

# CHALLENGE DETROIT

EXCELLENT SCHOOLS DETROIT

Challenge Detroit is partnering with [Excellent Schools Detroit](#) for our 4th challenge. In Detroit, parents and guardians can enroll their children in almost any school in the city, regardless of their address. Although some restrictions apply, enrollment is a particularly complicated issue with many children enrolling in multiple schools before deciding on one. Enrollment fluctuates often for a variety of reasons. First there are many schools with over 1,200 early learning institutions and 250 K-12 systems. Next, there is no standard enrollment system, which creates confusion and frustration. Therefore, parents may enroll their kids in multiple schools, before finally settling down on one, which takes enrollment spots away from other potential students. Moreover, schools struggle to manage their budget properly because one student dropping out (the state gives schools about \$7,000 per student) a week or two into the school year can severely hamper a school's fiscal plan.

Our challenge is two parts. First, we will plan and host a community forum to allow multiple stakeholders to connect, collaborate and discuss the issues and possible solutions for enrollment. Second, we will argue for and design a better enrollment system for Detroit's schools.

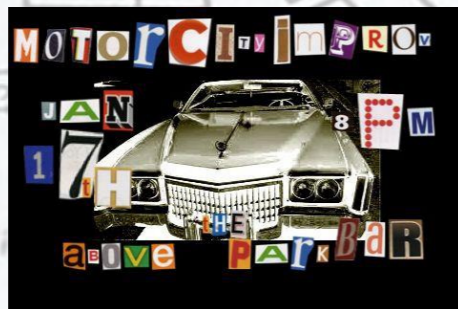
Please visit the [Challenge Detroit YouTube page](#). You will find videos high lighting the opening and closing of our challenges, and short insight into the Challenge Detroit Fellows via their weekly spotlights. Finally, if you are interested in learning more about [Excellent Schools Detroit](#), please check their website. You may want to take advantage of the [Charitable Volunteer Program](#) and participate in an event with others at Billhighway.

-Isaac

[Detroit SOUP-Kiva](#)  
Thursday, Jan. 17th 5pm



[Motor City Improv @ The Park Bar](#)  
Thursday, Jan. 17th 8pm



[Conned](#)  
Jan. 17th to Jan. 27th



[Detroit Artists Market Design Show--Design Aria](#)  
Friday, Jan. 18th 5pm-10pm



[2013 North American International Anti Auto Show](#)  
Jan. 18th to Jan. 19th



[Detroit Auto/Brewery History Tours](#)  
Jan. 19th and Jan. 26th



[Canine to Five: Winter Walk](#)  
Sunday, Jan. 20th 10:30am-12pm



[The Whiskey Rebellion](#)  
Sunday, Jan. 20th 7pm-2am



[MLK Bike Ride](#)  
Monday, Jan. 21st 10am-11am



[Show Me the Money: Creative Funding for Small Businesses](#)  
Monday, Jan. 21st 6pm-8pm

