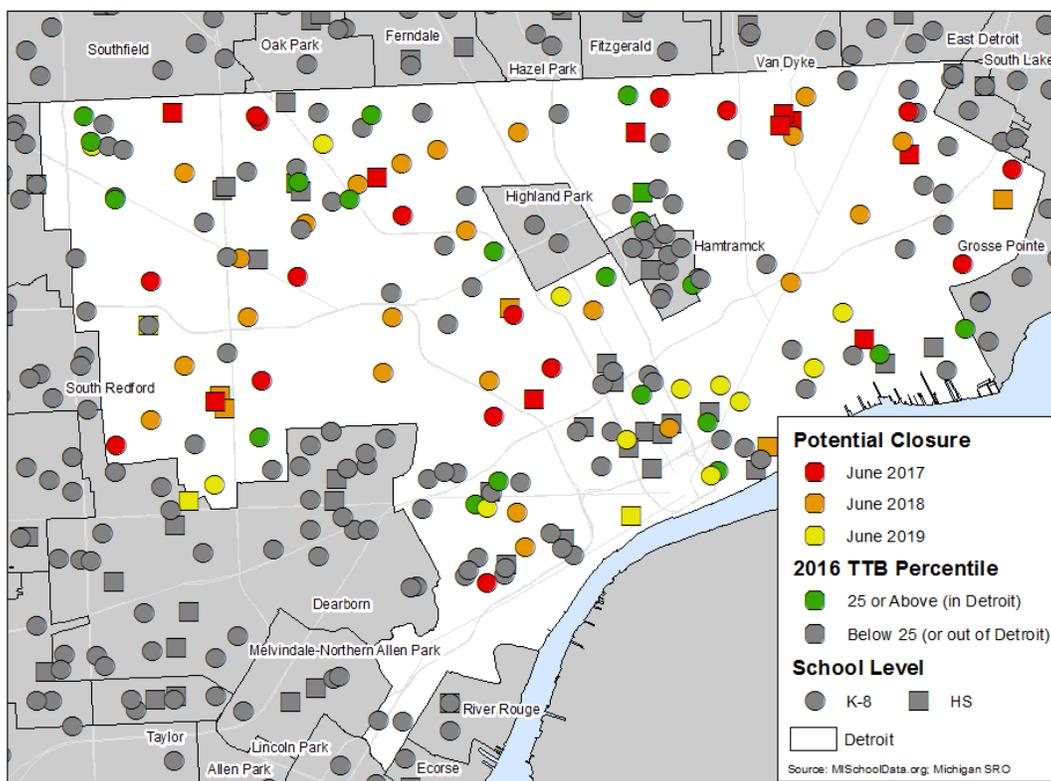


The SRO's proposed closures will deprive Detroit's students of educational options.

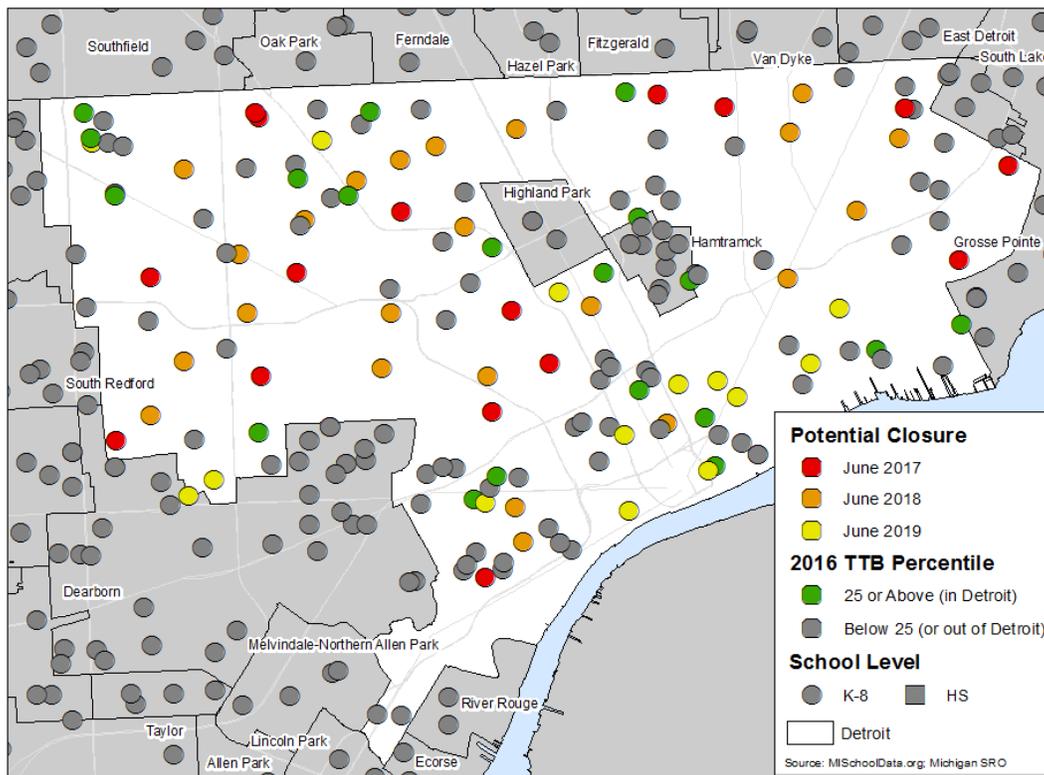


- The SRO's proposed closure list will **displace over 11,000 Detroit students** from their schools.
- The SRO identifies quality options as schools at or above the 25th percentile. However, **only 20 schools** in Detroit meet that bar, and most are already at capacity.
- Most of the potential closures in Detroit are located in neighborhoods that **lack viable alternatives**. Families would be forced to move or travel long distances to find a school option.
- Closing a school not only deprives students of an educational option, but also shuts a pillar of stability within our communities.

"We cannot close schools and give them no better alternative. That's the predicament we're basically putting parents in."

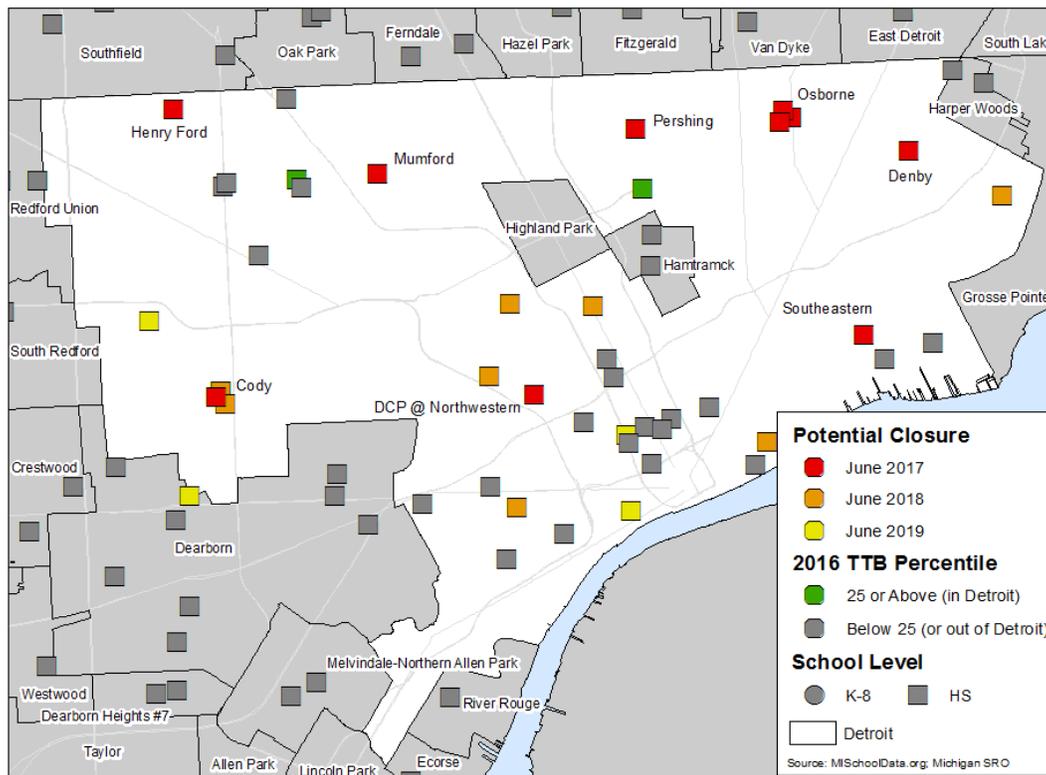
- Tonya Allen, CEO, Skillman Foundation. Detroit Free Press, January 25, 2017.

The cycle of closures forces families to continually uproot their children from their communities.



- The K-8 potential closure map shows the **widespread impact of future closures** on Detroit's youngest students.
- If the cycle of closures continues, families would be deprived of long-term alternatives for their children. They would be forced to **uproot their children year** after year in search of a new school to attend.
- Many of the higher-performing schools in Detroit are far away from the potential closures, meaning **children as young as 5 years old** would have to travel miles on a bus to a new school.

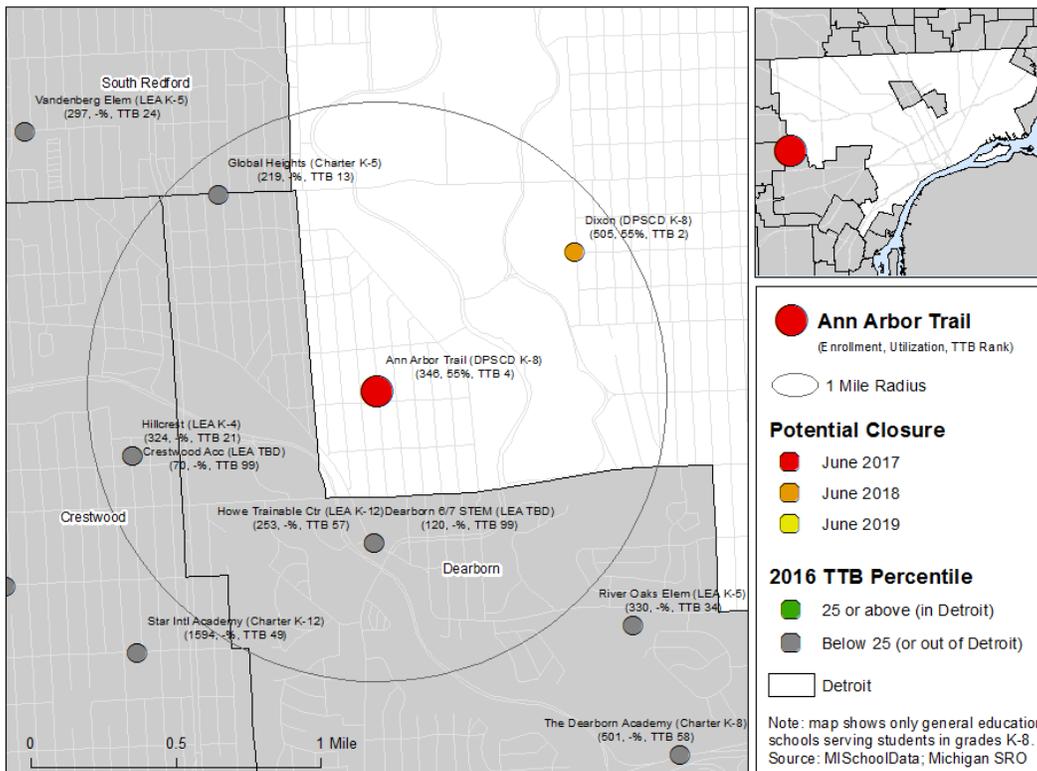
High school closures are concentrated on the northeast and northwest corners of Detroit, where there are few other options for parents.



- Students at Pershing, Osborn and Denby would have **no viable options within 2 miles**. All nearby schools are either at capacity or are up for potential closure.
- The only Detroit high schools above the 25th percentile are application schools that are already at capacity. **Displaced students would have to move** to the suburbs for quality options.
- Detroit's high schools have been **anchors of their communities**. Closing them would mean eliminating their history and ending a legacy for many of our neighborhoods.

Ann Arbor Trail Magnet School

Hardship Case



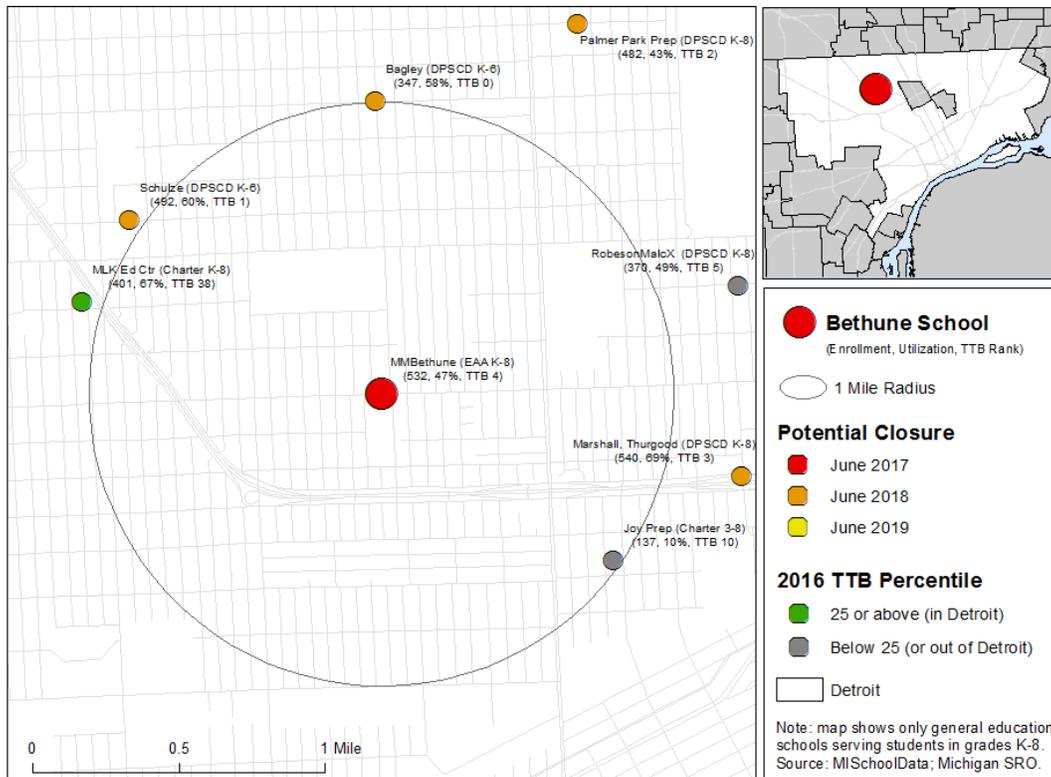
- If Ann Arbor Trail closes, **346 students** would need to find a new school.
- The only other Detroit school within a 1-mile radius is Dixon, another bottom 5% school up for potential closure in 2018.
- Within a 1-mile radius, there are **no seats** at schools with a top-to-bottom ranking of 25 or higher.
- **All students** would have to travel outside of their neighborhood for an education.

“The administrative staff and teachers go above and beyond to ensure that all students receive the care and education that we are proud of... Ann Arbor Trail gives are kids the best chance of success. Please consider the everlasting impact this school closure would have on the students, staff and the community.”

- Ann Arbor Trail Parent

Bethune Elementary-Middle School

Hardship Case



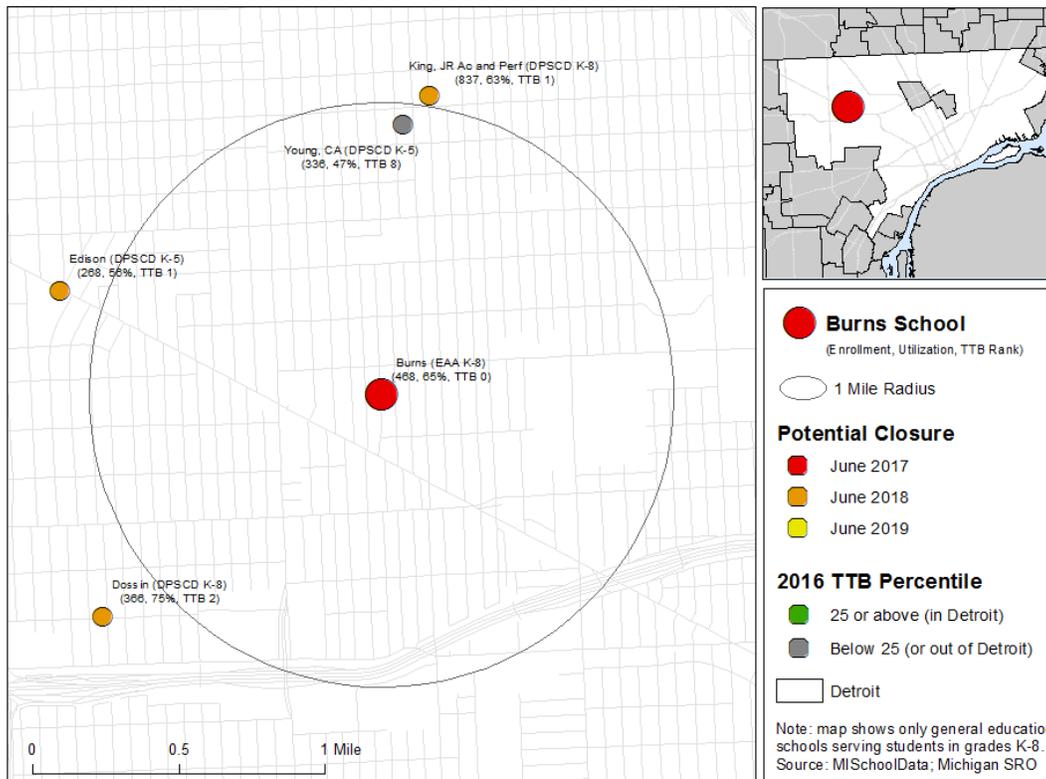
- If Bethune closes, **532 students** would need to find a new school.
- Within a 1-mile radius, there are **only 372 seats available** for Bethune students. 249 of these seats are at Bagley, another bottom 5% school.
- **Almost 160 students** would have to travel outside of their neighborhood for an education.
- Furthermore, Bagley is at risk for closure in 2018, again forcing families to find a new school option.

“Bethune teachers make a genuine effort to build teacher/student relationships which makes our learning environment more effective.”

- Mary Range, 8th Grade Student

Burns Elementary-Middle School

Hardship Case



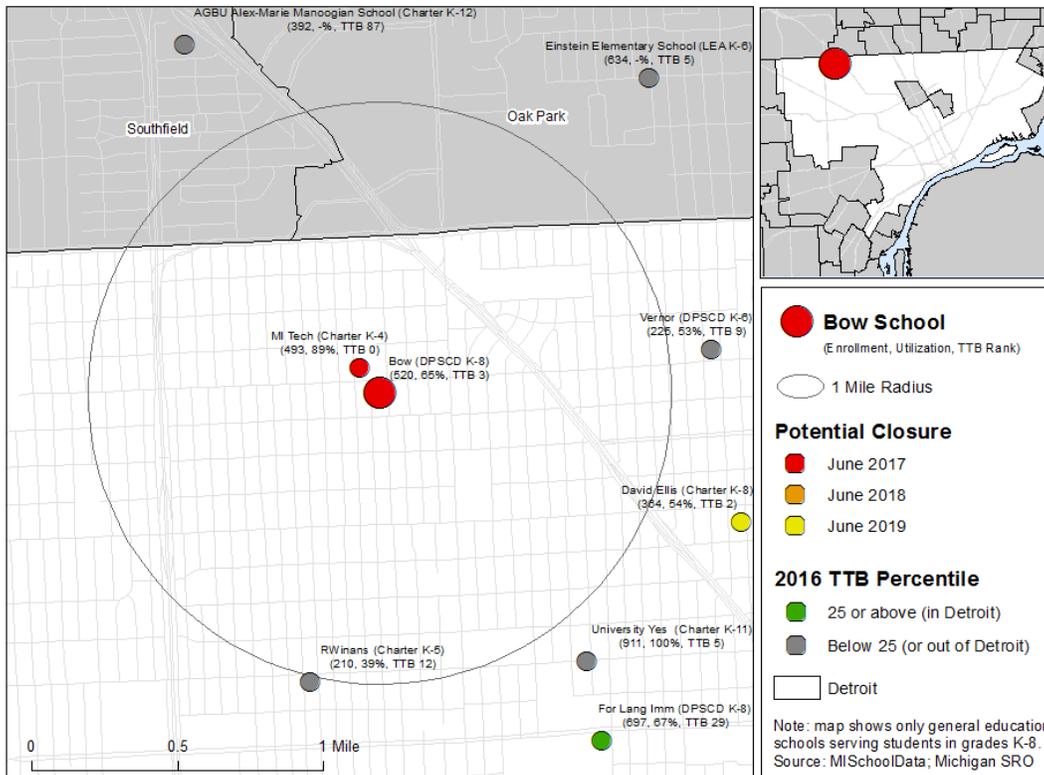
- If Burns closes, **468 students** would need to find a new school.
- Within a 1-mile radius, there are **only 264 seats available** for Burns students, when accounting for grade overlaps. None of the seats are at schools with a top-to-bottom ranking of 25 or higher.
- **Over 200 students** would have to travel outside of their neighborhood for school.
- The next three closest schools are all in the bottom 5% and are at risk for closure in 2018, again, forcing families to find another school option.

“The work we’re doing right now... is setting the foundation to turn the school around, not just academically but also the culture of the school and the relationship with the community. That will have lasting effects as our kids grow up. We already see the positive impact, but we also know this work takes more than a year to accomplish.”

- Georgina Vermeersch, Burns Teacher

Bow Elementary-Middle School

Hardship Case



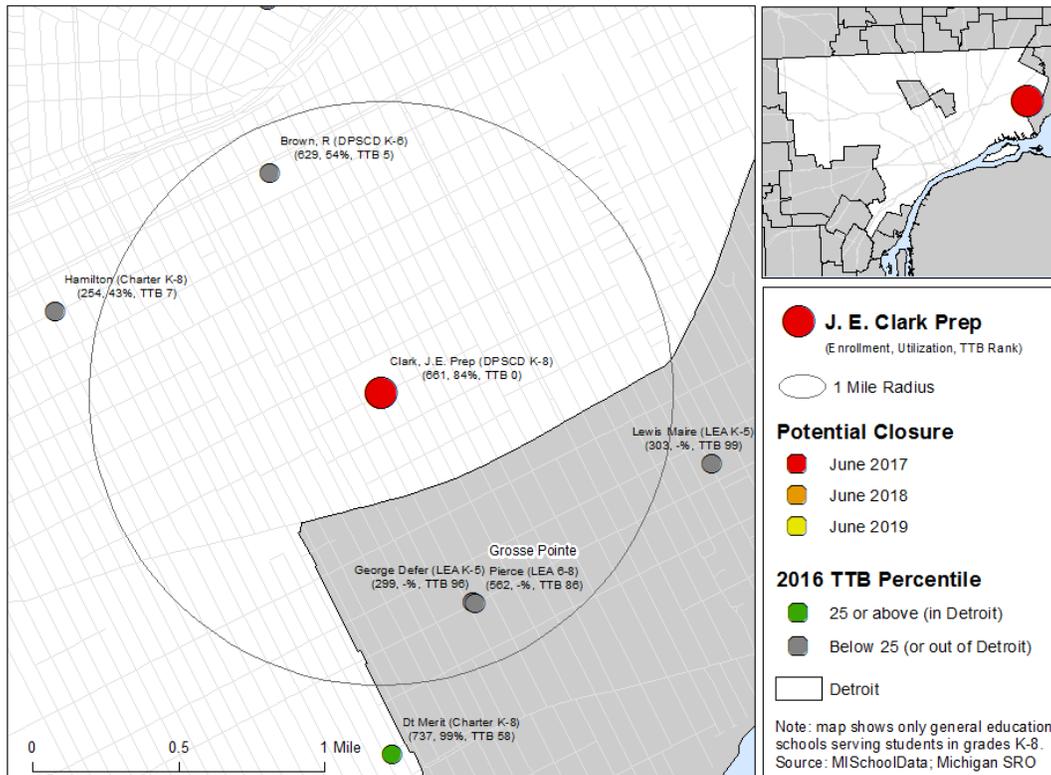
- If Bow closes, **520 students** would need to find a new school.
- There are **no available** seats within a 1-mile radius. The only other school in the vicinity is also up for potential closure.
- **All students** would have to travel outside of their neighborhood for an education.

“Change does not happen overnight but with a working, attainable plan that is in place we can see change and growth occurring. This is happening at Bow.”

- Katina Haynes, 4th Grade Teacher at Bow

J.E. Clark Prep

Hardship Case



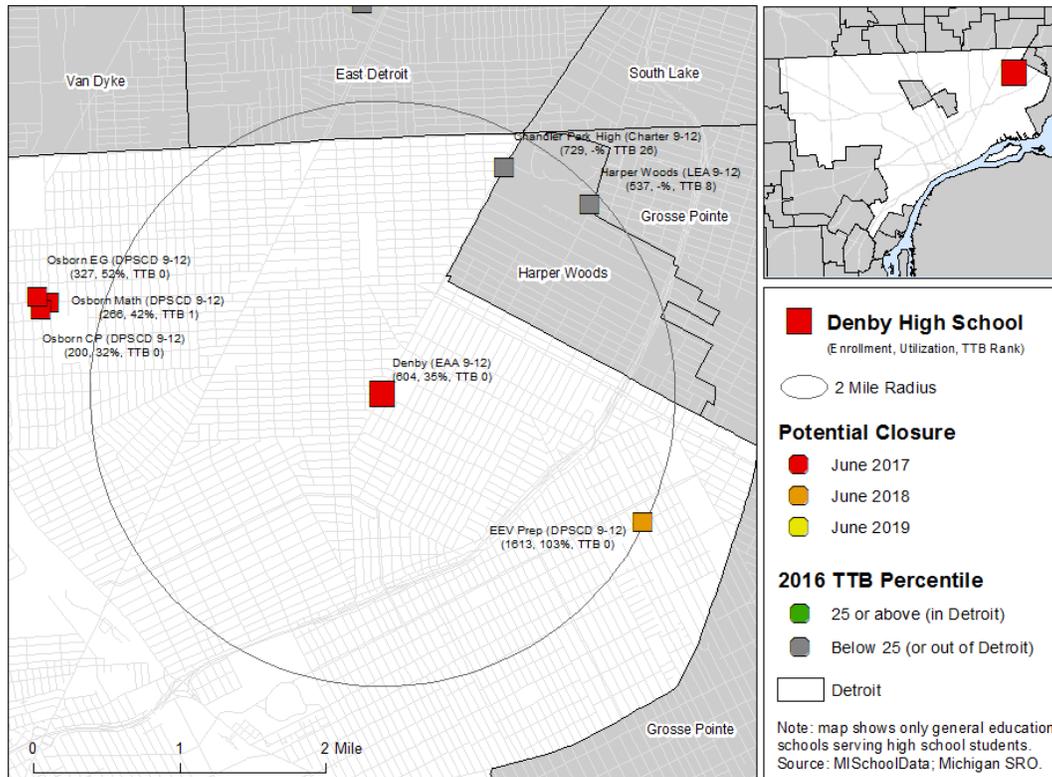
- If Clark closes, **661 students** would need to find a new school.
- Within a 1-mile radius and accounting for grade overlap, there are **only 375 seats available** for Clark students.
- Within a 1-mile radius, there are **no seats** at schools with a top-to-bottom ranking of 25 or higher.
- Almost **300 students** would have to travel outside of their neighborhood for an education.

“The thing that makes our school unique is that we have people here that actually care. We have people that want to see everyone succeed. They help students every step of the way.”

- Alex Hailey, 8th Grade Student

Denby High School

Hardship Case



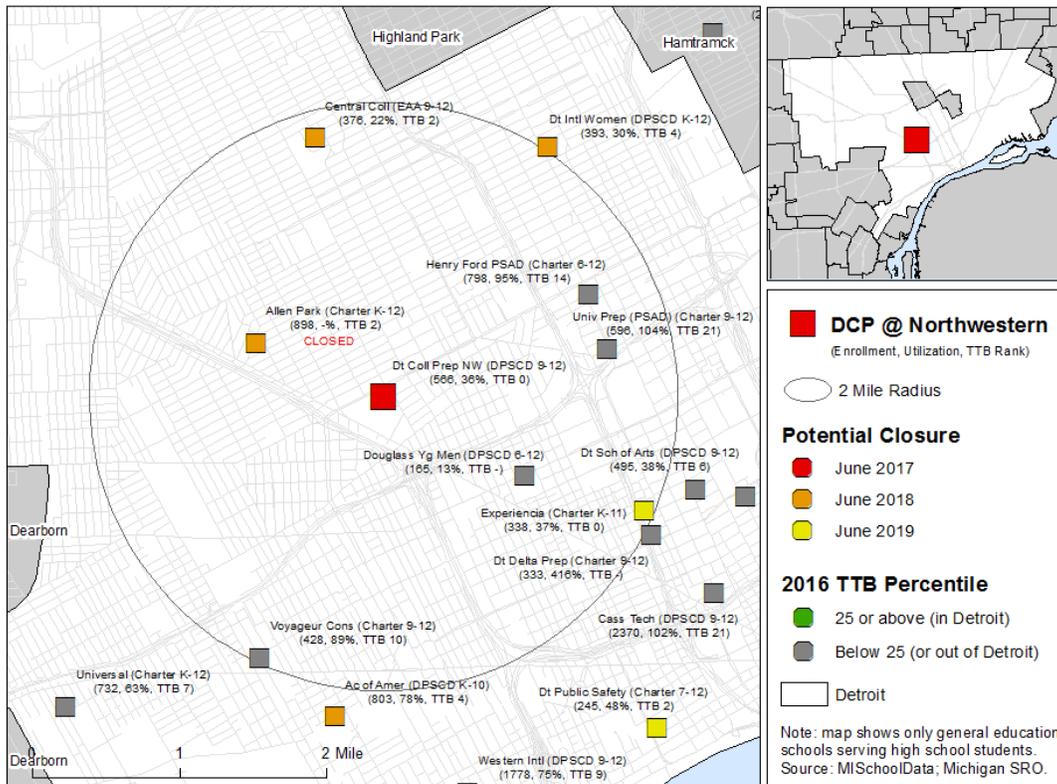
- If Denby closes, **604 students** would need to find a new school.
- There are **no available** seats within a 2-mile radius.
- **All students** would have to travel outside of their neighborhood for an education.
- The only schools around Denby are **up for potential closure** in 2017 and 2018.

“At Denby, they [students] are allowed to use their academics to face challenges with researched, viable solutions. These children know their community and its needs...The educational options Denby provides for its students is to change the world around them; to be conducive to learning opportunities that prepare them to be responsible and contributing adults.”

- Sandra Turner Handy, Denby Grandparent

DCP @ Northwestern

Hardship Case



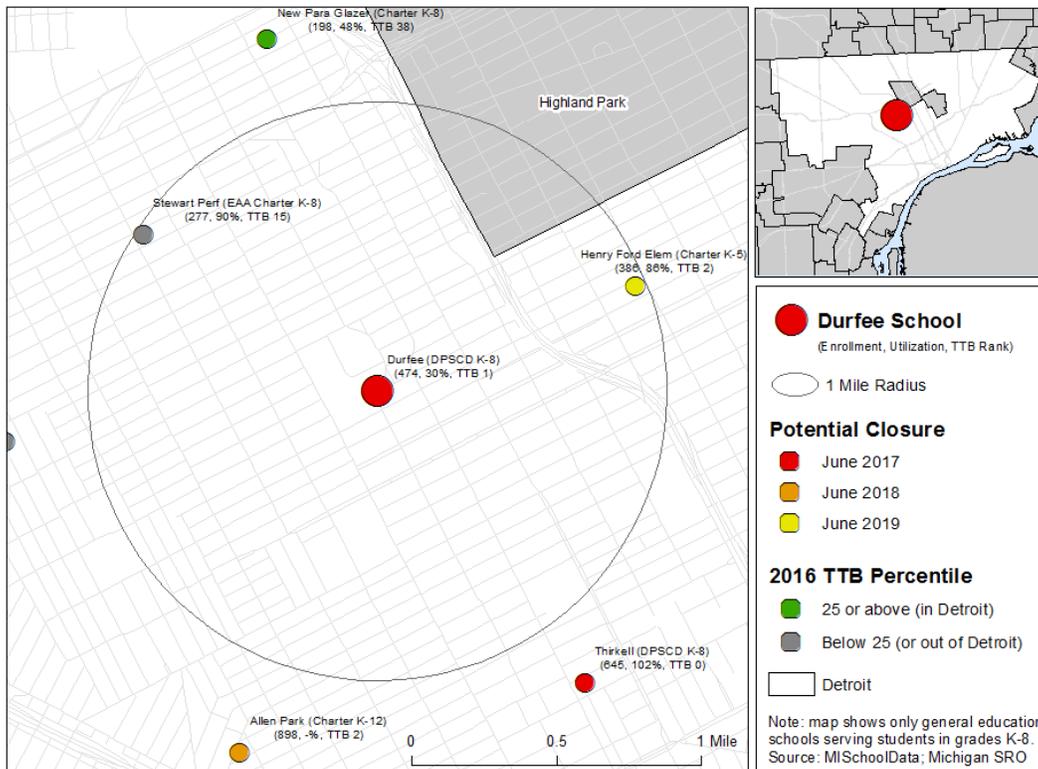
- If DCP @ Northwestern closes, **566 students** would need to find a new school.
- Within a 2-mile radius, there are **only 42 seats available** for DCP students at other co-educational schools or schools not up for closure in the next two years.
- Within a 2-mile radius, there are **no seats** at schools with a top-to-bottom ranking of 25 or higher.
- **Nearly all students** would have to travel outside of their neighborhood for an education.

“It [DCP] is not only a place where educational services are provided as the students are given tools to become pillars in the community but also a place where the students find refuge, counseling, support, and encouragement. If DCP closes, where would our students go and feel comfortable and receive quality education they deserve?”

- DCP Parent

Durfee

Hardship Case



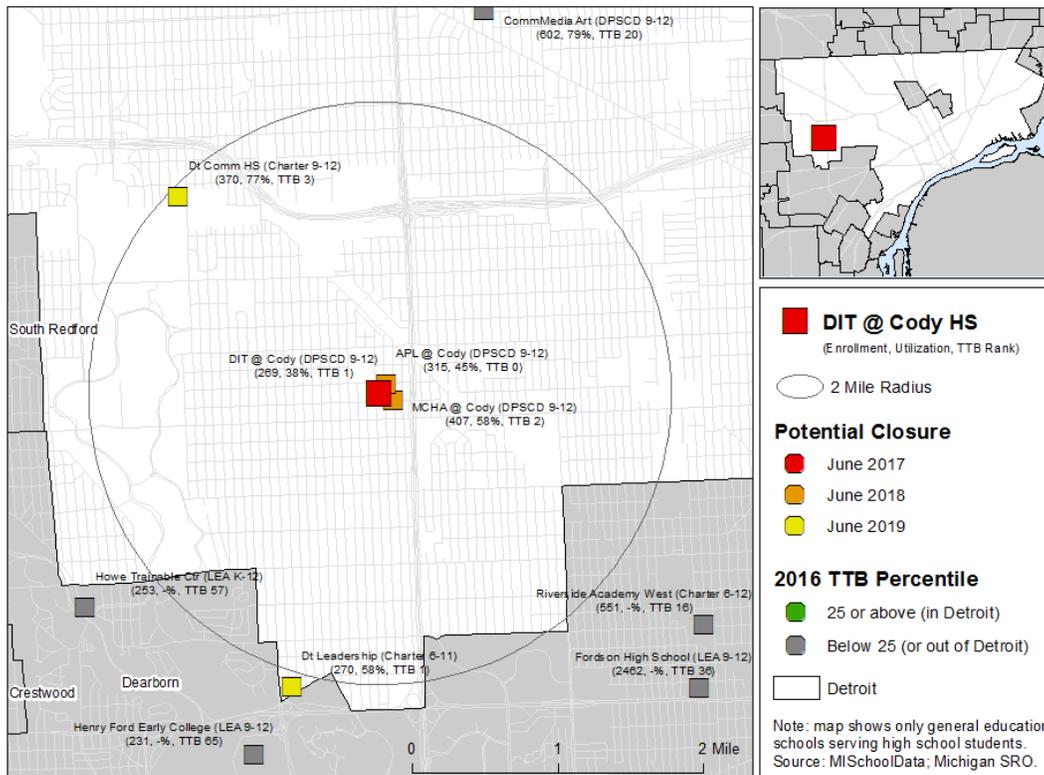
- If Durfee closes, **474 students** would need to find a new school.
- There are only **96 available seats** within a 1-mile radius. One of those schools, HFA Elementary, is also ranked in the bottom 5%. **None of the seats** are at schools with a top-to-bottom ranking of 25 or higher.
- **Almost 400 students** would have to travel outside of their neighborhood for an education.
- Furthermore, HFA Elementary is at risk for closure in 2019, again, forcing our families to find another school option.

"I love everything about Durfee. What makes it so unique is that Mr. Martin keeps our school in order... This school is like my second home and its like a second home to students."

- Durfee Student

Detroit Institute of Tech. @ Cody

Hardship Case



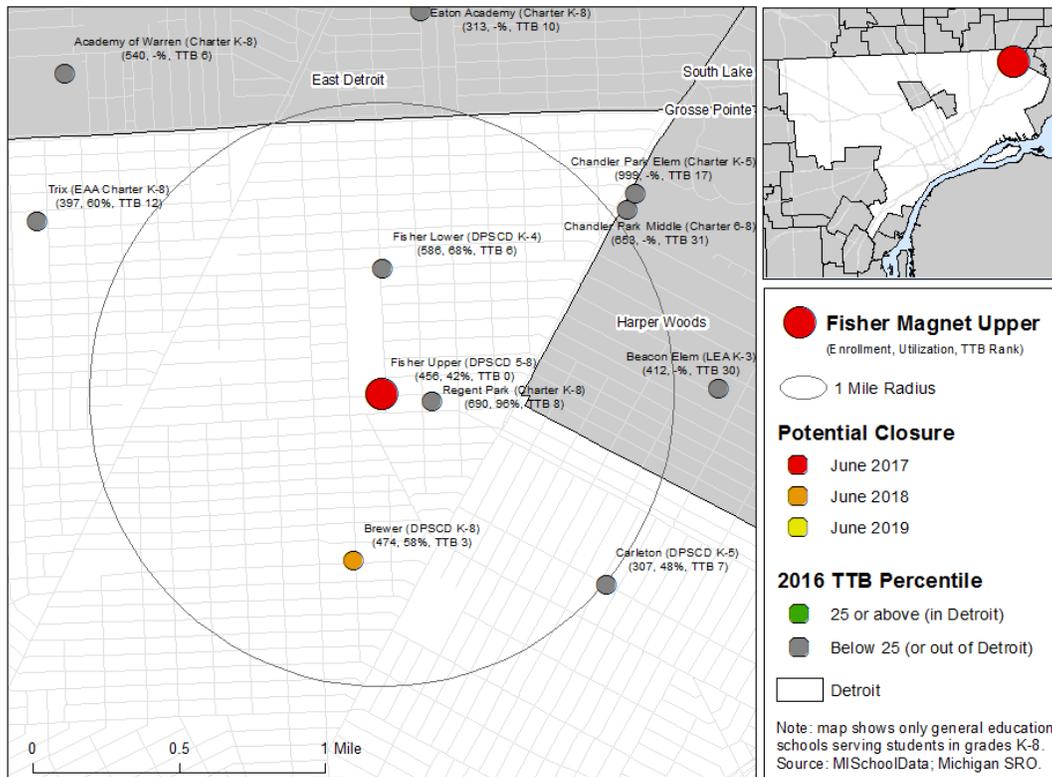
- If DIT @ Cody closes, **269 students** would need to find a new school.
- Within a 2-mile radius, the **only seats available** are at schools that are at risk for closure in 2018 (Cody) and 2019 (Detroit Community High).
- **All students** would have to travel outside of their neighborhood for an education.

“The School is in our community and its close to home. The staff knows me and the parents; I can have a one on one with staff. The staff is warm and I feel they care about my child’s well being.”

- Willie Butts, Parent

Fisher Magnet Upper

Hardship Case



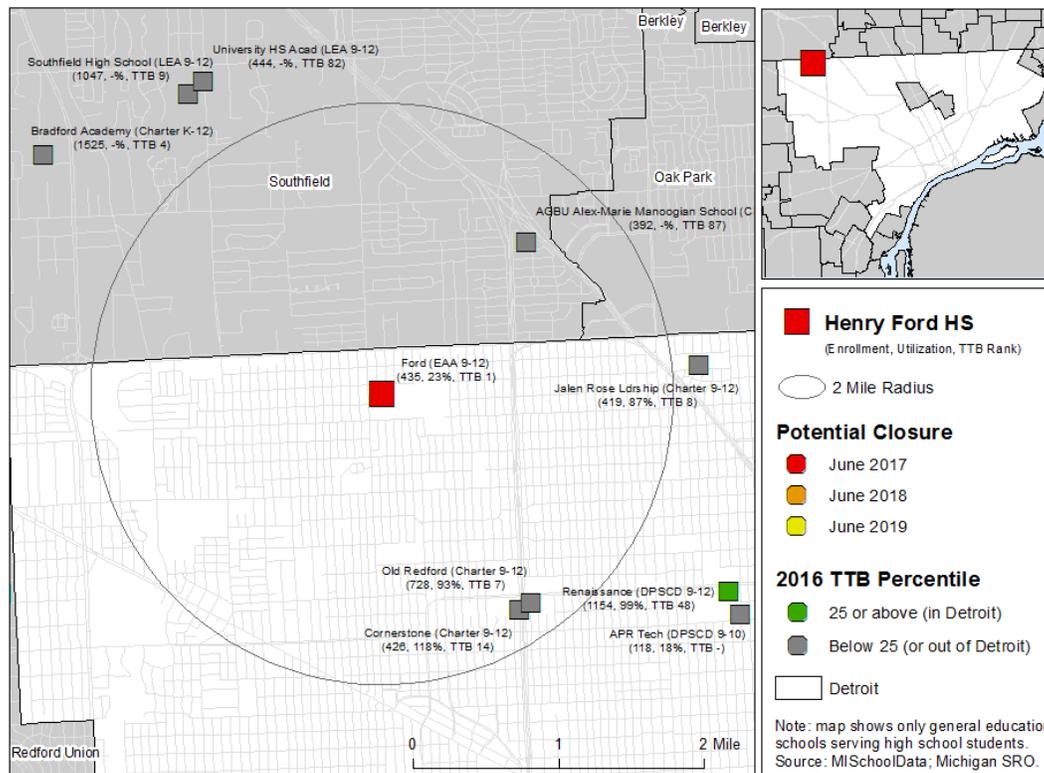
- If Fisher Upper closes, **456 students** would need to find a new school.
- Within 1 mile, there are **only 365 seats available** for Fisher Upper students. 338 of these seats are at Brewer, which is also ranked in the bottom 5%. **None of the seats** are at schools with a top-to-bottom ranking of 25 or higher.
- **Almost 100 students** would have to travel outside of their neighborhood for an education.
- Furthermore, Brewer is at risk for closure in 2018, again, forcing families to find another school option.

"I have experienced first-hand and have felt the passion of the hard-working teachers. I have never experienced such love and concern from a school. I love Fisher. Please keep our school open."

- Lamya Turner, Fisher Student

Henry Ford High School

Hardship Case



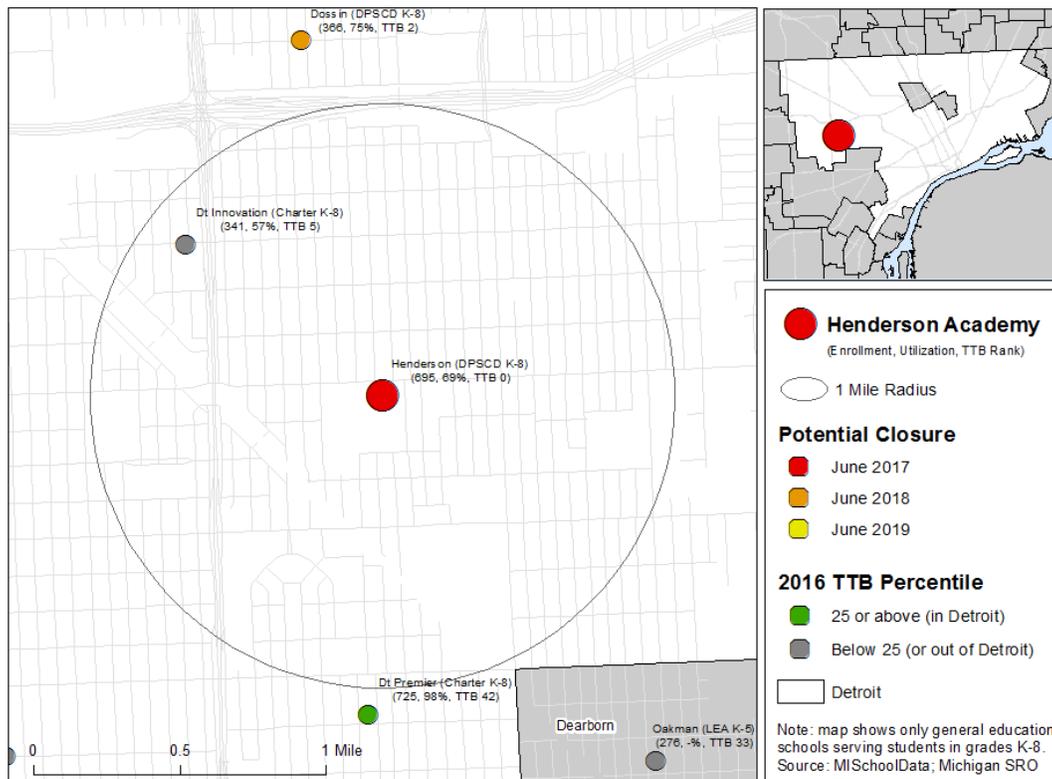
- If Ford closes, **435 students** would need to find a new school.
- Within a 2-mile radius in Detroit, there are **only 57 seats available** for Henry Ford students. **None of the seats** are at schools with a top-to-bottom ranking of 25 or higher.
- **Almost 400 students** would have to travel outside of their neighborhood for an education.

“Turnaround academic progress does not take place over night. The faculty is in place and working well together. 64% of 11/12th grade students made gains in Math and 19% of those improved at least two grade levels on NWEA. We should be afforded the opportunity to continue this work.”

- Tajuana Washington, Ford Teacher

Henderson Academy

Hardship Case



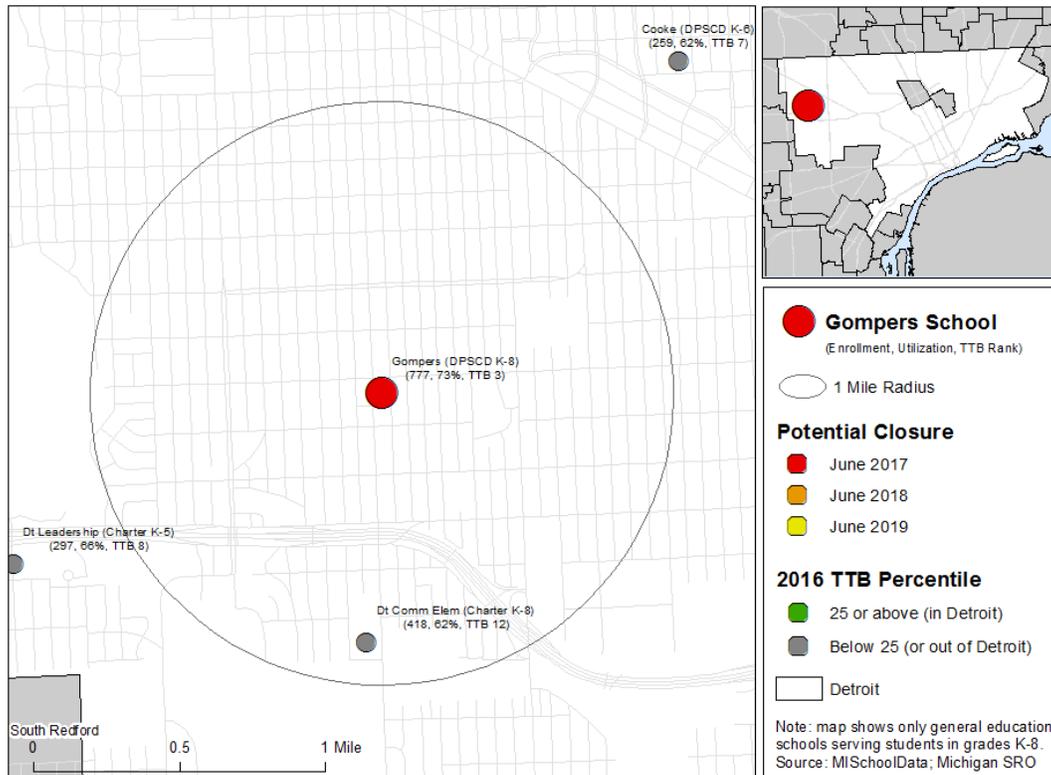
- If Henderson closes, **695 students** would need to find a new school.
- Within 1 mile, there are **only 259 seats available** for Henderson students. All of these seats are at Detroit Innovation, another school ranked in the bottom 5%.
- **Over 400 students** would have to travel outside of their neighborhood for an education.

"I like that my school has some of the most hard working teachers. The teachers are here to help when we the students need it. My school fights for me and my classmates, so we can be the best we can be later on in life, that's what I love about my school."

- J.L., Henderson Student

Gompers Elementary-Middle School

Hardship Case



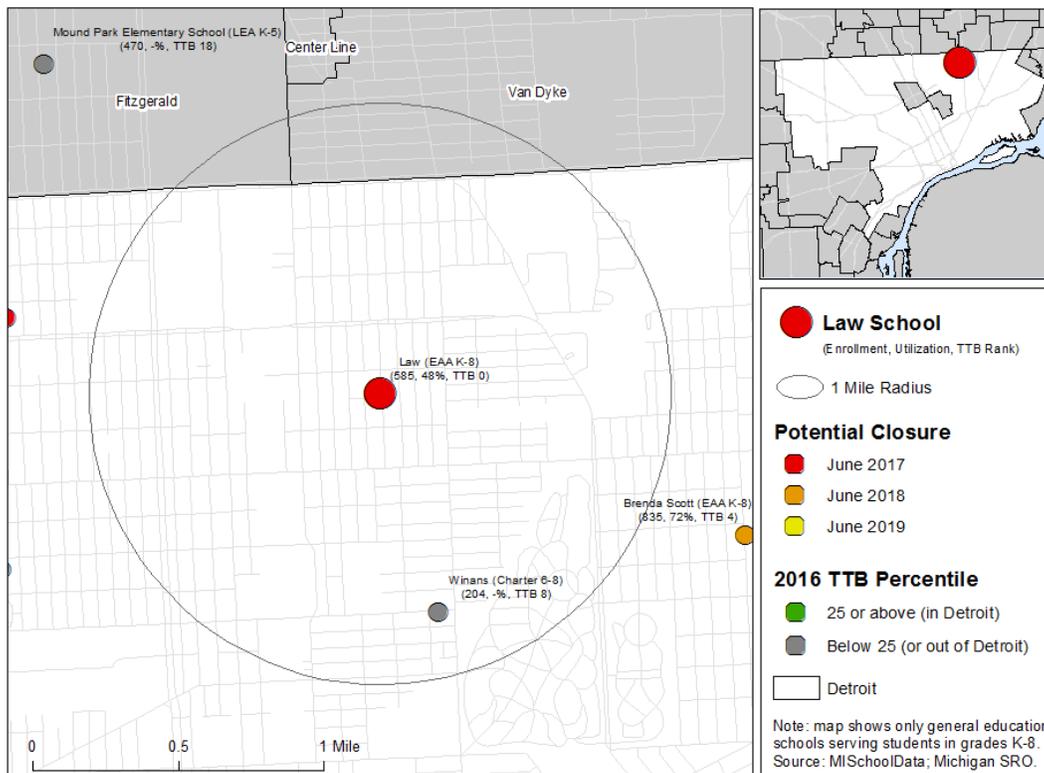
- If Gompers closes, **777 students** would need to find a new school.
- Within a 1-mile radius, there are **only 257 seats available** for Gompers students. **None of the seats** are at schools with a top-to-bottom ranking of 25 or higher.
- **Over 500 students** would have to travel outside of their neighborhood for an education.

“Gompers has great educators here who work hard towards the educational success of all students. There is no other school in my surrounding area I would feel confident in sending my children to attend.”

- Theresa Collins, Gompers Parent

Law Academy

Hardship Case



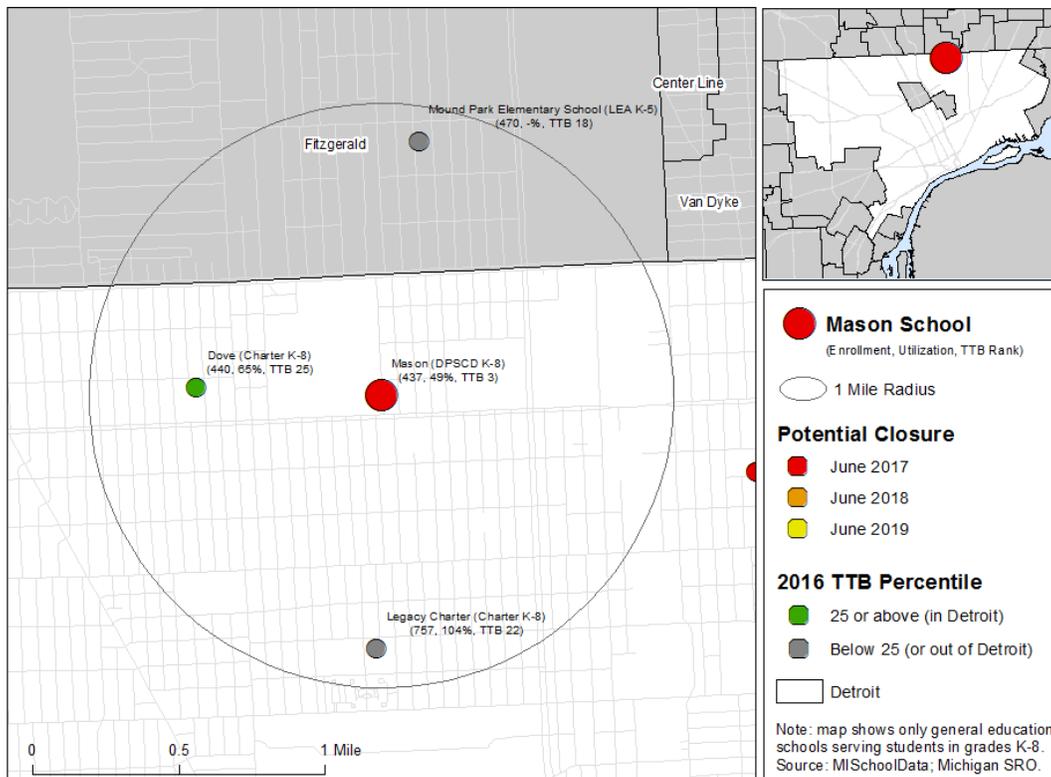
- If Law closes, **585 students** would need to find a new school.
- Within a 1-mile radius, the only option is Winans, a low-capacity school ranked in the bottom 10%. **None of the seats** are at schools with a top-to-bottom ranking of 25 or higher.
- **Nearly all students** would have to travel outside of their neighborhood for an education.

"I love Law because of the relationships with parents and students. From my experience, the staff go above and beyond for the children and myself."

- Katrina Thomas, Parent of 5th and 8th Grade Students at Law

Mason Elementary-Middle School

Hardship Case



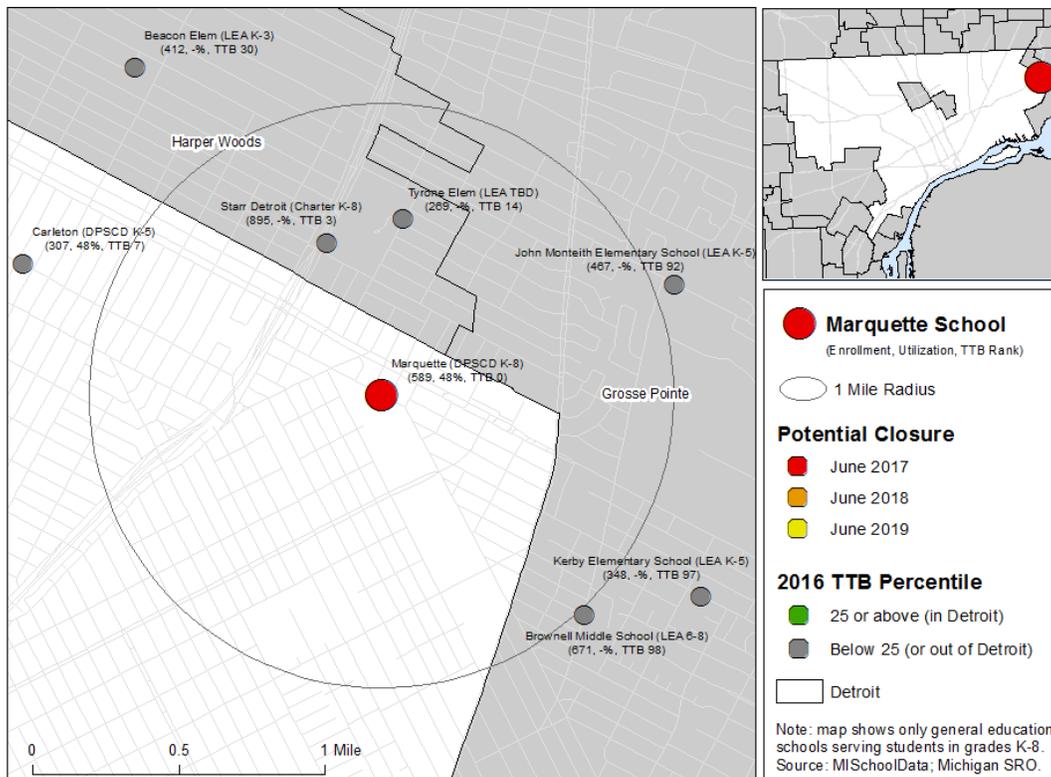
- If Mason closes, **437 students** would need to find a new school.
- Within a 1-mile radius in Detroit, there are **only 235 seats available** for Mason students.
- **Over 200 students** would have to travel outside of their neighborhood for an education.

“Mason is very unique and important because of the staff and the students. We make Mason what it is. The thought of a great school like Mason inspires others to learn. Mason Academy has helped change my whole attitude about school.”

- Steven Jennings, Mason Student

Marquette Elementary-Middle School

Hardship Case



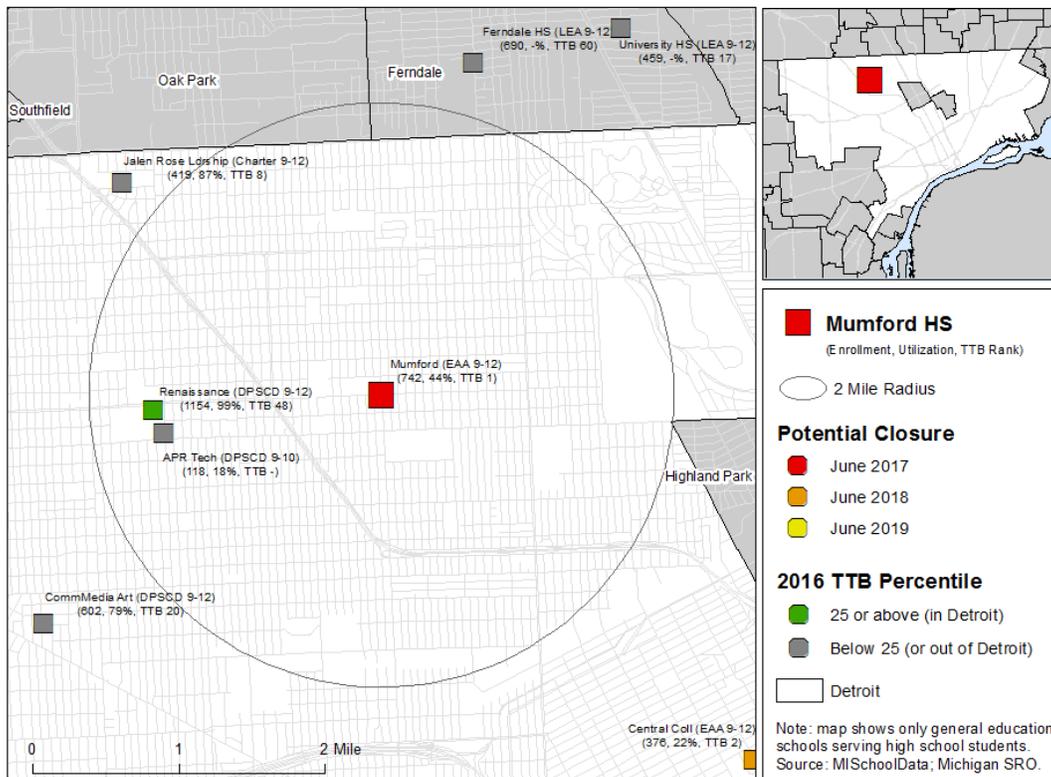
- If Marquette closes, **589 students** would need to find a new school.
- There are **no options in Detroit** within a 1-mile radius of their school. Non-Detroit schools have no obligation to enroll Marquette students.
- **Almost 600 students** would have to travel outside of their neighborhood for an education.

“Marquette is a cornerstone of the neighborhood and the community has relied on this school for decades. Marquette has educated generations in this area and residents value this school and the opportunities and stability a neighborhood public school provides.”

- Karla Winn, Marquette Parent

Mumford High School

Hardship Case



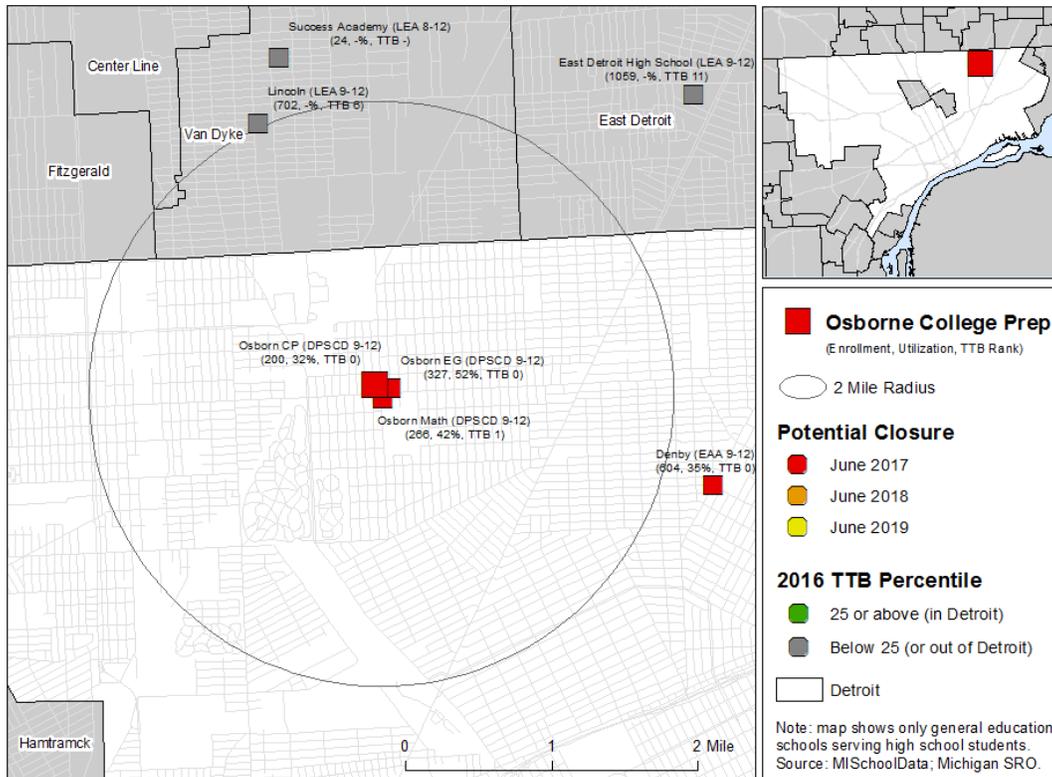
- If Mumford closes, **742 students** would need to find a new school.
- There are **no options for Mumford students** within 2 miles that are not CTE-specific (Randolph) or exclusive application (Renaissance) schools.
- **All students** would have to travel outside of their neighborhood for a relevant alternative.

"I would really miss the opportunities that we get, like going to visit top colleges, SAT prep courses, and internships. If the school closed, I would be really upset because I feel like I get support here and the teachers really care about me."

- Dylan Heard, Mumford student

Osborn College Prep

Hardship Case



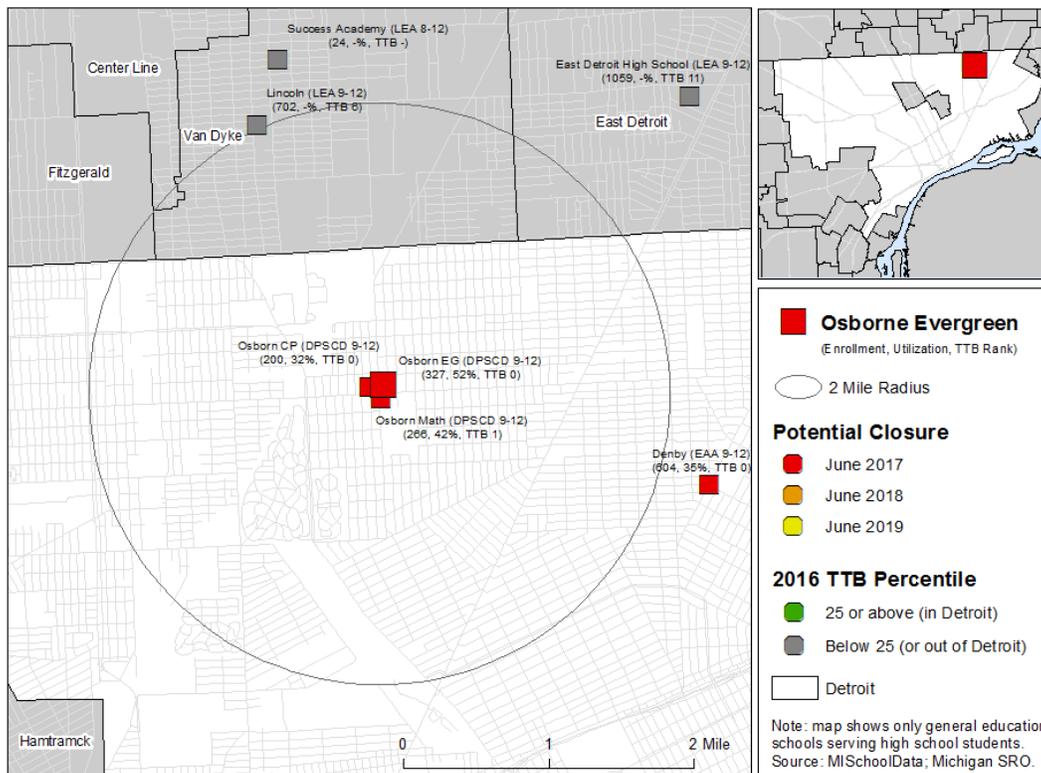
- If Osborn College Prep closes, **200 students** would need to find a new school.
- There are **no options in Detroit** within 2 miles of Osborn.
- **All students** would have to travel outside of their neighborhood for an education, forcing families to uproot their children and disrupt their communities.
- Denby, its closest option, is up for potential closure in 2017.

“We are a fixture in the Osborn Community Neighborhood. We are just beginning to experience traction needed in order to positively change. I believe we need additional time to realize the full potential. Traction has begun and needs time to flourish.”

- Osborn College Prep Parent

Osborn Evergreen

Hardship Case



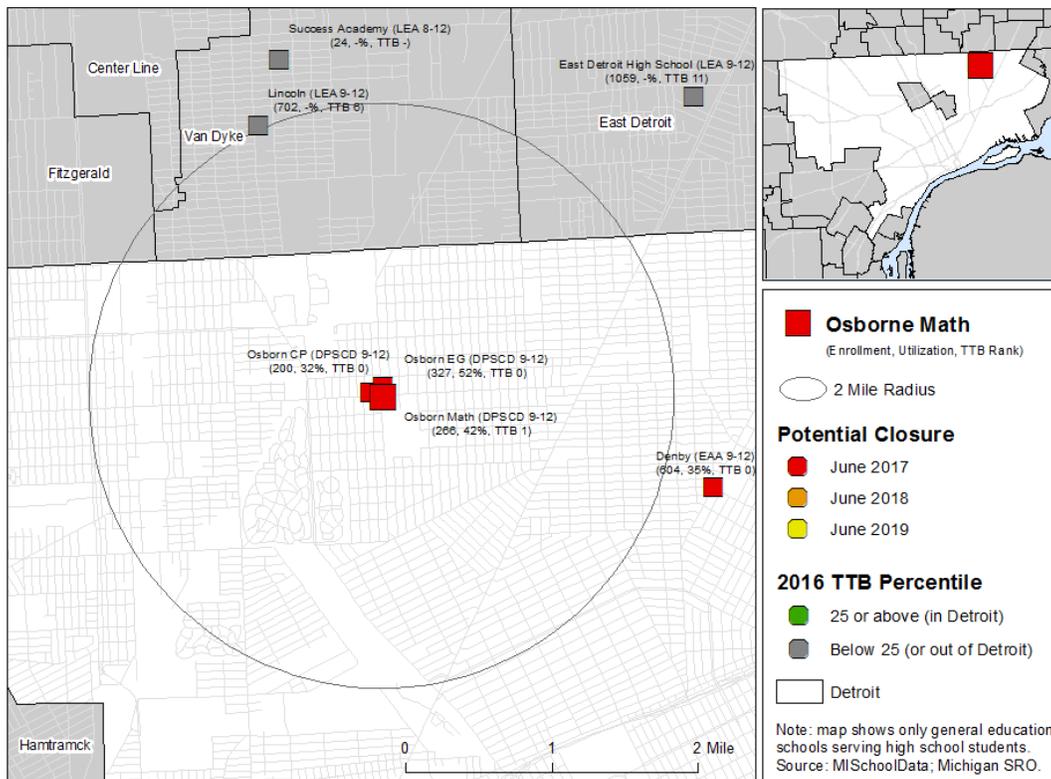
- If Osborn Evergreen closes, **327 students** would need to find a new school.
- There are **no options in Detroit** within 2 miles of Osborn.
- **All students** would have to travel outside of their neighborhood for an education, forcing families to uproot their children and disrupt their communities.
- Denby, its closest option, is up for potential closure in 2017.

“We are not just a school but a family at Osborn Evergreen; they really care about each of us no matter what we look like, where we come from, and [they] know us by our names and they really are concerned about each student and family.”

- N. Sanders, Osborn Evergreen Student

Osborn Math & Science

Hardship Case



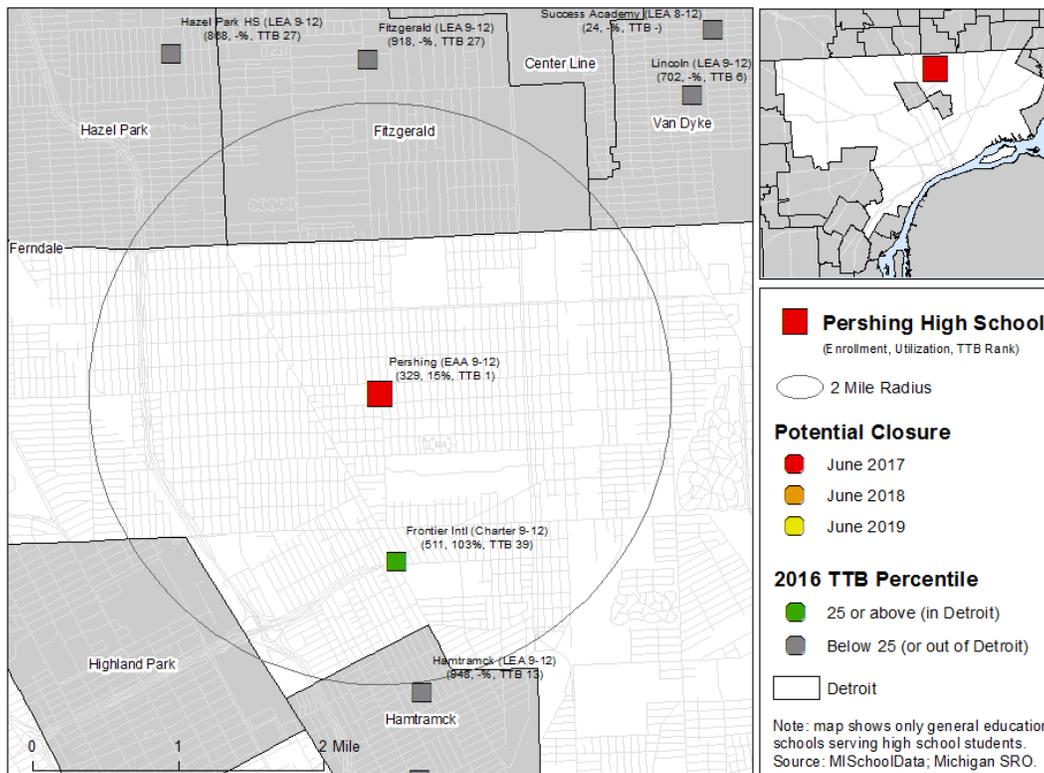
- If Osborn Math closes, **266 students** would need to find a new school.
- There are **no options in Detroit** within 2 miles of Osborn.
- **All students** would have to travel outside of their neighborhood for an education, forcing families to uproot their children and disrupt their communities.
- Denby, its closest option, is up for potential closure in 2017.

“In my opinion, tremendous progress has been achieved this year due to the new leadership. Halls are clearer. There is more emphasis on data driven results. Students seem to be more aware of their achievement.”

- Osborn Teacher

Pershing High School

Hardship Case



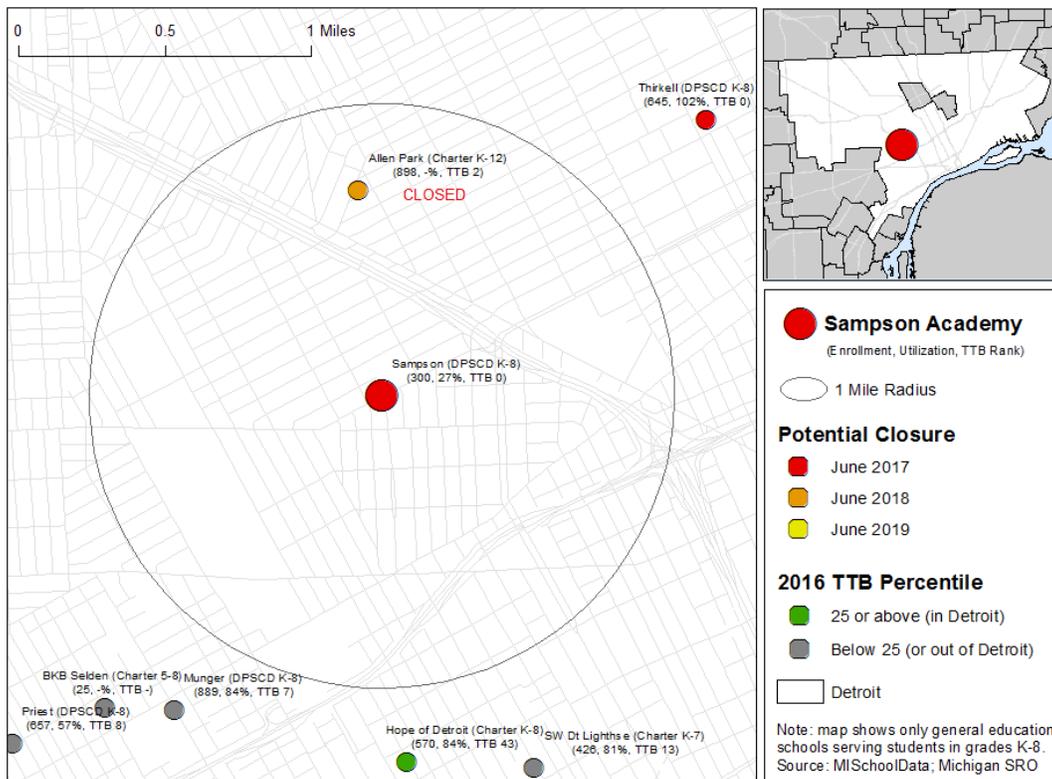
- If Pershing closes, **329 students** would need to find a new school.
- There are **no available seats** for Pershing students within 2 miles.
- **All students** would have to travel outside of their neighborhood for an education.
- The closest school, Frontier International Academy, is already over capacity.

“Where is the equity in forcing kids to travel longer distances from their neighborhood to attend school? Where is the equity in breaking the bonds and trust forged between faculty and families over the years? Where is the equity in choosing not to serve families where they are?”

- Erica Perez, Teacher

Sampson Academy

Hardship Case



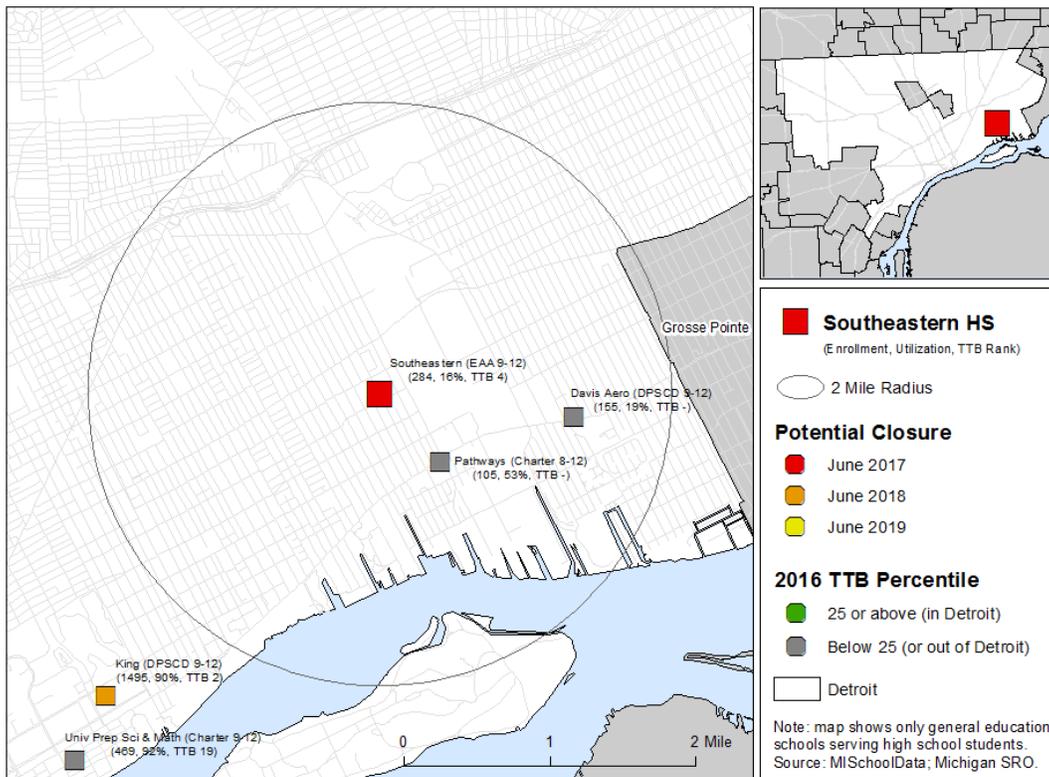
- If Sampson closes, **300 students** would need to find a new school.
- There are **no available seats** for Sampson students within a 1-mile radius.
- **All students** would have to travel outside of their neighborhood for an education.
- The neighborhood has already been **severely impacted by closures**, with Allen Academy's closure in 2016. This, again, forces families to find another school option.

"I love my school because we have so many activities outside of the classroom. I am a part of the 21st Century after school program and I get to do activities and go on field trips with Lawrence Tech University. This makes learning a lot more fun!"

- Sampson Student

Southeastern High School

Hardship Case



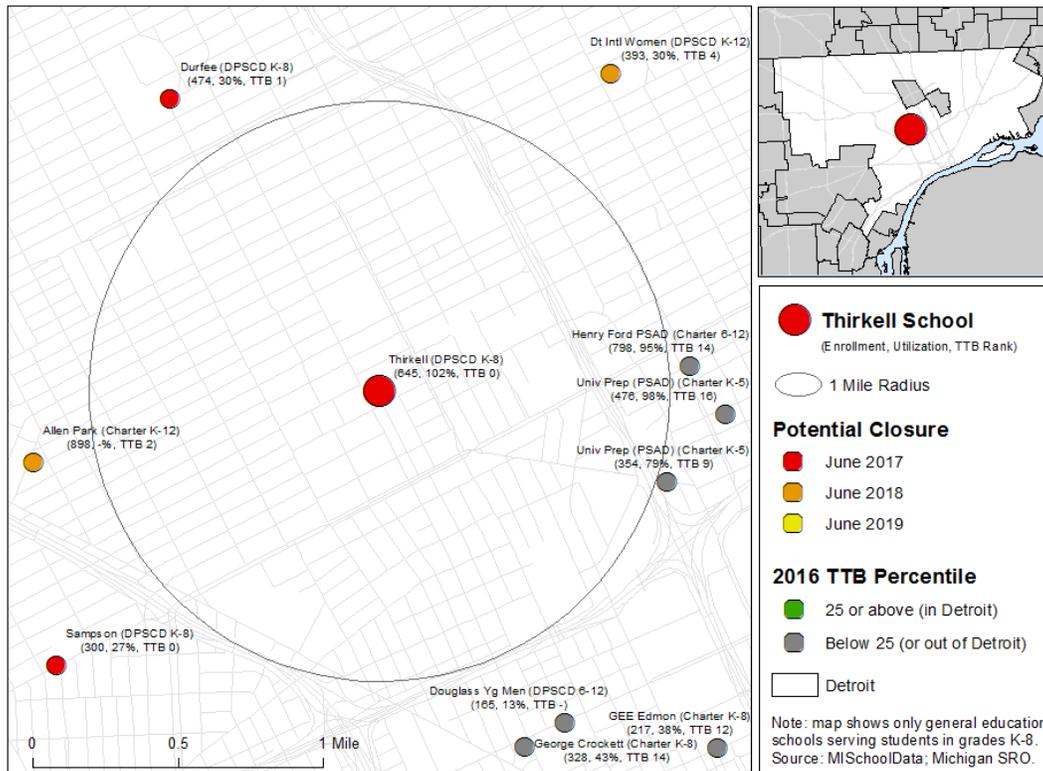
- If Southeastern closes, **284 students** would need to find a new school.
- Within a 2-mile radius, there **are only 95 seats available** for Southeastern students. **None of the seats** are at schools with a top-to-bottom ranking of 25 or higher.
- **Almost 200 students** would have to travel outside of their neighborhood for an education.
- The only other option in the vicinity is an aerospace specialty school and, therefore, is not relevant for most Southeastern students

“Southeastern High School is a staple in the community. To close Southeastern, one of the remaining safe places in this community, would be devastating to the community. The students, families, and community as a whole need more people to help build it, not to continue to take away the resources that exist.”

- Ms. Turner, Southeastern teacher

Thirkell Elementary-Middle School

Hardship Case



- If Thirkell closes, **645 students** would need to find a new school.
- There are **no available seats** for Thirkell students within a 1-mile radius.
- **All students** would have to travel outside of their neighborhood for an education.
- Even if students were to travel outside their neighborhood, two of the closest schools, Durfee and Sampson, are up for potential closure in 2017.

“Thirkell is a positive force for the children in this neighborhood. My kids love to come to school, get home and complete their homework. Thirkell teaches our babies by motivating them to do what they are supposed to do...”

- Stephanie Jackson, Thirkell Parent