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Maureen Taylor, Detroit Community Schools' Parent Coordinator is named by Detroit News as a 2015 "Michiganian of the Year"

DETROIT, MI – The Detroit News has selected Ms. Maureen Taylor, as a "Michiganian of the Year". Ms. Taylor was recognized for dedicating her life to working as a "voice for the voiceless" who helps struggling individuals and families negotiate with Metro Detroit agencies such as DTE Energy and the Detroit Board of Water Commissioners. Ms. Taylor has worked tirelessly for the students of Detroit Community Schools (DCS) while at the same time working as state chair of the Michigan Welfare Rights Organization.

Ms. Sharon McPhail, Chief Administrative Officer of DCS stated: "From the Workforce Development Department in the early 2000's, Maureen Taylor and Welfare Rights served single moms and dads needs for job training and basic necessities for daily living. Here, at DCS, she provides an opportunity for families to survive, to have heat, lights, water and food. We celebrate Maureen every day."

Ms. Taylor is the first recipient of the Angelo B. Henderson Community Commitment Award for being a frontline advocate for economically challenged individuals & families.

About Detroit Community Schools

DCS was founded in 1997 and is housed in 120,000 square foot facility located on a 9 acre gated and secure campus in the Brightmoor section of Detroit. DCS serves approximately 900 students in grades K-12 and is a Michigan Department of Education 2013 *Reward School*. DCS is unique among public schools in that each student has an Individualized Student Learning Plan that is used to customize their educational program.

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