

# B.M.E.A.

BOLDLY MOVING EDUCATION AHEAD

BMEA's 4th Annual Educators' Gala  
Sponsorship Opportunities  
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## The Problem in Education

Education is at a critical crossroads. Shifting federal priorities, funding instability, and longstanding systemic inequities continue to strain schools and widen opportunity gaps for marginalized communities. At the same time, the accelerating loss of educators from the profession threatens stability, mentorship, and the high-quality, culturally responsive instruction that all students deserve.

This moment demands bold leadership and committed partners. Now more than ever, we need ambassadors and advocates who are willing to invest in an equitable, sustainable education ecosystem that supports educators, strengthens schools, and expands opportunity for every community.

## BMEA's Solution

In response to this defining moment in education, BMEA-Boldly Moving Education Ahead, uses a systematic approach to transform education and free our communities from a broken system. Through an ecosystem-driven strategy, we strengthen the educator pipeline, expand mentorship networks, and cultivate leadership pathways that stabilize schools and elevate student outcomes.

BMEA recruits, develops, and retains high-impact educators and leaders who foster rigorous, inclusive, and future-focused learning environments.

This work is embodied in the BMEA Independent School - a tuition-free, community-based model that reimagines education by centering joy, belonging, innovation, and academic excellence. Rooted in restorative practices, culturally responsive instruction, and project-based learning, the school prepares students with strong academic foundations and future-ready competencies, including responsible AI and technology integration.

More than a school, it is a scalable demonstration of what equitable, high-quality education looks like, and what is possible when committed partners choose to invest in lasting transformation.

## BMEA's Proven Impact

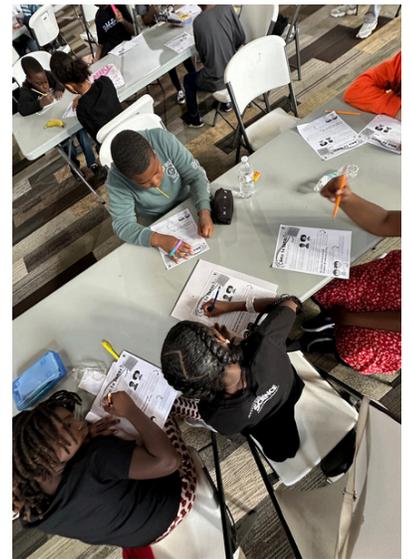
BMEA is delivering measurable results and building a model that is shifting outcomes for students and communities.

In one year alone, our Summer Program more than doubled in size, growing from 130 to 275 students, expanding school representation from 74 to 117 schools across the State of Michigan, and increasing high school mentors from 14 to 35, which is clear evidence of both demand and demonstrated impact.

At the BMEA Independent School, nearly three-quarters of students improved in reading and approximately two-thirds improved in math within a single academic period, with many exceeding typical national growth expectations. Daily attendance remains strong at 93 percent, surpassing national averages. Students report feeling safe, supported, and academically challenged, and 77% of high school mentors in our youth programming have expressed interest in becoming educators, directly strengthening the future teacher pipeline.

Through 14 school partnerships serving more than 8,000 students, BMEA is expanding access, strengthening representation, and proving that when students are supported academically, socially, and culturally, their outcomes accelerate.

With the right partners, this momentum can scale, expanding access to high-quality, equity-driven learning environments that change life trajectories.



# BMEA's Next Milestone - The BMEA Independent School Expansion

24' X 36'  
Portable Classrooms



**NADLER**  
MODULAR

**More Space**  
**More Students**  
**Lower Cost**  
**Higher Quality**



The BMEA Independent School is a tuition-free, community-based model designed to reimagine education by centering joy, belonging, innovation, and academic excellence. Rooted in restorative practices, culturally responsive teaching, and project-based learning, the school supports the whole child while preparing students with strong academic foundations and future-ready skills, including responsible AI and technology integration. Through partnerships, real-world learning experiences, and expanded enrichment opportunities, students engage in meaningful, community-connected learning. The school serves as a living demonstration of BMEA's mission and a scalable model for expanding high-quality, community-centered educational opportunities.

With the success of our living lab, the BMEA Independent School is now focused on scaling thoughtfully and responsibly so more students can benefit from its proven model. By building out modular learning units, we can expand access without compromising quality, maintaining the personalized, community centered approach that drives our results while increasing capacity to serve additional scholars. This strategic growth ensures that expansion is intentional, sustainable, and aligned with our mission to deliver transformative educational experiences to every student we reach.

# Call To Action

This transformation does not happen in isolation. It requires visionary partners who understand that investing in education is investing in economic mobility, workforce development, and the long-term vitality of our communities.

The BMEA Gala is a celebration, but importantly, it is a CALL TO ACTION. It is an opportunity for leaders, advocates, and corporate partners to stand alongside us in advancing a bold, scalable model for educational excellence. Your sponsorship directly fuels educator development and student opportunity.

Together, we can move beyond reacting to challenges and instead build the education ecosystem our students and communities deserve.



## **BMEA 2026 Annual Educators' Gala – Sponsorship Opportunities**

The BMEA Annual Educators' Gala is a high-impact evening with a clear purpose: fueling transformational education.

This event convenes leaders, partners, and advocates committed to strengthening schools and expanding opportunity. Sponsorship is a direct investment in BMEA's Youth Leadership Development Program (YLDP), the expansion of the BMEA Independent School, and our wellness-centered educator fellowships.

Together, we turn momentum into measurable impact.

### **BMEA VISIONARY CIRCLE (Presenting Sponsorship) - \$50,000**

#### **What Your Sponsorship Powers**

- Full-year funding for two YLDP school sites, including paid workforce experiences for high school fellows, STEM supplies, mentorship and college/career readiness programming
- Support for the BMEA Independent School, ensuring Detroit youth receive tuition-free access to world-class instruction in AI literacy, restorative practices, and project-based learning
- Expansion of the Teacher Wellness, and Principal Wellness & Policy Fellowships, giving teachers and school leaders mental health support and policy training

#### **Recognition & Benefits**

- Presenting Sponsor designation on all event materials
- 16 event tickets (2 VIP tables) with premium placement
- Premium logo placement on all digital + onsite signage
- Full-page, full-color program ad (inside front cover)
- Remarks opportunity at the gala
- Video spotlight during program
- Verbal recognition throughout evening
- Inclusion in pre and post event communications
- Exclusive post-event impact report



## BMEA AMBASSADOR (Platinum Level Sponsorship) - \$30,000



### What Your Sponsorship Supports

- Technology upgrades and STEM tools for YLDP and BMEA School
- Transportation and enrichment experiences for youth
- Educator wellness programming and professional development experiences

### Recognition & Benefits

- Naming rights for the Cocktail Hour
- 8 event tickets (1 VIP table)
- Premium logo placement across all materials
- Logo on cocktail napkins and signage
- Video spotlight during Cocktail Hour
- Full-page, full-color program ad (inside back cover)
- Verbal recognition during program
- Inclusion in all pre and post event communications

## BMEA FRIEND (Emerald Level Sponsorship) - \$25,000

### What Your Sponsorship Supports

- Fellow stipends and training experiences for Teacher Wellness Fellowship
- High school mentor stipends and instructional materials
- College/career exploration events

### Recognition & Benefits

- 8 event tickets (1 VIP table)
- Premium logo placement on all materials
- Logo on gala invitations (if received before deadline)
- Half-page color ad in program book
- Inclusion in pre and post event communications
- Verbal recognition during program



## BMEA COMMUNITY BUILDER (Diamond Level Sponsorship) - \$15,000

### Supports:

- Robotics, AI, STEM projects for youth
- Field experiences and hands-on project-based learning materials
- Family engagement and wellness programming

### Benefits:

- 8 event tickets (1 table)
- Premium logo placement
- Verbal recognition
- Half-page color ad
- Inclusion in all event communications



## INNOVATION SPONSOR (Gold Level Sponsorship) - \$10,000



### Supports:

- Laptops, software, and STEM technology for students
- Scholarships for college tours and workforce exposure
- Stipends for YLDP's peer mentors

### Benefits:

- 4 event tickets
- Premium logo placement in program and digital materials
- Half-page color ad
- Inclusion in all pre and post event communications

## IMPACT SPONSOR - \$5,000

### Supports:

- Healthy snacks and meals during afterschool programs
- Program apparel fostering belonging for youth and mentors
- Transportation for school visits and enrichment trips

### Benefits:

- 4 event tickets
- Quarter page color ad
- Recognition in event program



## CHAMPION SPONSOR - \$2500

### Supports:

- 100% of students from The BMEA Independent School on a field study including admission, food and transportation

### Benefits:

- 2 event tickets
- Quarter page color ad
- Recognition in event program



## TABLE SPONSOR - \$1500

- 8 event tickets (1 table) with name or company logo on table signage
- Recognition in the event program book



## About BMEA

BBMEA—Boldly Moving Education Ahead transforms education by building human-centered, liberatory learning spaces for Black, Brown, and underserved students. We partner with schools and communities to redesign learning through restorative practices, culturally responsive teaching, project-based learning, and emerging technologies like AI, always grounded in relationships and belonging. We also invest deeply in educators through wellness-centered fellowships and leadership development, because student success depends on whole, supported teachers and principals. Our work is implementation-driven and data-proven, resulting in stronger school culture, improved academic outcomes, and sustainable pathways into the educator profession.

## WHY PARTNER WITH BMEA

Partnering with BMEA is an opportunity to invest in scalable, equity-driven solutions with measurable impact. Our model operates across systems, addressing student achievement, educator sustainability, and community trust simultaneously.

Our partners align with a strategy that delivers:

- **Workforce Impact:** Developing future-ready students equipped with critical thinking, leadership, adaptability, and real-world problem-solving skills essential for today's economy.
- **Talent Sustainability:** Addressing educator burnout and retention through wellness-centered leadership development that keeps exceptional teachers and principals in the profession.
- **Community Trust:** Operating in authentic partnership with families, schools, and local stakeholders.
- **Proven Outcomes:** Leveraging data-driven, research informed practices that strengthen academic performance, school culture, and technology-enabled learning environments.

BMEA offers partners meaningful visibility, authentic engagement, and a direct role in advancing innovation that drives long-term educational and economic mobility.

Together, we are building the conditions for sustained excellence and generational impact.

Learn more at [www.WeAreBMEA.org](http://www.WeAreBMEA.org)

# Support the Transformation

## Donor Information Sheet:

YES: I/we will attend Educators' Gala.       NO: I/we cannot attend Educators' Gala.

Please select sponsorship level:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Visionary Circle (\$50,000)  | <input type="checkbox"/> Innovation Sponsor (\$10,000) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ambassador (\$30,000)        | <input type="checkbox"/> Impact Sponsor (\$5,000)      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friend (\$25,000)            | <input type="checkbox"/> Champion Sponsor (\$2,500)    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Builder (\$15,000) | <input type="checkbox"/> Table Sponsor (\$1,500)       |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER                         |

## Corporate Sponsor Information:

Organization  Contact   
Address   
E-mail  Mobile

## Payment Information:

Card Type     American Express     Discover     Mastercard     Visa

Name on Card  Amount

Card Number:  CV Code  Exp

Billing Address  Zip

Signature

Check    Please make checks payable to the Boldly Moving Education Ahead and mail them to  
1550 Taylor St., Detroit, MI 48206

## Additional Payment Methods

If your organization requires alternative payment options, please email  
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