Oakland University (OU) improved its letter grade, moving from a “D” on our 2015 scorecard to a “C” on our 2016 update.

- OU’s score improvement was due to the opening of a new school in fall 2015, Detroit Edison Public School Academy – High School, operated by New Paradigm for Education, which met our minimum operator performance standard.

- OU still has several schools that are seriously struggling, including Detroit Academy of Arts and Sciences Middle School. Since 2011, this school has consistently ranked near or below the bottom ten percent of schools statewide. For a school that focuses on the sciences, it had just six percent of its low-income students proficient in science on the 2013-14 state accountability scorecard.

- Similarly, Dove Academy of Detroit had just 11 percent of students proficient in science in 2013-14.

- Another struggling school is Universal Academy of Detroit, a school that ranked in the 11th percentile in 2013-14. At this school, only about one-third of low-income students were proficient in math in 2013-14.

Far more work must be done by OU to ensure its schools are better serving students.