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School, is the first North Carolina school Mosaica has taken on, but Brown, a resident of Cleveland, Ohio, believes that will change, since the General Assembly recently lifted its cap on the number of charter schools that can exist in the state.

"In North Carolina, the charter industry hasn't taken off in the way it has in other places, and it seems as if now those doors are open," he said.

DTMS has been plagued by slipping enrollment in recent years. The student body had dipped to 135 students in the 2010-11 school year, and the school faced possible closure without the help of Mosaica, said Sheri Marshall, the school's data manager and a former DTMS parent.

"We wanted to save the school, so this was our 'Save Our School' campaign, our SOS," related the Washington, D.C.-native. "We're totally thrilled about (the new leadership). It's new; it's fresh. There's not anything like it in Winston-Salem."

Mosaica, which helms



Photo by Layla Farmer

Gail Duggins (left) with Sheri Marshall.

the number one school in Michigan and the top charter school in Ohio, has extensive experience in turning around struggling charters, Brown said. He believes the same will be true for DTMS, which has already recruited 10 new students as a result of its union with Mosaica.

The company will be bringing in an entirely new teaching and administrative team to accomplish its goal of breathing new life into DTMS, Brown said. The new curriculum and staff will be in place in time for the start of the 2011-12 school year, and Brown hopes it will soon become a

destination for students all across the city.

"We want to be a pillar of the community; we want to be a school that everybody wants to come to," he declared. "We don't want to be an alternative. We want to be the choice."

For more information about Mosaica Education, visit <http://mosaicaeducation.com>. For more information about the changes taking place at DTMS, contact Marshall, at smarshall@dtms.org or 748-3838 or Brown, at 540-840-4015.

Police Academy for citizens now accepting applications

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The Police Department is accepting applications for the fall session of the Citizens' Police Academy, which will start Sept. 1.

The Citizens' Police Academy is a 13-week program that meets once a week to better acquaint citizens with the law enforcement profession and the role of the Police Department within the community.

The Citizens' Police Academy curriculum is similar to training for new police officers, with a mix of classroom and scenario/hands-on training on such topics as department functions, search and seizure laws, use of force, firearms training, crime prevention, domestic violence, criminal investigations, vice/narcotics operations and K-9 and special operations. Participants will have an opportunity to ride with a patrol officer.

The weekly sessions are intended to help create a citizenry that is familiar and comfortable with the Police Department. The classes are not designed to train participants to be police officers.

Classes will be held from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Thursday evenings at the Public Safety Center. Enrollment is open to any citizen 18 years of age or older who resides, works or attends school in Winston-Salem.

Anyone interested in attending the Citizens' Police Academy may call the Winston-Salem Police Department for an application at 773-7935, or complete an application online.

The class is limited to 30 students. Applications must be submitted by Aug. 12.



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