

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights from the October 15, 2025, Regular Meeting of the Wayne RESA Board of Education.

The Wayne RESA Board of Education approved the following items as part of the Consent Agenda:

Approved the following internal applicant(s) for the position(s):

- Marilyn Baxter, Assistant for Internal Operations (AIO) – SEEIS, effective September 15, 2025
- Aaron LaDuke, Sr. Budget & Fiscal Analyst, effective September 22, 2025
- Melissa Bunch, Assistant for Internal Operations (AIO) – Workforce Readiness, effective September 29, 2025
- Patricia McDowell, Application Support Technician, effective October 27, 2025

Approved the following external applicant(s) for the position(s):

- Vita Lusk, Part-time Special Education Consultant, effective September 9, 2025
- Chante McClaine, Early Childhood Consultant, effective September 12, 2025
- Daniel Piper, Technology Coordinator – Field Services, effective September 18, 2025
- Amanda Siggett, Transportation Analyst, effective September 23, 2025
- Latreasha Williams, Administration Assistant – SEEIS, effective September 30, 2025
- Zachery Grew, Desktop Technician/Network Apprentice, effective October 13, 2025
- Sandra Brock, Instruction, Assessment, and MTSS Consultant, effective October 14, 2025

Approved the following leave(s):

- Ashley Taylor, Senior Student Application Business Analyst – Compliance and Accountability, Family/Medical Leave, effective September 23, 2025

Approved the following return from leave(s):

- Angela Schulz, Business Services-Business Analyst Implementation Specialist, Family/Medical Leave, effective September 15, 2025
- Angela Jack, Director of Continuous Improvement, September 29, 2025

Approved the following schedule premium(s):

- Melissa Caswell, Juvenile and Adult Justice Lead Coordinator, effective September 11, 2025

Approved the following reclassification(s):

- Kelly Korsog-Shene, from Application Support Technician to Student Application Business Analyst, effective September 4, 2025

Approved the appointment of the following representative(s) to the Wayne County Parent Advisory Committee (WCPAC) for a three-year term. This is effective for the period September 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028.

Bethany Gomillion	Redford Union Schools, District No. 1
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Approved the removal of the following representative(s) to the Wayne County Parent Advisory Committee (WCPAC). This is effective as of September 9, 2025.

Angela Trimble	Discovery Creative Pathways
Erin Barnes	Branch Line School
Rakiba Mitchell	Henry Ford Academy
Stacey Johnson	Detroit Public Schools Community District

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Authorized a purchase from Logisoft, Victor, NY for a 3-year subscription for VMWare virtual server software maintenance and support in the amount not to exceed \$327,650.40, to be paid \$109,216.80 per year for the period of October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2028.

Authorized a purchase from Precision Data Products for requested technology for identified Wayne County Statewide System of Support Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) Schools in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for the period October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026.

Authorized a purchase from Newsela, Inc. to provide access to high-interest, non-fiction texts for students within Wayne County in an amount not to exceed \$1,400,000 for the period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

Approved the following actual and necessary expenses incurred by Wayne RESA Board members in discharging their official duties and in performing functions as authorized by the Board, September 1, 2025 – September 30, 2025:

Mary Blackmon:	\$114.94	Lynda Jackson:	\$147.63
Danielle Funderburg:	\$ 18.48	James Petrie:	\$245.60

Authorized a payment to Genesee Intermediate School District (ISD) for Comprehensive School Threat Assessment Guidelines (CSTAG) Train-the-Coach (TTC) in an amount not to exceed \$31,500 for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026.

Authorized payment to the following districts and public school academies (PSA) for Region 29 grant activities identified as approved under the federal Carl D. Perkins grant funds from the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) in the amounts indicated, for a total amount not to exceed \$3,084,623 for the period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

District/PSA	Amount
Allen Park Public Schools	\$69,400
Chandler Park Academy	\$101,501
Dearborn City School District	\$270,350
Dearborn Heights School District #7	\$83,567
Ecorse Public Schools	\$55,026
Garden City Public Schools	\$108,613
Huron School District	\$597,739
Livonia Public Schools School District	\$280,376
Melvindale - North Allen Park Schools	\$137,917
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	\$284,171
School District of the City of Hamtramck	\$73,069
School District of the City of Lincoln Park	\$140,136
Taylor School District	\$153,724
The School District of the City of Harper Woods	\$92,107
Van Buren Public Schools	\$50,315
Wayne-Westland Community School District	\$278,150
Wayne RESA	\$308,462
Total:	\$3,084,623

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Authorized administration to enter into a contract with Michigan Rehabilitation Services (MRS) under an Interagency Cash Transfer Agreement to provide access to Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) to eligible students with disabilities in an amount not to exceed \$107,772 for the period October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026.

Authorized administration to enter into a contract with the University of Florida for the University of Florida Literacy Institute (UFLI) Essential Background Knowledge Training Program in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for the period October 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

Authorized administration to enter into a contract with UnBoundEd Learning, Inc for professional learning services in an amount not to exceed \$478,176 for the period October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2027.

Authorized administration to enter into contracts with the following local education agencies, public school academies, and community-based organizations for transportation allocations in the amounts indicated, for a total amount not to exceed \$5,831,000 for the period October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026.

Subrecipient	Amount
Above & Beyond Learning Child Care Center GSRP	\$64,000
Academy for Business and Technology	\$183,000
Al-Wali Child Care Center	\$61,000
Angel Land Child care & Parent Institute	\$20,000
Arab American Children Center	\$144,000
Audrey's Little Love Bugs	\$30,000
Bambi Land Learning Center	\$96,000
Blessed Beginnings Learning Center	\$85,000
Brainiacs Clubhouse Child Development Center	\$65,000
Bright Star Learning Center LLC A&W Day Care Center	\$76,000
Caring Hands Childcare Academy	\$20,000
Chapel Hill Early Childhood Education	\$6,000
Child Star Development Center	\$40,000
Children First Learning Center	\$40,000
Children's Garden LLC	\$120,000
Children's Paradise Learning	\$160,000
Children's Place 2	\$58,000
Christios Child Care & Academy	\$50,000
Commonwealth Community Development Academy	\$35,000
Creative Academics Learning Center LLC	\$30,000
Cross Bridge Action Network	\$22,000
Detroit Community Schools	\$20,000
Detroit Edison Public School Academy	\$90,000
Detroit Leadership Academy	\$30,000
Detroit Public Schools Community District	\$880,000
Detroit Service Learning Academy	\$30,000
Development Centers INC	\$5,000

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DK's Childcare and Academy	\$60,000
Dreamy Childrens Center	\$125,000
Dreamy DayCare 2, LLC	\$85,000
Ecorse Public Schools	\$195,000
Education Consulting Solutions It Takes a Village Academy	\$168,000
Focus Hope	\$200,000
For Kids Sake	\$10,000
Garden City Public Schools	\$92,000
George Washington Carver Academy	\$75,000
Greater Ebenezer Miss BPT Church Childcare Greater Ebenezer Christian Child Care Center & KIN	\$23,000
Growing Minds Learning Center INC	\$165,000
Hanley International Academy	\$15,000
It Takes a Village Academy LLC	\$15,000
Jade Child Development Center, INC	\$72,000
Joy Preparatory Academy	\$75,000
Jude Family Childcare Learning CTR	\$20,000
Kids' Avenue Christian Learning Center	\$50,000
Kiddie Kingdum	\$56,000
Kiddos Village Academy	\$45,000
Kid's Purpose Daycare LLC	\$55,000
Kingdom Kare Learning Center	\$11,000
Kristy's Early Childhood Development CTR	\$53,000
LACC Child Care Academy INC	\$45,000
Little Scholars Day Care Center	\$130,000
Livonia Public Schools School District	\$100,000
Lovin' Touch Learning Center	\$12,000
Martin Luther King Jr Education Center Academy	\$55,000
ndividualME Early Learning Academy LLC	\$45,000
Nene's Little Angel's Daycare LLC	\$65,000
NES Teddybear Daycare and Preschool, LLC	\$20,000
New Greater Bethel Temple We Care Child Development Center	\$53,000
New Paradigm College Prep	\$90,000
New Paradigm Glazer-Loving Academy	\$60,000
Oakman Child Care & Development	\$150,000
Old Redford Academy	\$50,000
Quality Child Care & Learning Center	\$50,000
Redford Union Schools, District No. 1	\$35,000
Reign Development Center	\$30,000
Rhemas Child Care Center	\$25,000
School District of the City of Hamtramck	\$54,000
School District of the City of River Rouge	\$100,000
Smart Start Learning Center	\$30,000

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Someplace Else Learning Factory LLC	\$45,000
Southgate Community School District	\$150,000
St Paul Child Development Center	\$28,000
Sunrise Education Center	\$14,000
Sweet Peas Early Childhood Center Inc	\$60,000
University Yes Academy	\$90,000
Van Buren Public Schools	\$70,000
Village of Shiny Stars Child Care Center	\$50,000
Total:	\$5,831,000

Authorized administration to amend the Board Recommendation 202-23-24 from the original amount of \$64,500 to the amount not to exceed \$98,700 to complete Phase III work. Roofing Technology Associates, LTD., Livonia, MI, is providing Wayne RESA (WRESA) with consulting services for the roof replacement project at the Beacon Treatment Center. The services include planning, design, specifications, bidding assistance, quality control, and onsite monitoring, in an amount not to exceed.

Authorized administration to amend Board Recommendation 45-25-26 from the original amount of \$4,833,318 to the amount not to exceed \$5,015,801 with Barton Malow, Southfield, MI for the Burger GSRP renovation project. The additional cost includes \$152,069 for the purchase of food service equipment, Technology – Cameras, Data Cabling and a 20% contingency of \$30,414.

Authorized an amendment to Board Recommendation #82-25-26 to amend the following Local Education Agencies (LEAs), Public School Academies (PSAs), and Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) for operating Great Start Readiness Programs (GSRP) in the amounts indicated, for a total amount not to exceed \$122,038,145 for the period October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026.

Subrecipient	Original Amount	Amended Amount
Above & Beyond Learning Child Care Center GSRP	\$211,196	\$211,196
Academy for Business and Technology	\$633,588	\$633,588
Advanced Technology Academy	\$422,392	\$211,196
Agape Love Child Care Center, LLC	\$156,442	\$156,442
Al Hadi Child Care Center INC	\$351,994	\$351,994
Al-Wali Child Care Center	\$175,997	\$175,997
Alawie Educational Service	\$703,987	\$703,987
Allen Park Public Schools	\$938,650	\$938,650
American International Academy	\$586,656	\$586,656
American Montessori Academy	\$563,190	\$563,190
Angel Land Child Care & Parent Institute	\$156,442	\$156,442
Arab American Children Center	\$715,720	\$715,720
Audrey's Little Love Bugs	\$187,730	\$187,730
Bambi Land Learning Center	\$1,220,244	\$1,431,441
Blessed Beginnings Learning Center	\$469,325	\$469,325
Blossom Learning Center LLC	\$625,766	\$625,766
Brainiacs Clubhouse CDC	\$187,730	\$187,730
Bridge Academy	\$625,766	\$625,766
Bright Beginnings Montessori Child Development Center	\$703,987	\$703,987

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Bright Star Learning Center LLC A&W Day Care Center	\$625,766	\$625,766
Busy Minds Child Care Center, INC.	\$187,730	\$187,730
Caniff Liberty Academy	\$156,442	\$156,442
Caring Hands Child Care Center	\$187,730	\$0
Caring Hands Childcare Academy	\$0	\$187,730
Chandler Park Academy	\$782,208	\$782,208
Chapel Hill Early Childhood Education	\$211,196	\$211,196
Child Star Development Center	\$610,122	\$610,122
Children First Learning Center	\$136,886	\$136,886
Children of the Rising Sun Empowerment Center	\$156,442	\$156,442
Childrens Garden II LLC	\$211,196	\$211,196
Childrens Garden LLC	\$891,717	\$891,717
Children's Paradise Learning	\$1,173,312	\$1,173,312
Children'z Place 2	\$211,196	\$211,196
Childtime Childcare, Inc.	\$2,534,354	\$2,534,354
Christios Child Care & Academy	\$351,994	\$351,994
Commonwealth Community Development Academy	\$312,883	\$312,883
Creative Academics Learning Center LLC	\$187,730	\$140,797
Creative Montessori Academy	\$657,055	\$657,055
Crestwood School District	\$750,920	\$750,920
Cross Bridge Action Network	\$361,771	\$185,774
David Ellis Academy	\$375,460	\$375,460
David Ellis Academy West	\$750,920	\$750,920
Dearborn Heights School District #7	\$469,325	\$469,325
Dearborn City School District	\$5,944,781	\$5,944,781
Dee's Little Angels C.C.C	\$422,392	\$422,392
Detroit Academy of Arts and Sciences	\$833,052	\$833,052
Detroit Community Schools	\$312,883	\$312,883
Detroit Edison Public School Academy	\$750,920	\$750,920
Detroit Leadership Academy	\$469,325	\$469,325
Detroit Public Schools Community District	\$26,763,247	\$26,763,247
Detroit Service Learning Academy	\$586,656	\$586,656
Development Centers INC	\$281,595	\$281,595
Dk's Childcare and Academy	\$97,776	\$97,776
Dove Academy of Detroit	\$312,883	\$312,883
Dreamy Childrens Center	\$938,650	\$938,650
Dreamy Day Care 4 LLC	\$187,730	\$187,730
Dreamy DayCare 2, LLC	\$633,588	\$633,588
Early Learning Prep Greater Sonora Missionary Baptist	\$375,460	\$0
Ecorse Public Schools	\$938,650	\$938,650
Education Consulting Solutions It Takes a Village Academy	\$1,055,981	\$1,055,981
Empowered Community Learning Center	\$234,662	\$234,662

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Flat Rock Community Schools	\$1,126,380	\$1,126,380
Focus Hope	\$985,582	\$985,582
For Kids Sake	\$187,730	\$187,730
Franklin-Wright Settlements, INC.	\$175,997	\$175,997
Froebel Child Care Inc.	\$422,392	\$469,325
Frontier International Academy	\$156,442	\$156,442
Garden City Public Schools	\$1,720,858	\$1,720,858
George Washington Carver Academy	\$633,588	\$633,588
Gibraltar School District	\$351,994	\$351,994
Global Heights Academy	\$312,883	\$312,883
Greater Ebenezer Miss BPT Church Childcare Greater Ebenezer Christian Child Care Center & KIN	\$234,662	\$234,662
Greater Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church	\$398,926	\$0
Growing Minds Learning Center INC.	\$977,760	\$977,760
Hanley International Academy	\$633,588	\$633,588
High Achievers Montessori Learning Center L.L.C.	\$156,442	\$156,442
Highland Park Public School Academy System	\$563,190	\$563,190
Himawari Preschool, LLC	\$156,442	\$156,442
Hope Academy	\$293,328	\$293,328
Inkster Preparatory Academy	\$187,730	\$187,730
International Child Care Center International Language Solutions	\$211,196	\$211,196
Island Kiddie Kampus Child Development Center, INC.	\$156,442	\$156,442
It Takes a Village Academy LLC	\$234,662	\$234,662
IXL Northville, LLC	\$195,552	\$195,552
IXL Plymouth LLC	\$195,552	\$195,552
Jade Child Development Center INC.	\$750,920	\$750,920
Joy Preparatory Academy	\$187,730	\$187,730
Jude Family Childcare Learning CTR	\$156,442	\$156,442
Kids-In-Zion Greater Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church	\$0	\$398,926
Kiddie Kingdom	\$187,730	\$187,730
Kiddos Village Academy	\$0	\$375,460
Kids' Avenue Christian Learning Center	\$187,730	\$187,730
Kids Cottage Early Learning LLC	\$136,886	\$136,886
Kid's Purpose Daycare LLC	\$156,442	\$156,442
Kingdom Care Learning Center	\$351,994	\$0
Kingdom Kare Learning Center	\$0	\$351,994
Kristy's Early Childhood Development CTR	\$398,926	\$398,926
KUEHG Corp - KinderCare Education LLC	\$1,642,637	\$1,642,637
LACC Childcare Academy INC	\$563,190	\$563,190
Learning Links Academy	\$156,442	\$187,730
Little Hearts Learning Home LLC	\$156,442	\$156,442

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Little Jungle Network Little Jungle Learning Center	\$234,662	\$234,662
Little Owl Tree House	\$156,442	\$156,442
Little Scholars Day Care Center	\$844,785	\$844,785
Little Seeds Child Development Center, LLC.	\$211,196	\$211,196
Livonia Public Schools School District	\$782,208	\$782,208
Lovin' Touch Learning Center	\$156,442	\$156,442
Martin Luther King Jr Education Center Academy	\$563,190	\$563,190
Matrix Human Services	\$375,460	\$375,460
Meadowbank Inc.	\$391,104	\$391,104
Metropolitan Children & Youth INC.	\$375,460	\$375,460
My Child Learning Center Greater Harvest Ministries	\$156,442	\$156,442
ndividualME Early Learning Academy LLC	\$211,196	\$211,196
Nene's Little Angel's Daycare LLC	\$211,196	\$211,196
NES Teddybear Daycare and Preschool, LLC	\$195,552	\$195,552
New Greater Bethlehem Temple We Care Child Development Center	\$187,730	\$187,730
New Paradigm College Prep	\$375,460	\$375,460
New Paradigm Glazer-Loving Academy	\$187,730	\$187,730
New St Paul Head Start Agency INC	\$469,325	\$469,325
Northville Public Schools	\$844,785	\$844,785
Oakland International Academy	\$312,883	\$469,325
Oakman Child Care & Development	\$469,325	\$469,325
Old Redford Academy	\$625,766	\$625,766
PattiCake's Early Learning Center LLC	\$156,442	\$156,442
Play Time Day Care LLC	\$156,442	\$156,442
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	\$3,167,942	\$3,167,942
Premier MI Brownstown LLC	\$156,442	\$156,442
Prosperity Early Learning Center LLC	\$187,730	\$187,730
Quality Child Care & Learning Center	\$211,196	\$211,196
R.A.C.E Reaching All Children Equally	\$703,987	\$703,987
Ready 2 Learn Childcare Center	\$375,460	\$375,460
Redford Union Schools, District No. 1	\$563,190	\$563,190
Reign Development Center	\$175,997	\$175,997
Rhemas Child Care Center	\$469,325	\$469,325
Riverside Academy	\$312,883	\$312,883
Riverview Community School District	\$1,173,312	\$1,173,312
Romulus Community Schools	\$1,055,981	\$1,055,981
School District of the City of Hamtramck	\$527,990	\$527,990
School District of the City of Lincoln Park	\$1,583,971	\$1,583,971
School District of the City of River Rouge	\$586,656	\$586,656
School District of the City of Wyandotte	\$879,984	\$879,984
Smart Start Learning Center	\$195,552	\$351,994

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Someplace Else Learning Factory LLC	\$187,730	\$187,730
South Redford School District	\$1,407,974	\$1,407,974
Southgate Community School District	\$1,173,312	\$1,173,312
Spreading Light Ministry	\$146,664	\$146,664
St Paul Child Development Center	\$469,325	\$469,325
St. Matthew Lutheran School	\$195,552	\$195,552
Star International Academy	\$938,650	\$938,650
Starfish Family Services	\$967,982	\$967,982
Stepping Stones of Grosse Ile	\$234,662	\$234,662
Summer Preschool Early Learning Center	\$156,442	\$156,442
Summit Academy North	\$782,208	\$782,208
Sunrise Education Center	\$187,730	\$187,730
Sweet Peas Early Childhood Center Inc	\$156,442	\$156,442
Taylor School District	\$1,935,965	\$1,935,965
The Basilica Of Saint Mary Montessori Academy	\$351,994	\$351,994
The Dearborn Academy	\$527,990	\$527,990
The Learning Tree Child Care Center, INC North	\$469,325	\$469,325
The Learning Tree Child Care Center, INC South	\$375,460	\$375,460
The Learning Tree Child Care Center, INC West	\$234,662	\$234,662
The School District of the City of Harper Woods	\$625,766	\$625,766
The University of Michigan (Dearborn)	\$312,883	\$312,883
Tipton Academy	\$703,987	\$703,987
Trenton Public Schools	\$175,997	\$175,997
Trillium Academy	\$668,788	\$668,788
Trinity Schools, LLC	\$469,325	\$469,325
Tutor Time Learning Care LLC	\$703,987	\$703,987
Universal Academy	\$375,460	\$375,460
Universal Learning Academy	\$375,460	\$375,460
University YES Academy	\$375,460	\$375,460
Van Buren Public Schools	\$1,173,312	\$1,173,312
Village of Shiny Starts Child Care Center	\$422,392	\$0
Village of Shiny Stars Child Care Center	\$0	\$422,392
Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency	\$1,314,109	\$1,314,109
Wayne State University	\$508,435	\$508,435
Wayne-Westland Community School District	\$2,033,741	\$2,033,741
Woodhaven-Brownstown School District	\$977,760	\$977,760
Total:	\$121,869,969	\$122,038,145

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Authorized an amendment to Board Recommendation #85-25-26 to amend the following subrecipient contracts for one-time payments for start-up funding for the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) in the amounts indicated, for an amount not to exceed \$3,036,000 for the period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

Subrecipient	Original Amount	Amended Amount
Agape Love Child Care Center, LLC	\$40,000	\$40,000
Al-Wali Child Care Center	\$17,900	\$17,900
Alawie Educational Service	\$35,800	\$35,800
Al Hadi Child Care Center INC	\$17,900	\$17,900
Bridge Academy	\$40,000	\$40,000
Bright Beginnings Montessori Child Development Center	\$53,700	\$53,700
Children'z Place 2	\$0	\$17,900
Children's Paradise Learning	\$107,400	\$107,400
Childtime Childcare, Inc.	\$120,000	\$120,000
Commonwealth Community Development Academy	\$40,000	\$40,000
Creative Montessori Academy	\$40,000	\$40,000
Cross Bridge Action Network	\$35,800	\$17,900
David Ellis Academy West	\$0	\$0
Detroit Service Learning Academy	\$0	\$0
Empowered Community Learning Center	\$17,900	\$17,900
Focus Hope	\$80,000	\$80,000
Franklin-Wright Settlements, Inc	\$17,900	\$17,900
Garden City Public Schools	\$161,100	\$161,100
Greater Ebenezer MISS BAPT Church	\$17,900	\$0
Greater Ebenezer Miss BPT Church Childcare Greater Ebenezer Christian Child Care Center & KIN	\$0	\$17,900
Greater Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church	\$80,000	\$0
High Achievers Montessori Learning Center, L.L.C.	\$40,000	\$40,000
Himawari Preschool, L.L.C.	\$40,000	\$40,000
Inkster Preparatory Academy	\$40,000	\$40,000
Island Kiddie Kampus Child Development Center, Inc.	\$40,000	\$40,000
It Takes a Village Academy LLC	\$40,000	\$40,000
IXL Northville, LLC	\$40,000	\$40,000
IXL Plymouth LLC	\$40,000	\$40,000
Kids-In-Zion Greater Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church	\$0	\$80,000
KUEHG Corp.dba: KinderCare	\$120,000	\$0
KUEHG Corp - KinderCare Education LLC	\$0	\$120,000
Little Hearts Learning Home LLC	\$40,000	\$40,000
Meadowbank Inc.	\$40,000	\$40,000
New Paradigm College Prep	\$40,000	\$40,000
Northville Public Schools	\$160,000	\$160,000
Oakland International Academy	\$0	\$40,000
Old Redford Academy	\$40,000	\$40,000

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Play Time Day Care LLC	\$40,000	\$40,000
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	\$435,800	\$435,800
Premier MI Brownstown LLC	\$40,000	\$40,000
Prosperity Early Learning Center LLC	\$40,000	\$40,000
Rhemas Child Care Center	\$17,900	\$17,900
Riverview Community School District	\$75,800	\$75,800
Someplace Else Learning Factory LLC	\$40,000	\$40,000
Southgate Community School District	\$89,500	\$89,500
Spreading Childcare GS	\$40,000	\$0
Spreading Light Ministry	\$0	\$40,000
Starfish Family Services	\$80,000	\$80,000
Summit Academy North	\$57,900	\$57,900
The Basilica Of Saint Mary Montessori Academy	\$40,000	\$40,000
The Learning Tree Child Care Center, INC South	\$40,000	\$40,000
The Learning Tree Child Care Center, INC West	\$40,000	\$40,000
Trillium Academy	\$35,800	\$35,800
Trinity Schools, LLC	\$80,000	\$80,000
Tutor Time Learning Care LLC	\$40,000	\$40,000
University Yes Academy	\$40,000	\$40,000
Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency	\$80,000	\$80,000
Total:	\$2,996,000	\$3,036,000

Accepted the following grant(s) for the terms, amounts, and purposes noted:

Grant	Grantor	Amount	Term	Purpose	Responsible Party
2025 Regional Educational Media Center (REMC) Save Funds	REMC Association of Michigan	\$20,000	07/01/2025 – 06/30/2026	The purpose of the REMC funds is to continue supporting teaching and learning through professional development at the local REMC level.	Educational Services

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23h Section 1 Early Math Specialist	Michigan Department of Education through the Michigan Association of Intermediate Administration	\$107,836	10/01/2025 – 05/30/2026	This grant is to help with incentives and support for K-5 schools to engage in a guided adoption process in collaboration with the Intermediate School District and outside partners. Also, to adopt and implement high-quality mathematics instructional materials in alignment with the Essential Instructional Practices in Early Mathematics.	Educational Services – Math Team
Career and Technical Education (CTE) Perkins	United States Department of Education	\$3,084,623	07/01/2024 – 06/30/2025	To support school districts in Career Education Planning District 42/Region 29 on implementation of regional improvement plan activities while operating state-approved CTE programs.	Educational Services – CTE/Adult Ed Consultants

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Lead K Grant	Michigan Department of Education Resource for Deaf/Hard of Hearing (DHH)	\$30,000	08/22/2025 – 06/30/2027	All expenditures must support the language acquisition and English literacy development of children who are DHH from birth to age.	Educational Services – Special Education and Early Intervention Services Consultants
Statewide Autism Resources & Training (START) Project	Michigan Department of Education	\$70,000	09/05/2025 – 06/30/2026	The purpose is to build training, coaching, and peer-to-peer support capacity within each region to establish a statewide infrastructure for supporting students with Autism Spectrum Disorder in their schools and communities.	Educational Services – Special Education and Early Intervention Services Consultants

The Board also considered and approved the following Action Items:

1. Board Policy and Administrative Regulations Updates – Second Reading

Superintendent's Comments

Dr. Colbert shared:

- RESA continues to keep Wayne County school communities lifted and encouraged and remains steadfast in its advocacy for resources and adequate school funding. Every student deserves to feel safe in their educational spaces, to be excited about their learning experiences, and to be motivated to thrive and become the best version of who they desire to be.
- There continues to be anxiety and anger surrounding the senseless violence that impacts our communities and, far too often, our schools. Appropriate and sustained funding for school safety and mental health is not optional; it is essential. Everyone has a responsibility to continue to advocate at the highest level for adequate and equitable funding, while also encouraging students and families: if you see something, say something. School safety is strongest when trusted relationships are established among students and between students and staff, and when systems are in place to report and address concerns immediately.
- RESA will continue to educate and empower families to connect every four-year-old in Wayne County with the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP). As evidenced by data, it is imperative that the youngest learners enter formal schooling and experience a high-quality, research-based early learning program that develops cognitive, social, and emotional skills, fosters creativity, and prepares them for kindergarten. Seats are available across the county, and RESA is working diligently to ensure families in all 43 communities are aware of this opportunity.

- RESA continues to emphasize the importance of on-time, regular daily attendance. As evidenced by data, chronic absenteeism has a significant cost; there is a loss of valuable learning that cannot easily be recovered. Students who attend school consistently gain more from their educational experience and are more likely to succeed academically, socially, and emotionally. In partnership with local districts, it is evident that chronic absenteeism is declining in Wayne County.
- Moving forward, RESA will continue to partner with districts to provide evidence and share stories of the impact of public education and what is happening in Wayne County. The focus on awareness, exposure, and experiences continues to connect students to a range of career pathways. It is inspiring to see students light up when exploring opportunities in construction trades, welding, nursing, aviation, and many other fields. RESA will continue to partner with our constituents and lean into those opportunities while also supporting college-bound students to ensure they are prepared for success.
- As highlighted during the Wayne County Data Presentation, Wayne County has many successes to celebrate as well as clearly identified areas for continued improvement.
 - Wayne County demonstrated broad academic gains across multiple subjects, including English Language Arts, mathematics, and social studies.
 - Data showed improvements in 15 of the 20 assessments, with several grade levels approaching pre-pandemic proficiency levels.
 - Wayne County students are outpacing the state in improvement trends, as evidenced by the data.
 - Graduation rates in Wayne County continue to rise, while chronic absenteeism rates are steadily declining.

Together, these outcomes reflect Wayne County's unwavering commitment to supporting students academically, socially, and emotionally. The Wayne County Literacy Promise is one example of how partners are working together to ensure equitable literacy outcomes in every community.

- Similarly, RESA's Math COSA initiative is transforming mathematics instruction, with the support of the Wayne County Executive Office, demonstrating the county's shared commitment to academic excellence. Wayne RESA continues to lean into its mission of leading learning for all.
- At the federal level, in March 2025, the U.S. Department of Education laid off approximately 1,300 employees, nearly half of its workforce. In October, an additional 466 staff members received reduction-in-force notices, further impacting key offices overseeing special education, civil rights, and federal funding for vulnerable students. As a result, the department's total workforce declined from over 4,100 employees at the start of the year to fewer than 2,000. Reductions to the U.S. Department of Education are impacting Wayne RESA, Wayne County, and the agency's ability to provide support.
 - Data shows an increase in state complaints and accountability requirements, which will continue to impact operations. RESA assesses impact and recognizes that it may need to explore additional staffing in certain areas, particularly special education and early intervention, as responsibilities shift from federal to state and now to intermediate levels. Accordingly, budget shifts may occur due to these changes and RESA's continued commitment to its mission, vision, and support.
- While RESA is thankful that Michigan now has a state budget in place, there are significant concerns about the loss of funding in several critical areas.
 - MiSTEM funding was reduced, which affects supports around literacy initiatives and programs that improve student outcomes. The loss does not mean Wayne County will abandon these initiatives; however, RESA will need to evaluate support models, adjust, and potentially use portions of fund balance to sustain key programs.
 - Early childhood block grants including Great Start Collaborative funding were also cut. These are critical programs, and RESA remains commitment to the partnership and the

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work, therefore, support will be provided to ensure the partnership remains in place for now.

- Alternative education funding was also reduced, impacting district programs and requiring RESA to evaluate the impact on our service model.
- These cuts are tangible and will have lasting effects on schools and communities. RESA will continue to assess these impacts moving forward.
- Broader conversations are also needed regarding Michigan's overall school funding model, including revisiting Proposal A, examining shifts of dollars to higher education, and addressing the long-term sustainability of K–12 investments.
- Wayne RESA remains deeply committed to leading learning for all and serving as a model of service, leadership, collaboration, and excellence. RESA is proud to serve as a model of exceptional service in Wayne County, across the State of Michigan, and throughout the nation.
- Special thanks were extended to the Wayne RESA Board of Education and entire Wayne RESA family for continued leadership, partnership, and support of the organization and, most importantly, for the support of Wayne County's students and families. Together, we will continue to be the change we want to see in the world.

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