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## Highlights from the May 15, 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 external applicant(s) for the position(s):

- Carla Postell, Educational Improvement Consultant, effective April 29, 2024
- Laverne Brown, Part-time Youth Navigator for Homeless Support, effective May 8, 2024
- Sheri Smith, Special Education Consultant, effective May 20, 2024
- Tori Ranusch, Special Education Consultant, effective May 20, 2024
- Alexis Peoples, Budget & Fiscal Analyst, effective May 22, 2024

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

- Leanne Smith, Special Programs Administrative and Fiscal Consultant, Family/Medical Leave, effective May 17, 2024

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

- Carissa Orr, Early Childhood Consultant, Family/Medical Leave, effective April 24, 2024
- Geri Sifton, Early Childhood Consultant, Family/Medical Leave, effective May 6, 2024

**Approved** the following schedule premium(s):

- Kristi Hanby, Regional Mathematics Coordinator, effective April 22, 2024  
*Schedule Premium pursuant to article 20.8 of the WCSSF Collective Bargaining Agreement*

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

- Kristy Caleca, reclassification from Assistant for Internal Operations to Senior Budget & Fiscal Analyst, effective March 6, 2024
- Tjuana Williams, reclassification from Budget & Fiscal Analyst to Senior Budget & Fiscal Analyst, effective April 3, 2024

**Authorized** Administration to purchase from Central Michigan Paper Company (CMP) copy paper to supply Wayne RESA (WRESA) copiers and printers in the amount not to exceed \$35,000 for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

**Authorized** a purchase from Underwood Distributing Company for graphing calculators in an amount not to exceed \$29,100 for the period April 1, 2024 through September 30, 2024.

**Authorized** a purchase from MV Learning, LLC for Essential Staff Training Program in an amount not to exceed \$130,000 for the period July 1, 2024, through June 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 April 1, 2024 through April 30, 2024:

Mary Blackmon:	\$496.16	Lynda Jackson:	\$ 33.37
Danielle Funderburg:	\$ 28.14	James Petrie:	\$301.96

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**Authorized** administration to enter into a four (4) year agreement with Jay B. Marks and Associates Educational Consulting Services for professional learning and coaching of the Wayne RESA Leadership Team on culturally proficient leadership for an amount not to exceed \$80,000 for the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2028.

**Authorized** administration to execute a renewal contract with W.J. O'Neil Company (W.J. O'Neil), Livonia, MI, for Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Equipment and Building Control Systems Maintenance at Wayne RESA (WRESA) Education Center, Annex and Burger Baylor in an amount not to exceed \$482,952 for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

**Authorized** administration to execute a contract renewal with Carahsoft Technology Corp., Reston, VA to purchase Zoom subscription telephone services for Wayne RESA (WRESA), in an amount not to exceed \$62,000 for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

**Authorized** Administration to execute a contract renewal with Dell Computers, Round Rock, TX in the amount not to exceed \$325,000 for the period of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

**Authorized** administration to execute a contract renewal with the Procurement Consulting Group (PCG) for support with purchasing/procuring of goods, and contract management services in an amount not to exceed \$60,000 for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

**Authorized** Administration to execute a contract renewal with Reliable Landscaping, Inc. (Reliable), Canton, MI, for snow removal services at Wayne RESA's (WRESA) Education Center, the Beacon Day Treatment building, and the Annex grounds, in the amount not to exceed \$125,000 for the period July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.

**Authorized** Administration to execute a renewal contract with RNA Facilities Management (RNA), Ann Arbor, MI for custodial services at Wayne RESA's (WRESA) Education Center, Burger Baylor, and the Annex building in an amount not to exceed \$512,056 for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

**Authorized** Administration to execute a contract renewal with RNA Facilities Management (RNA), Ann Arbor, MI, for Ground and Property Maintenance Services at Wayne RESA's (WRESA) Education Center, Annex building, Burger Baylor facilities, and Beacon Treatment Center in the amount not to exceed \$200,000 for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

**Authorized** Administration to execute a contract renewal with RNA Facilities Management (RNA), Ann Arbor, MI for Security Guard Services at Wayne RESA's (WRESA) Education Center, Annex, Burger Baylor, and Beacon Day Treatment facilities in an amount not to exceed \$275,000 for the period of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

**Authorized** Administration to execute a contract renewal with RNA Facilities Management (RNA), Ann Arbor, MI, for snow removal services at Wayne RESA's (WRESA) Burger Baylor School, in an amount not to exceed \$45,000 for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

**Authorized** Administration to enter into an agreement with Barton Malow, Southfield, MI for program management, schematic design, design, bidding and awarding of the Annex Demolition Project in the amount not to exceed \$36,000.

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**Authorized** Administration to enter into a renewal contract with Discovery Education of Charlotte, North Carolina for 2023-24 license fees and annual support for Discovery Education Streaming in an amount not to exceed \$180,000 for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

**Authorized** Administration to enter into an agreement with Wayne Health to provide districts with psychiatric mental health support in the form of professional development (PD) opportunities, consultation, follow up, sending resources, etc. in an amount not to exceed \$28,789.20 for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

**Authorized** Administration to enter into a renewal contract with Sonya Adams from Garden City, Michigan for provision of processing referrals for Child Find services in Wayne County in an amount not to exceed \$60,000 for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

**Authorized** Administration to enter into agreements with the following agencies for implementation of Early On activities and services in Wayne County in the amounts indicated, for a total amount not to exceed \$2,150,000 for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Early On Amount</b>	<b>Early On 54 D Amount</b>
Chitter Chatter PC	\$750,000	\$750,000
MiSide	\$440,000	\$210,000
Total:	\$1,190,000	\$960,000

**Authorized** Administration to amend Board Recommendation 23-23-24 to increase the contract with A & R Sealcoating (A&R), Waterford MI, for parking lot maintenance and repairs at Wayne RESA's (WRESA) Education Center, Annex Building and Burger Baylor School in the amount not to exceed \$200,000 for the period of May 15, 2024 through June 30, 2024.

**Authorized** an amendment to Board Recommendation #155-23-24 to enter into agreements with the following districts participating in Michigan Statewide System of Support (SSoS) as identified Comprehensive Support and Improvement Schools (CSI) for various requests of services outlined within each district's Service Plan in the amounts indicated, for a total amount not to exceed \$2,657,528 for the period October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024.

<b>Districts</b>	<b>Original Amount</b>	<b>Amended Amount</b>
Academy for Business and Technology	\$24,000	\$24,000
American International Academy	\$315,000	\$315,000
Barack Obama Leadership Academy	\$327,863	\$452,863
Detroit Leadership Academy	\$491,134	\$491,134
Detroit Service Learning Academy	\$284,180	\$409,180
Flat Rock Community Schools	\$179,224	\$200,442
George Washington Carver Academy	\$352,999	\$352,999
Highland Park Public School Academy System	\$228,621	\$228,621
South Redford School District	\$183,289	\$183,289
Total:	\$2,386,310	\$2,657,528

**Authorized** an amendment to Board Recommendation #217-23-24 to enter into agreements with the following districts participating in Michigan Statewide System of Support (SSoS) as identified Comprehensive Support and Improvement Schools (CSI) for various requests of services outlined within each district's Service Plan in the amounts indicated, for a total amount not to exceed \$4,889,428 for the period October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024.

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<b>Districts</b>	<b>Original Amount</b>	<b>Amended Amount</b>
Clara B. Ford Academy (SDA)	\$130,000	\$130,000
Detroit Academy of Arts and Sciences	\$440,000	\$565,000
Detroit Community Schools	\$122,260	\$122,260
Detroit Public Safety Academy	\$60,000	\$60,000
Detroit Public Schools Community District	\$900,000	\$900,000
Ecorse Public Schools	\$130,000	\$130,000
Hope Academy	\$19,980	\$144,980
Inkster Preparatory Academy	\$40,000	\$40,000
Joy Preparatory Academy	\$140,560	\$140,560
Old Redford Academy	\$470,473	\$470,473
Pathways Academy	\$70,000	\$70,000
Plymouth Educational Center Charter School	\$151,000	\$151,000
Romulus Community Schools	\$155,000	\$155,000
School District of the City of Hamtramck	\$180,241	\$180,241
School District of the City of River Rouge	\$605,205	\$605,205
Southgate Community School District	\$146,000	\$146,000
Taylor School District	\$306,598	\$306,598
The School District of the City of Harper Woods	\$80,000	\$80,000
University Preparatory Art & Design	\$130,000	\$130,000
W-A-Y Academy	\$145,683	\$145,683
WAY Michigan	\$101,428	\$101,428
Westfield Charter Academy	\$115,000	\$115,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$4,639,428</b>	<b>\$4,889,428</b>

**Authorized** an amendment to Board Recommendation #156-23-24 with Phillip Chase to provide support for the Michigan Department of Education under the terms of the MDE-WRESA ISD Collaboration Grant in the amount not to exceed \$100,000, for the period of December 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024.

**Authorized** an amendment to Board Recommendation #59-21-22 to adjust Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Preschool allocations in the amounts indicated, for a total amount not to exceed \$2,024,102 for the period July 1, 2021, through September 30, 2023.

<b>Local District IDEA Preschool District Name</b>	<b>Original PS Amount</b>	<b>Amended Amount</b>
Allen Park Public Schools	\$42,200	\$42,200
Crestwood School District	\$45,709	\$28,263
Dearborn City School District	\$209,723	\$209,723
Dearborn Heights School District #7	\$35,850	\$35,850
Detroit Public Schools Community District	\$219,581	\$219,581
Ecorse Public Schools	\$0	\$0
Flat Rock Community Schools	\$0	\$0
Garden City Public Schools	\$45,709	\$45,709
Gibraltar School District	\$0	\$0
Grosse Ile Township Schools	\$0	\$0
Grosse Pointe Public Schools	\$121,890	\$121,890
Hamtramck, School District of City of	\$0	\$0
Harper Woods, The School District of the City of	\$8,066	\$8,066
Huron School District	\$147,881	\$147,881
Lincoln Park, School District of the City of	\$66,323	\$66,323

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Livonia Public Schools School District	\$235,326	\$235,326
Melvindale-North Allen Park Schools	\$0	\$0
Northville Public Schools	\$77,078	\$69,800
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	\$154,155	\$154,155
Redford Union Schools, District No. 1	\$31,369	\$31,369
River Rouge, School District of the City of	\$0	\$0
Riverview Community School District	\$0	\$0
Romulus Community Schools	\$21,510	\$21,510
South Redford School District	\$34,058	\$34,058
Southgate Community School District	\$53,775	\$53,775
Taylor School District	\$100,380	\$92,979
Trenton Public Schools	\$30,473	\$30,473
Van Buren Public Schools	\$82,455	\$82,455
Wayne-Westland Community School District	\$158,636	\$170,149
Westwood Community School District	\$14,340	\$11,432
Woodhaven-Brownstown School District	\$64,530	\$64,530
Wyandotte, School District of the City of	\$46,605	\$46,605
Total:	\$2,047,622	\$2,024,102

**Authorized** an amendment to Board Recommendation #38-22-23 to adjust Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Preschool allocations in the amounts indicated, for a total amount not to exceed \$2,133,976 for the period July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2024.

<b>Local District IDEA Preschool District Name</b>	<b>Original PS Amount</b>	<b>Amended Amount</b>
Allen Park Public Schools	\$43,746	\$43,746
Crestwood School District	\$36,138	\$32,518
Dearborn City School District	\$189,249	\$189,249
Dearborn Heights School District #7	\$27,579	\$27,579
Detroit Public Schools Community District	\$282,447	\$282,447
Ecorse Public Schools	\$0	\$0
Flat Rock Community Schools	\$0	\$0
Garden City Public Schools	\$43,746	\$43,746
Gibraltar School District	\$0	\$0
Grosse Ile Township Schools	\$0	\$0
Grosse Pointe Public Schools	\$120,777	\$120,777
Hamtramck, School District of City of	\$0	\$0
Harper Woods, The School District of the City of	\$10,461	\$10,461
Huron School District	\$146,454	\$146,454
Lincoln Park, School District of the City of	\$78,933	\$78,933
Livonia Public Schools School District	\$250,996	\$250,996
Melvindale-North Allen Park Schools	\$23,775	\$23,775
Northville Public Schools	\$83,668	\$81,878
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	\$161,670	\$161,670
Redford Union Schools, District No. 1	\$33,285	\$33,285
River Rouge, School District of the City of	\$0	\$0
Riverview Community School District	\$0	\$0
Romulus Community Schools	\$25,677	\$25,677
South Redford School District	\$25,677	\$25,677
Southgate Community School District	\$44,697	\$44,697

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Taylor School District	\$102,708	\$102,708
Trenton Public Schools	\$33,285	\$33,285
Van Buren Public Schools	\$81,786	\$81,786
Wayne-Westland Community School District	\$158,817	\$164,247
Westwood Community School District	\$16,167	\$16,167
Woodhaven-Brownstown School District	\$60,864	\$60,864
Wyandotte, School District of the City of	\$51,354	\$51,354
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2,133,976</b>	<b>\$2,133,976</b>

**Authorized** an amendment to Board Recommendation #73-23-24 to adjust 2023-24 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Flowthrough allocations for new and significantly expanding Public-School Academies (PSAs) in the amounts indicated, for a total amount not to exceed \$12,494,706 for the period July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024.

<b>Public School Academy (PSA) IDEA Flowthrough 2023-24</b>	<b>Original Amount</b>	<b>Amended Amount</b>
Academy for Business and Technology	\$157,048	\$157,048
Achieve Charter Academy	\$108,804	\$108,804
Advanced Technology Academy	\$198,558	\$198,558
American International Academy	\$182,981	\$182,981
American Montessori Academy	\$119,842	\$119,842
Barack Obama Leadership Academy	\$42,192	\$42,192
Branch Line School	\$40,679	\$40,679
Bridge Academy	\$93,760	\$93,760
Caniff Liberty Academy	\$35,160	\$35,160
Canton Charter Academy	\$136,783	\$136,783
Canton Preparatory High School	\$117,200	\$117,200
Capstone Academy Charter School (SDA)	\$32,816	\$32,816
Cesar Chavez Academy	\$751,209	\$751,209
Chandler Park Academy	\$185,176	\$185,176
Clara B. Ford Academy (SDA)	\$44,536	\$44,536
Commonwealth Community Development Academy	\$23,440	\$23,440
Cornerstone Jefferson-Douglass Academy	\$93,078	\$93,078
Covenant House Academy Detroit	\$217,992	\$217,992
Creative Montessori Academy	\$357,417	\$357,417
David Ellis Academy	\$21,096	\$21,096
David Ellis Academy West	\$103,967	\$103,967
Detroit Academy of Arts and Sciences	\$149,334	\$149,334
Detroit Achievement Academy	\$147,672	\$187,520
Detroit Community Schools	\$121,888	\$121,888
Detroit Edison Public School Academy	\$135,952	\$135,952
Detroit Enterprise Academy	\$161,054	\$161,054
Detroit Innovation Academy	\$68,807	\$68,807
Detroit Leadership Academy	\$217,992	\$217,992
Detroit Merit Charter Academy	\$118,862	\$118,862
Detroit Premier Academy	\$96,253	\$96,253
Detroit Public Safety Academy	\$100,792	\$100,792
Detroit Service Learning Academy	\$220,485	\$220,485
Discovery Creative Pathways	\$212,622	\$150,016

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Dove Academy of Detroit	\$100,110	\$100,110
Escuela Avancemos	\$65,632	\$65,632
Explore Academy-Livonia	\$2,344	\$2,344
Flagship Charter Academy	\$82,040	\$82,040
Fostering Leadership Academy	\$35,160	\$35,160
Frontier International Academy	\$44,536	\$44,536
George Crockett Academy	\$63,288	\$63,288
George Washington Carver Academy	\$60,262	\$60,262
Global Heights Academy	\$51,568	\$51,568
Hamtramck Academy	\$51,568	\$51,568
Hanley International Academy	\$144,646	\$144,646
Henry Ford Academy	\$112,512	\$112,512
Highland Park Public School Academy System	\$53,912	\$53,912
Hope Academy	\$82,871	\$82,871
Hope of Detroit Academy	\$285,968	\$285,968
Inkster Preparatory Academy	\$35,160	\$35,160
Ivywood Classical Academy	\$114,174	\$114,174
Jalen Rose Leadership Academy	\$98,448	\$98,448
Joy Preparatory Academy	\$30,472	\$30,472
Keystone Academy	\$129,751	\$129,751
KIPP Detroit Imani Academy	\$2,344	\$11,720
Legacy Charter Academy	\$113,343	\$113,343
Lincoln-King Adams-Young Academy	\$287,630	\$287,630
MacDowell Preparatory Academy	\$35,991	\$35,991
Madison-Carver Academy	\$94,740	\$94,740
Martin Luther King, Jr. Education Center Academy	\$33,647	\$33,647
Metro Charter Academy	\$133,906	\$133,906
Michigan Educational Choice Center	\$37,504	\$37,504
New Paradigm College Prep	\$30,472	\$30,472
New Paradigm Glazer-Loving Academy	\$58,600	\$58,600
Oakland International Academy	\$97,766	\$97,766
Old Redford Academy	\$212,622	\$212,622
Pathways Academy	\$21,096	\$21,096
Pembroke Academy	\$41,510	\$41,510
Plymouth Educational Center Charter School	\$65,632	\$65,632
Plymouth Scholars Charter Academy	\$182,448	\$182,448
Quest Charter Academy	\$172,923	\$172,923
Regent Park Scholars Charter Academy	\$149,334	\$149,334
Riverside Academy	\$84,384	\$84,384
Rutherford Winans Academy	\$23,440	\$23,440
SER YouthBuild Learning Academy	\$2,344	\$2,344
South Canton Scholars Charter Academy	\$147,288	\$147,288
Star International Academy	\$228,199	\$228,199
Summit Academy North	\$534,730	\$534,730
Taylor Exemplar Academy	\$142,451	\$142,451
Taylor Preparatory High School	\$138,296	\$138,296
The Dearborn Academy	\$79,696	\$79,696
The James and Grace Lee Boggs School	\$62,606	\$62,606
Tipton Academy	\$124,381	\$124,381

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Trillium Academy	\$242,412	\$242,412
Universal Academy	\$96,104	\$96,104
Universal Learning Academy	\$142,451	\$142,451
University Preparatory Academy (PSAD)	\$464,112	\$464,112
University Preparatory Art & Design	\$343,055	\$343,055
University Preparatory Science and Math (PSAD)	\$229,712	\$229,712
University Yes Academy	\$56,256	\$56,256
Vista Meadows Academy	\$44,536	\$44,536
Voyageur Academy	\$183,663	\$183,663
Warrendale Charter Academy	\$143,133	\$143,133
Washington-Parks Academy	\$84,384	\$84,384
W-A-Y Academy	\$49,224	\$49,224
WAY Michigan	\$44,536	\$44,536
West Village Academy	\$84,384	\$84,384
Westfield Charter Academy	\$414,206	\$414,206
Weston Preparatory Academy	\$86,728	\$86,728
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$12,508,088</b>	<b>\$12,494,706</b>

**Accepted** the following grant(s) 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>
35i MiFamily Engagement Centers Grant	Michigan Department of Education (MDE) – Public Act 103 of 2023, MCL 388.1635i	\$1,400,000	10/01/2023 – 09/30/2027	Funds through the MiFamily Engagement Centers are to expand parental knowledge regarding literacy instruction practices; to raise awareness of and participation in local great start collaborative and family coalitions; to raise awareness of the availability of before, during, and after school literacy support programs, and to build on the existing practices of the regional literacy hubs and the MiFamily Engagement Centers.	Educational Services
Title III, Part A– Language Instruction for English Learners	Federal grant through Michigan Department of Education (MDE) –	\$500,995	07/01/2023 – 09/30/2024	The Consolidated Application supports English learners in consortium districts and PSAs, K-12 and their parents attending	Educational Services – Multilingual Consultants



	Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965			ESL evening classes. Facilitators and EL Consultants serve approximately 2000 students annually.	
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**The Board also considered and approved the following Action Items:**

1. Approved the proposed Wayne RESA Equity Statement.

**Superintendent’s Comments**

Dr. Daveda Colbert shared:

- Kudos to Drew McMechan, Assistant Superintendent of Financial Services for the amazing job he is doing with the virtual Wayne RESA budget meetings that have been hosted for school boards and district leaders. Drew and Kelly Bohl, Deputy Superintendent of Administrative Services, presented in person to a local board during a recent board meeting and Drew, Kelly and Dr. Colbert will be attending a school board meeting next week to present the RESA budget. District board members and superintendents have expressed their appreciation for the phone call and email responses and the district one-on-ones. Districts have shared that the presentation of the Wayne RESA budget is very informative, thorough and detailed, which has helped many to have a better understanding of the budget. RESA will continue to move forward this budget season, remaining open and responsive, as we receive budget resolutions from districts.
- May 17 marks the 70<sup>th</sup> year of Brown vs. Board of Education (1954). Over the years, progress has been made yet many challenges still exist and there is still work to do. We must lean in and be advocates on behalf of each student, in an effort to meet their unique needs.
- May Recognitions and Celebrations include:
  - Mental Health Awareness Month – RESA will continue to be intentional about self-care, while working daily to maintain a positive culture, that acknowledges and celebrates staff regularly, allowing everyone to feel appreciated, respected, and valued.
  - In honor and celebration of National Teacher Appreciation Week (May 6-10), the Wayne RESA Board of Education approved a proclamation (during the April board meeting), that was shared with LEA and PSA Superintendents last week in an effort to give recognition and high praise to Wayne County educators.
  - The RESA All Staff Barbecue held on May 7, 2024, during Teacher Appreciation Week, provided a unique opportunity for RESA staff to fellowship, while enjoying good food. Thanks to the Leadership and Building Services Teams for ensuring the vision was realized. Special thanks to Robert Burke, Executive Director of Operations and Technology, who has been a phenomenal addition to Wayne RESA, for always bringing the vision to life.
  - During National Nurses Week (May 6-10), and especially on National School Nurse Day (Wednesday, May 8, 2024), RESA gives high praise to all of the School Nurses in Wayne County, and a little extra love to Wayne RESA’s team of Nurses. They are a tremendous asset to the organization and to the county, and they truly make a difference.
  - Also recognized are: Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month; Jewish American Heritage Month; Easter/Pascha-Orthodox Christianity; Holocaust Remembrance Day or Yam

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HaShoah; Visakha Puja-Buddhism; Military Appreciation Month; Cinco de Mayo; Food Allergy Celiac, and Asthma Awareness Month and Mother's Day.

- The RESA Years of Service and Annual Retirement Celebration will be held May 15, 2024. Special thanks to the HR department and others who supported the program enhancements which include more staff acknowledgements and a memorial moment of silence.
- The Wayne RESA Detroit Tigers Team Building Event, in continuation of appreciation, self-care, and celebration of another outstanding school year, will be May 29 at Comerica Park.
- Dr. Colbert will serve as the guest speaker for the Redford Service Learning Academy's Gym Ribbon Cutting on May 16, 2024 which will highlight the PSA's CTE program with tours of the new e-Sports room, drone flying demonstrations, and new computer lab along with the newly installed gym floor. Congratulations to Redford Service Learning Academy as they continue to engage students in exciting ways, in an effort to improve student outcomes.
- Thank you to Livonia Public Schools, Detroit Public Schools Community District and Chandler Park Academy for hosting site visits for the RESA Board of Education and Leadership. Visits included:
  - Livonia –Jackson Early Childhood Center's 0-3 program
  - Detroit Public Schools Community District's Charles Drew Transition Center
  - Chandler Park Academy's GSRP, Construction Trades and JROTC programs, meeting the district's Talent Together candidates and a Westpoint Academy candidate from their JROTC program.
- Acknowledgement of two Wayne County Superintendent changes:
  - Congratulations to Mark Kleinhans for officially being named Superintendent of Dearborn Heights School District #7 after serving as acting superintendent for more than a year.
  - Hamtramck named their current CFO, James Larson-Shidler, as their new Interim Superintendent.
- Congratulations to Lincoln Park, Trenton, and South Redford for passing ballot initiatives on Tuesday, May 7, 2024. This is exciting for the Lincoln Park, Trenton, and South Redford students, families, educators, and communities and for the county.
- As RESA continues to support districts and bring positive media attention to our Wayne County Schools, WXYZ aired a story on Riverview sharing highlights of their Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP). Kudos to Dana Chicklas, Senior Executive Director of Communications, Public Relations, and Marketing, for her work behind the scenes and our Wayne RESA Early Childhood Team.
- RESA is waiting for final numbers from the Wayne County Treasurer's Office before the Resolution Requesting Renewal of the Regional Enhancement Millage can be forwarded to districts. Districts are aware of the board action item and are awaiting the final resolutions to move forward.
- On May 15, Wayne Westland's William D. Ford Career-Technical Center students will participate in a real-world, vehicle-extrication simulation which was highlighted in a press release and media advisory. This is one of many innovative Career and Technical Education (CTE) opportunities that provide hands-on skills connecting students to careers in public safety. It was noted that Wayne-Westland Community Schools' CTE programs are made possible in part by funding from the Wayne County Regional Enhancement Millage, which allows districts to prepare students for jobs including in the area of skilled trades.
- On May 9, a wonderful homegoing celebration fit for a queen was held for Virginia "Ginni" Winters at Tabernacle Baptist Church in Detroit. As RESA's first Climate, Culture, and Equity Consultant, Ginni's expertise was unparalleled, and her contributions have left an indelible mark on our collective mission at Wayne RESA and throughout Wayne County. Ms. Winters led the way for the S.E.E.D. (Seeking Educational Equity and Diversity) program at RESA and set the foundation for the development of the Wayne RESA Equity Statement being presented to the board for approval during the May 15 meeting. A

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gentle giant with an angelic voice, Virginia “Ginni” Winters’ influence will forever be embedded in the diversity, belonging, inclusion, and equity at RESA and throughout the county.

- Thanks to School Culture, Climate, & Equity Consultants, Lisa Kaiser and Dr. Terrance Scott, along with S.E.E.D. leaders Alyn Easton, Kevin Siefker, and Kalyn Wulatin for carrying out the vision and creating the Wayne RESA Equality and Equity Statement. Also, thanks to Kate de Fuccio and Jordan Ewert for creating the graphics for the statement that will be shared on the RESA website.
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