carl Levin and Congressman John Conyers. New Detroit staff and board members are very proud of Ms. Stancato's devotion to building economic equity, social justice and racial understanding in Detroit and the surrounding community.



Mark your calendars: The Youth Leadership Summit on Race

The Youth Leadership Summit on Race, being held from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Nov. 7 at the University of Michigan-Dearborn is quickly approaching. Spaces are limited, so save your spot by registering today. For more information, or to register, please visit newdetroit.org.



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