

# BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

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## Highlights from the October 16, 2024, Regular Meeting of the Wayne RESA Board of Education.

The Wayne RESA Board of Education authorized the following items on the Consent Agenda:

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

- Darlene Bowen, Auditing Specialist, effective September 11, 2024
- Diane Barnes-Szabados, Pupil Accounting Specialist, effective September 11, 2024
- Ian Robertson, Technical Assistant, effective October 14, 2024

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

- Melissa Bunch, Administrative Assistant-GSRP, October 1, 2024
- Kelly Korsog-Shene, Application Support Technician, effective October 7, 2024
- Barry Aherne, Assistive Technology Consultant, effective October 8, 2024
- Katherine Hagaman, Special Education Consultant, effective October 14, 2024
- Renee Farlow, Early Childhood Consultant, effective October 15, 2024
- Nicole Guillebeaux, Early Childhood Consultant, effective October 21, 2024

**Approved** the following leave(s):

- Rhonda Turner, Career Technical/Adult Education Consultant, Family/Medical Leave, effective September 5, 2024
- Dawn Bonam, Administrative Assistant – SEEIS, Family/Medical Leave, effective September 16, 2024
- D’Anna Courtney-Rives, Early Childhood Consultant, Family/Medical Leave, effective September 19, 2024
- Kimberly Krug, Special Education Consultant, Family/Medical Leave, effective September 26, 2024
- Kimberly Murphy, Educational Improvement Consultant, Unpaid Leave of Absence, effective October 17, 2024 (FMLA exhausted August 27, 2024)

**Approved** the following return from leave(s):

- Rhonda Turner, Career Technical/Adult Education Consultant, Family/Medical Leave, effective September 23, 2024

**Approved** the appointment of the following representative(s) to the Wayne County Parent Advisory Committee (WCPAC) for a three-year term for the period September 9, 2024 through June 30, 2027.

Amanda (Mandee) Ordaz	Northville Public Schools
Crystal Upshaw	School District of the City of Lincoln Park
Melissa Adcock	Flat Rock Community Schools

**Approved** the removal of the following representative(s) from the Wayne County Parent Advisory Committee (WCPAC). This is effective September 9, 2024.

Elena Mirea	Garden City Public Schools
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Jouhaina Bazzi	Dearborn City School District
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**Authorized** a purchase from Delta Network Services, Bloomfield Township, MI for Fortinet Maintenance Support renewal for three (3) FortiGate firewall appliances in the amount not to exceed \$79,810.83. Coverage period is from November 1, 2024 – September 20, 2025.

**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 \$200,000 for the period October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025.

**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, 2024 through September 30, 2024:

Mary Blackmon:	\$ 32.83	Lynda Jackson:	\$ 32.96
Danielle Funderburg:	\$ 11.80	James Petrie:	\$118.78

**Authorized** a payment to Byrum & Fisk Communications for postage related to informational print marketing for the Wayne County Regional Enhancement Millage Renewal proposal in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 for the period July 1, 2024 through October 31, 2024.

**Authorized** administration to enter into an agreement with Byrum & Fisk Communications for the development of radio advertisements related to the Wayne County Regional Enhancement Millage Renewal ballot proposal in an amount not to exceed \$105,000 for the period July 1, 2024 through November 30, 2024.

**Authorized** administration to enter into an agreement with Byrum & Fisk Communications for the development of graphic design and print marketing related to the Wayne County Regional Enhancement Millage Renewal ballot proposal in an amount not to exceed \$141,550 for the period July 1, 2024 through November 30, 2024.

**Authorized** administration to enter into an agreement with Byrum & Fisk Communications for the development of digital advertisements related to the Wayne County Regional Enhancement Millage Renewal ballot proposal in an amount not to exceed \$123,941 for the period July 1, 2024 through November 30, 2024.

**Authorized** administration to enter into an agreement with Barton Malow, Southfield, MI for the Wayne RESA (WRESA) Annex property demolition project in an amount not to exceed \$2,920,381, which includes \$1,714,892 for construction trades, a 50% contingency of \$857,446 and \$348,048 for design and construction management services.

**Authorized** administration to enter into an agreement with Barton Malow, Southfield, MI for the program management of the Wayne RESA (WRESA) Building Automation System integration project in the amount not to exceed \$240,540, which includes \$149,815 for construction trades to Metro Controls, Inc., a 20% contingency of \$29,963 and \$60,762 for design and construction management services.

**Authorized** administration to enter into an agreement with Barton Malow, Southfield, MI for the Beacon Phase 2 demolition project in the amount not to exceed \$642,480, which includes \$285,000 for construction trades, a 50% contingency of \$142,500 and \$214,980 for design and construction management services.

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**Authorized** administration to enter into an agreement with Barton Malow, Southfield, MI for the removal and replacement of the perimeter fencing at the Wayne RESA (WRESA) Education Center and Annex properties in the amount not to exceed \$405,533, which includes \$264,628 for construction trades, a 40% contingency of \$105,851 and \$35,053 for design and construction management services.

**Authorized** administration to enter into an agreement with French Associates, Inc, Rochester, MI for architectural and engineering services for the Wayne RESA's (WRESA) Conference Center project in the amount not to exceed \$31,000.

**Authorized** administration to enter into an agreement with Holly Carruthers to provide support for the Michigan Department of Education under the terms of the MDE-WRESA ISD Collaboration Grant in the amount of \$130,000, for the period of October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025.

**Authorized** administration to enter into an agreement with Catherine Wigent to provide support for the Michigan Department of Education under the terms of the MDE-WRESA ISD Collaboration Grant in the amount of \$138,000, for the period of October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025.

**Authorized** administration to enter into an agreement with Madison Albers to provide support for the Michigan Department of Education under the terms of the MDE-WRESA ISD Collaboration Grant in the amount of \$85,000 for the period of October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025.

**Authorized** administration to enter into an agreement with Basis Policy Research to provide support for the Michigan Department of Education under the terms of the MDE-WRESA ISD Collaboration Grant in the amount of \$250,000 for the period of October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025.

**Authorized** administration to enter into an agreement with The Regents of the University of Michigan to provide support for the Michigan Department of Education under the terms of the MDE-WRESA ISD Collaboration Grant in the amount of \$40,000, for the period of October 1, 2024 through September 20, 2025.

**Authorized** administration to enter into an agreement with Byrum & Fisk Communications for consulting services related to partnering with the Michigan Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement, and Potential (MiLEAP) to provide a statewide pre-K for all marketing campaign in an amount not to exceed \$2,250,000 for the period October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025.

**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, 2024 through September 30, 2025.

**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 \$80,000 for the period October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025.

**Authorized** administration to enter into a contract with EdReports.org Inc. to provide professional learning, coaching, and resources on the importance of materials, the characteristics of high-quality mathematics materials, and the elements of a strong materials adoption process in an amount not to exceed \$103,600 for the period September 30, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

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**Authorized** administration to enter into an agreement with PresenceLearning, Inc., New York, New York for the purchase of 500 Psychological Evaluations in an amount not to exceed \$525,000 for the period September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2027.

**Authorized** administration to enter into contracts with the following Local Education Agencies (LEA), Public School Academies (PSA), and Community-Based Organizations (CBO) for one-time payments for start-up funding for the Great Start Readiness Programs (GSRP) in the amounts indicated, for a total amount not to exceed \$375,000 for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

Subrecipient	Amount
Child Star Development Center	\$50,000
Children’s Garden LLC	\$100,000
Christios Child Care & Academy	\$25,000
Detroit Edison Public School Academy	\$50,000
Froebel Child Care Inc.	\$25,000
School District of the City of River Rouge	\$75,000
The Learning Tree Child Care Center, Inc. North	\$50,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$375,000</b>

**Authorized** administration to enter into contracts with the following local education agencies (LEA), public school academies (PSA), and community-based organizations (CBO) for transportation allocations in the amounts indicated, for a total amount not to exceed \$4,626,300 for the period October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025.

Subrecipient	Amount
Above & Beyond Learning CTR	\$ 64,000
Academy for Business and Technology	\$ 100,000
Al-Wali Child Care Center	\$ 50,000
Arab American Children Center	\$ 144,000
Audrey's Little Love Bugs	\$ 20,000
Bambi Land Learning Center	\$ 96,000
Blessed Beginnings Learning Center	\$ 65,000
Brainiacs Clubhouse CDC	\$ 64,500
Bright Start Learning Center LLC A&W Day Care Center	\$ 75,500
Caniff Liberty Academy	\$ 50,000
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
Childrens Garden LLC	\$120,000
Children’s Paradise Learning	\$160,000
Children'z Place 2	\$40,000
Christios Child Care & Academy	\$48,000
Commonwealth Community Development Academy	\$35,000
Creative Kidz Learning Center	\$27,000

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Cross Bridge Action Network	\$22,800
Detroit Community Schools	\$20,000
Detroit Leadership Academy	\$28,500
Detroit Public Schools Community District	\$513,000
Detroit Service Learning Academy	\$28,500
Development Centers Inc	\$5,000
Dk's Childcare and Academy	\$60,000
Dreamy Childrens Center	\$125,000
Dreamy Daycare 2, LLC	\$85,000
Early Learning Prep Greater Sonora Missionary Baptist	\$45,000
Ecorse Public School District	\$195,000
Education Consulting Solutions It Takes a Village Academy	\$150,000
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	\$150,000
Hanley International Academy	\$15,000
Jade Child Development Center, INC	\$35,000
Joy Preparatory Academy	\$100,000
Jude Family Childcare Learning CTR	\$20,000
Kid Connection Kid Connection, Inc	\$35,000
Kids' Avenue Christian Learning Center	\$50,000
Kingdom Kare Learning Center	\$10,500
Kristy's Early Childhood Development CTR	\$52,500
LACC Childcare Academy INC	\$45,000
Learning Links Academy	\$35,000
Little Scholars Day Care Center	\$130,000
Livonia Public Schools School District	\$100,000
Martin Luther King Jr Day Care	\$55,000
ndividualME Early Learning Academy LLC	\$45,000
Nene's Little Angel's Daycare LLC	\$60,000
New Greater Bethel Temple We Care Child Development Center	\$53,000
New Paradigm Glazer-Loving Academy	\$60,000
Oakland International Academy	\$50,000
Oakman Child Care & Development	\$150,000
Quality Child Care & Learning Center	\$50,000
Ready 2 Learn Childcare Center	\$90,000
Redford Union School District	\$35,000
School District of the City of Hamtramck	\$53,500
School District of the City of River Rouge	\$75,000

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Someplace Else Learning Factory LLC	\$45,000
Southgate Community School District	\$150,000
Sunrise Education Center	\$14,000
Van Buren Public Schools	\$70,000
Village of Shiny Stars Child Care Center	\$50,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$4,626,300</b>

**Authorized** administration to enter into a contract with Everybody Ready, Inc., Allen Park, Michigan for the Great Start Collaborative-Wayne (GSC-W) grant components for the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) in an amount not to exceed \$1,356,247 for the period October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025.

**Authorized** administration to enter into contracts with the following Strong Beginnings grant recipients for transportation allocation in the amounts indicated, for a total not to exceed \$41,727 for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

Subrecipient	Amount
Growing Minds Learning Center	\$15,000
Van Buren Public Schools	\$26,727
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$41,727</b>

**Authorized** an amendment to Board Recommendation #57-24-25 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 a total amount not to exceed \$0 for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

Subrecipient	Original Amount	Amended Amount
Commonwealth Community Development Academy	\$25,000	\$0
High Achievers Montessori Learning Center	\$25,000	\$0
Livonia Public Schools School District	\$25,000	\$0
Order THY Steps Learning Center	\$25,000	\$0
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Authorized** an amendment to Board Recommendation #81-24-25 to amend the ILO Group, Providence, Rhode Island contract for project management support throughout the process of opening a new Career Technical Education (CTE) dual enrollment program, focused on aviation and aeronautics, in an amount not to exceed \$125,500 for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

**Authorized** an amendment to Board Recommendation #84-24-25 to amend the following subrecipient contracts for operating the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) in the amounts indicated, for a total amount not to exceed \$8,944,550 for the period October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025.

Subrecipient	Original Amount	Amended Amount
Child Star Development Center	\$375,460	\$469,325
Children's Place 2	\$152,531	\$187,730
Children's Garden LLC	\$625,766	\$891,717

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Chidren’s Garden II LLC	\$175,997	\$211,196
Creative Montessori Academy	\$391,104	\$469,325
Detroit Edison Public School Academy	\$938,650	\$844,785
Dk's Childcare and Academy	\$156,442	\$97,776
Dreamy Childrens Center	\$782,208	\$938,650
Education Consulting Solutions It Takes a Village Academy	\$782,208	\$938,650
Froebel Child Care Inc.	\$375,460	\$422,392
Hanley International Academy	\$469,325	\$563,190
High Achievers Montessori Learning Center	\$156,442	\$0
International Child Care International Language Solutions	\$175,997	\$211,196
John Evans Montessori Academy INC	\$187,730	\$0
Little Jungle Network Little Jungle Learning Center	\$187,730	\$234,662
Little Scholars Day Care Center	\$703,987	\$844,785
Order THY Steps Learning Center	\$156,442	\$0
School District of the City of River Rouge	\$527,990	\$586,656
The Learning Tree Child Care Center, Inc North	\$375,460	\$469,325
Trillium Academy	\$469,325	\$563,190
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$8,166,254</b>	<b>\$8,944,550</b>

**Accepted** the following grants for the terms, amounts and purposes noted:

<b>Grant</b>	<b>Grantor</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Responsible Party</b>
ISD Collaboration	Michigan Department of Education	\$300,000	10/01/2024 - 09/30/2025	Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency (WRESA) (Grantee) is granted from the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) (Grantor) for reimbursement of costs associated with the Title I Statewide System of Support Program Evaluation grant with the purpose to increase	Finance

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				student academic achievement through such strategies as improving teacher and principal quality and increasing the number of highly qualified teachers in the classroom.	
ISD Collaboration	Michigan Department of Education	\$500,000	10/01/2024 - 09/30/2025	Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency (WRESA) (Grantee) is granted from the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) (Grantor) for reimbursement of costs associated with the Title II Grants to Local Educational Agencies. This grant is designed to help local educational agencies (LEAs) improve teaching and learning in high-poverty schools in particular for children failing, or most at-risk of failing, to meet challenging State academic	Finance



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				achievement standards.	
ISD Collaboration	Michigan Department of Education	\$260,000	10/01/2023 - 01/31/2026	Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency (WRESA) (Grantee) is granted from the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) (Grantor) for reimbursement of costs associated with Homeless ARP expanding the state's compliance with federal requirements and enhance the capacity at the Intermediate School District (ISD) level to assist local school districts.	Finance
ISD Collaboration	Michigan Department of Education	\$46,250	10/01/2024 - 09/30/2025	Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency (WRESA) (Grantee) is granted from the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) (Grantor) for reimbursement of costs associated with Title IE expanding the state's	Finance

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				compliance with federal requirements and enhance the capacity at the Intermediate School District (ISD) level to assist local school districts.	
State School Aid Act Section 32(d)	MiLEAP Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement, and Potential	\$127,363,650	10/01/2024 - 09/30/2025	Funds support the Great Start Readiness Program including administrative services, outreach, recruiting, public awareness, reporting, assessments, curriculum, professional development and training materials for educators.	Educational Services

**The Board also considered and approved the following Action Items:**

1. Wayne RESA Board Election Meeting Date – Monday, June 2, 2025
2. Authorization to Appoint Director of Continuous Improvement – Dr. Angela Jack
3. Authorization to Appoint Executive Director of Student Information Systems & Pupil Accounting – Sandra Dukhie

**Superintendent’s Comments**

Dr. Daveda Colbert shared:

- October is National Principal Month and on behalf of the Wayne RESA Board of Education and RESA family, we recognize and celebrate each of the school leaders in the county.
- In October, RESA acknowledges Breast Cancer and Depression Awareness Month, and World Mental Health Day on October 10.
- In times of crisis, we are impacted in many ways and from many aspects of our lives. All of which makes up the diverse fabric of our community and our personal and professional lives. We recognize there are families and communities in crisis near and far. From the cost of living to the rising cost of health care and prescription medications, not all are well. From neighborhood and global conflicts to

repeated storms and natural disasters, no one is okay. Sadly, depression and mental health struggles are real. Many of our own family members, school communities, and greater communities at large are experiencing personal loss and emotional distress at this time. Let us pause. Let us take a moment to center ourselves. Let's check in on ourselves first, and then our families and loved ones, and also our colleagues, and most certainly the children in which we serve.

RESA continues to acknowledge everyone and all things happening, sharing resources with staff (Employee Assistance Program/EAP) and districts, including the School Safety and Mental Health Commission website (<https://mischoolsafety-mentalhealth.org/>).

- Kudos to Redford Union's Hope Squad, a student-led peer to peer program taking aim at mental health and suicide prevention. They were featured on WDIV Channel 4 as they work to provide a safe outlet for students dealing with mental health issues. Hope Squad is a national educational program developed to address mental health and suicide prevention in schools. Research shows that Hope Squads have a positive impact on members and their communities while normalizing conversations about mental health.
- During October Board Presentations, there were conversations about providing opportunities and engaging students, ensuring a sense of belonging, and the impact it has on student attendance and achievement. To add on to this, Dr. Colbert shared examples of the Redford Union girls' flag football team who were invited to play during halftime of a Detroit Lions game and Belleville High School girls flag football team who was featured in a local news story highlighting their first-year program. It was noted that this type of exposure elevates, invites and welcomes students.
- Kudos to the Education Improvement Team, Dr. Markita Hall, Dr. Angela Jack and the five Education Improvement Liaisons, Nekeya Irby, Russell Robinson, Roslyn Ruffin, Kevin Siefker, and Natalie Turner, along with the Wayne RESA team members supporting content and culture, for their work with Partnership Districts as their 18-month benchmark meetings are taking place with MDE and RESA Leadership. MDE spoke highly about the work happening in Wayne County to improve outcomes for students. So far, all of the districts are on track pending additional assessment data.
- Congratulations to Superintendent, Dr. Youssef Mosallam for being honored as the 2024 Superintendent of the Year at the National Association of School Superintendents Conference in California. Dr. Mosallam was selected out of 21 finalists for his transformative leadership, innovative approach to education, and unwavering commitment to fostering collaboration across the Crestwood community.
- On September 24, twelve high-performing Michigan public schools were named National Blue Ribbon Schools by the U.S. Department of Education. Each year, the U.S. Department of Education bestows this prestigious designation in recognition of schools that excel in academic performance or make significant strides in closing achievement gaps among different student groups. The 12 Michigan schools are being recognized along with 356 schools nationwide as 2024 National Blue Ribbon Schools. Congratulations to the three schools in Wayne County for receiving this prestigious honor:
  - Dearborn STEM Middle School (high performing), Dearborn Public Schools
  - Pembroke Academy (achievement gap closing), PSA located in Detroit
  - Moraine Elementary School (high performing), Northville Public Schools
- Congratulations to Kurt Rheume, RESA Senior Executive Director of Information Technology, as he was presented with the Michigan Data Hub 2024 Ambassador of the Year Award on October 15. Kurt

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was selected for his personal contribution to the advancement of data interoperability statewide and many contributions to the collaborative work of the Michigan Data Hub, METL, MiCH, and CEPI. Kurt Rheame exemplifies collaboration, leadership, service, and excellence and is most deserving of the honor and the distinguished award.

- RESA is excited to share that we have earned a 2024 Michigan School Public Relations Association Excellence Award for the Wayne RESA Brand and Style Guide written by Dana Chicklas with the support of Kate de Fuccio, Jordan Ewert, Lisa Kaiser, and Dr. Terrance Scott. Congratulations to the team for developing the RESA style guide that is now being used as a model across the state.
- RESA celebrates the Finance Team for their work with the organization audit each year. Thanks was also given to all RESA departments for following the organization’s procurement policies and procedures.
- Kudos to the RESA Leadership Team for being intentional about the work to bring about awareness and presenting information about the Wayne County Regional Enhancement Millage Renewal, working on the Cognia Accreditation and supporting the Wayne County School Leadership Affinity Groups.
- RESA is Leading Learning for All. Thanks to each and every person in the RESA organization for being a part of the hard work, that is heart work, on behalf of our students, families, educators, and communities.

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