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Detroit Cares Alternative High School Welcomes Congressman Clarke



The Detroit Cares Alternative High School anxiously prepared and awaited a visit from Congressman Hansen Clarke today. The entire basketball team and a few student council members returned to the school to meet the Congressman although the school was on spring break. The students and the administration were very pleased when Congressman Clarke arrived on time and eager to tour the facility. He wanted to meet with students and understand what made the school unique. Rev. Horace Sheffield, the Executive Director of Detroit Cares, welcomed the Congressman and asked that he pay special attention to all of the positive young students making a difference in Detroit.

The first question Congressman Clarke asked the students was, "What makes this school special for you?...and five students answered in unison, "They care about us". The students also shared that Detroit Cares was a school where they can feel safe, get involved with the community and have access to more opportunities. The Congressman was very impressed by the students and their commitment to success. He was also in awe with the online credit recovery program, cosmetology program and the building trades classroom.



The Detroit Cares Alternative High School seeks to respond to the needs of youth, who, due to personal circumstances, economic conditions, and/or other social challenges have veered from the path of a traditional educational process. Rev. Horace Sheffield told the Congressman that, "Detroit Cares Alternative Academy strongly believes in developing the whole child. Students graduating from Detroit Cares Alternative Academy are prepared to make a meaningful contribution to society in addition to fulfilling their career dreams and aspirations. Hansen, I have some students that carry the weight of their entire family on their shoulders and want you to tell the stories of young people who have beaten the odds to those that no longer believe in our youth." The Congressman agreed to share the good news about one of Detroit's greatest assets, our youth, and explained to the students his duty to listen. Congressman Clarke left the school impressed and proud of the students and the administration.



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