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**CMU Center for Charter Schools Applauds Flanagan’s Recognition of  
Authorizer Accreditation Initiative**

**Statement from Cindy Schumacher, executive director of The Governor John Engler Center for Charter Schools at Central Michigan University.**

LANSING, MI (March 25, 2015) – We applaud State School Superintendent Mike Flanagan for his recognition of the progress being made by Michigan charter public school authorizers to implement a statewide authorizer accreditation system.

Michigan’s authorizer accountability system will be the first of its kind in the nation. We look forward to working with Michigan’s elected officials to make this accreditation system part of Michigan law, whereby authorizers will be held accountable for items such as the closure of poor performing schools, ensuring engagement with communities about school placement and following nationally recognized best practices.

As one of the nation’s leading authorizers, Central Michigan University is proud to lead this initiative as part of our mission to ensure that all students have access to a quality education.

**About The Governor John Engler Center for Charter Schools**

CMU, the first university authorizer of charter public schools, is a state and national leader in the charter school movement, with 20 years of experience launching, supporting and overseeing charter public schools. CMU created The Governor John Engler Center for Charter Schools to support the schools it charters. The university currently authorizes 62 schools serving nearly 31,000 students throughout the state. For more information, please visit [www.TheCenterForCharters.org](http://www.TheCenterForCharters.org).

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