
Highlights from the July 19, 2023, 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):

- Debra Johnson, Administrative Specialist – IT Solutions, effective June 5, 2023
- Stephenie O’Callaghan, Accounting Supervisor, effective June 19, 2023
- Jennifer Snapp, Educational Improvement Consultant, effective July 1, 2023
- Carol Paul, Manager of State & Federal Programs, and Special Populations, effective July 5, 2023
- Terri Czerwinski, Director of Safe and Healthy Schools, effective July 17, 2023

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

- Alexander Ahmed, Programmer Internship, effective June 19, 2023
- Tina Carter, Administrative Assistant-GSRP, effective June 28, 2023
- Aaron Khan, Technical Assistant Internship, effective June 30, 2023
- Gary Puhl, Director of Special Education and Early Intervention Services – Act 18 Programs and Services, effective July 17, 2023

Approved the following leave(s):

- Wayne Barefoot, Part-time Technician – Field Services, unpaid personal leave, effective June 16, 2023
- Ed Lazar, AV, Desktop, and Phone Technician, unpaid Family/Medical leave, effective June 8, 2023
- Patricia Oswald, Human Resource Specialist, Family/Medical Leave, effective, July 20, 2023

Approved the following return from leave(s):

- Danielle Bean Jackson, Career Counselor, Family/Medical Leave, effective June 7, 2023
- Ed Lazar, AV, Desktop, and Phone Technician, unpaid Family/Medical leave, effective June 12, 2023
- Wayne Barefoot, Part-time Technician – Field Services, unpaid personal leave, effective July 10, 2023

Approved the following pilot stipend(s):

- Michael Latvis, Senior Executive Director of Legislative Affairs, to receive a pilot stipend of \$10,000, to offset the costs and time expended of attending events outside of regularly scheduled work hours, associated with the role of a legislative advocate.

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 May 22, 2023 through June 30, 2026.

- Melissa Richardson Allen Park Public Schools

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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 June 5, 2023 through June 30, 2026.

- Angela Khater Dearborn City School District
- Joujaina Bazzi Dearborn City School District

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 July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2026.

- Patrice Barden Romulus Community Schools
- Clare Brick Northville Public Schools

Authorized administration to purchase five (5) Cisco 9200L switches and a three (3) year Cisco AnyConnect license from Inacomp, Southfield, MI, in the amount not to exceed \$36,370.

Authorized the purchase of two (2) HPE Synergy chassis, fourteen (14) HPE Synergy Gen 10+ Servers, and two (2) Altera 6010 SAN Storage arrays from SEHI, Rochester Hills, MI, in the amount not to exceed \$551,355.88.

Authorized the purchase of thirty-two (32) Cisco 9200L switches from Trace3, Grand Rapids, MI, in the amount not to exceed \$163,984.80.

Authorized a purchase from Apple Computer Inc. for Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) devices and Software Access for the Wayne Assistive Technology Team (WATT) Lending Library in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Authorized 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 June 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023:

Mary Blackmon:	\$1532.03	Lynda Jackson:	\$ 210.01
Danielle Funderburg:	\$ 100.90	James Petrie:	\$ 335.96

Approved a payment to the K-12 Alliance of Michigan for 2023-24 dues and supplemental funding and support costs in an amount not to exceed \$85,500.

Authorized payment to Plante Moran Cresa (PMC) for real estate consulting services in the amount of \$87,500.

Approved payment for Health Resource Advocates (HRA) to the following School Districts for a total amount not to exceed \$3,024,000 for the period August 1, 2022 through July 31, 2023.

District/LEA	Amount
Allen Park Public Schools	\$112,000
Detroit Leadership Academy	\$112,000
Detroit Public Schools Community District	\$896,000
Fostering Leadership Academy	\$112,000
The School District of the City of Harper Woods	\$336,000
Melvindale-North Allen Park Schools	\$224,000
Northville Public Schools	\$112,000
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	\$1,120,000
TOTAL:	\$3,024,000

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Authorized payment of the Administrative Outreach Program Medicaid Claim reimbursement to the following local School Districts for services to Medicaid-eligible students, in the amount of \$172,829.84.

District/LEA	Amount	District/LEA	Amount
Allen Park Public Schools	\$3,178.21	Melvindale-North Allen Park Schools	\$3,444.34
Crestwood School District	\$4,161.47	Northville Public Schools	\$10,155.30
Dearborn Heights School District #7	\$1,799.82	Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	\$12,121.41
Dearborn City School District	\$13,989.73	Redford Union Schools, District No. 1	\$4,302.66
Ecorse Public Schools	\$1,142.92	School District of the City of River Rouge	\$752.08
Flat Rock Community Schools	\$2,096.05	Riverview Community School District	\$1,410.01
Garden City Public Schools	\$8,279.50	Romulus Community Schools	\$2,003.12
Gibraltar School District	\$2,085.96	South Redford School District	\$1,698.23
Grosse Ile Township Schools	\$1,679.41	Southgate Community School District	\$5,445.68
Grosse Pointe Public Schools	\$8,173.20	Taylor School District	\$6,614.89
School District of the City of Hamtramck	\$2,773.11	Trenton Public Schools	\$3,934.27
School District of the City of Harper Woods	\$1,275.94	Van Buren Public Schools	\$2,925.06
Huron School District	\$2,500.03	Wayne-Westland Community School District	\$21,234.52
School District of the City of Lincoln Park	\$16,733.95	Westwood Community School District	\$1,806.97
Livonia Public Schools School District	\$8,268.94	Woodhaven-Brownstown School District	\$10,838.88
		School District of the City of Wyandotte	\$6,004.18
		TOTAL:	\$172,829.84

Authorized Act 18 payments to school districts operating special education center programs, to be paid in ten monthly installments for estimated allowable costs, for a total amount not to exceed \$157,149,784 for the 2023-24 fiscal year.

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District/LEA	Amount	District/LEA	Amount
Allen Park Public Schools	\$725,344	Dearborn City School District	\$12,016,208
Detroit Public Schools Community District	\$41,496,944	Garden City Public Schools	\$9,275,612
Grosse Pointe Public Schools	\$7,611,836	Huron School District	\$1,275,993
School District of the City of Lincoln Park	\$9,627,533	Livonia Public Schools School District	\$11,257,722
Northville Public Schools	\$7,734,128	Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	\$4,251,347
Redford Union Schools, District No. 1	\$7,411,511	South Redford School District	\$446,587
Southgate Community School District	\$4,908,540	Taylor School District	\$3,361,867
Trenton Public Schools	\$3,141,253	Van Buren Public Schools	\$1,441,109
Wayne-Westland Community School District	\$9,675,363	Westwood Community School District	\$291,106
Woodhaven-Brownstown School District	\$3,459,465	School District of the City of Wyandotte	\$17,740,317
		Total:	\$157,149,784

Authorized additional payments of Act 18 funds for the 2020-21 operating year to school districts operating special education center programs who are still due funds, for a total amount not to exceed \$536,325.

District/LEA	Amount	District/LEA	Amount
Garden City Public Schools District	\$362,376	Trenton Public Schools District	\$156,101
Westwood Community School District	\$17,848		
		Total:	\$536,325

Authorized payments to Metropolitan Association for Improved School Legislation (MAISL) Trust in the amount of \$75,933 for property, casualty, and liability insurance.

Authorized payments to AJ Gallagher Risk Management Services in the amount of \$130,127 for excess coverage for Cyber Liability insurance.

Authorized the renewal of a contract with Kelley Cawthorne, LLC for legislative consulting and legal services in the amount of \$4,500 per month, for a total of \$54,000 for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Authorized administration to enter into a contract with A & R Sealcoating (A&R), Waterford MI, for parking lot repairs at Wayne RESA’s (WRESA) Education Center and Burger Baylor School in the amount not to exceed \$86,725 for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

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Authorized administration to enter into a contract with The Yaffee Group in Southfield, MI to provide services for a digital marketing campaign that will increase brand recognition and student enrollment in the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) in the amount not to exceed \$80,000 for the period July 19, 2023 through October 30, 2023.

Authorized administration to enter into agreements with the following Districts and Public School Academies (PSAs) for engaging in the Early Literacy Coaching Educator on Loan Initiative in the amounts indicated, for a total amount not to exceed \$560,000 for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

District / PSA	Amount
Barack Obama Leadership Academy	\$112,000
Dearborn Heights School District #7	\$112,000
Detroit Academy of Arts and Sciences	\$112,000
Highland Park Public School Academy System	\$112,000
Hope Academy	\$112,000
Total:	\$560,000

Authorized administration to enter into contracts with the following contractors to provide health resources and support to Wayne County districts and/or schools in the amounts indicated, for a total amount not to exceed \$200,000 for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Contractor Name	Amount
Esmeralda Sanchez Vega	\$50,000
Paul Smith	\$50,000
Sharmin Sultana	\$50,000
Yolanda Johnson	\$50,000
Total:	\$200,000

Authorized administration to enter into an agreement with The Hanover Research Council for Program Evaluation in an amount not to exceed \$47,190 for the period September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024.

Authorized administration to enter into a contract renewal with Dr. Robert J. Gordon, D.O., PLLC, Detroit, Michigan, to review and sign individual authorizations for Speech/Language Referrals, Occupational Therapy and Orientation and Mobility prescriptions for Wayne County Medicaid eligible special education students, not to exceed the amount of \$25,000 for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Authorized an amendment to Board Recommendation #164-22-23 to increase Title I – Regional Assistance Grant (RAG) agreements in the amounts indicated, for a total amount not to exceed \$2,992,240 for the period October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023.

Districts	Original Amount	Amended Amount
American International Academy	\$250,000	\$250,000
Clara B. Ford Academy (SDA)	\$125,000	\$125,000
Detroit Leadership Academy	\$145,435	\$145,435

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Detroit Public Schools Community District	\$900,000	\$900,000
Ecorse Public Schools	\$250,000	\$250,000
Joy Preparatory Academy	\$75,000	\$117,045
Pathways Academy	\$55,000	\$55,160
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	\$322,470	\$364,422
School District of the City of Hamtramck	\$272,678	\$272,678
School District of the City of River Rouge	\$180,000	\$180,000
Taylor School District	\$160,000	\$160,000
W-A-Y Academy	\$172,500	\$172,500
Total:	\$2,908,083	\$2,992,240

Authorized an amendment to Board Recommendation #258-21-22 to revise the slot allocation funding amounts for the following Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) subrecipients in the amounts indicated, for a total amount not to exceed \$75,095,443 for the period October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023.

Subrecipient	Original Amount	Amended Amount
2 Day's Child Learning Center	\$143,463	\$0
4K Learning Center	\$0	\$96,624
4K Learning Center - Southgate	\$0	\$43,920
Above & Beyond Learning Center LLC.	\$303,804	\$319,518
Academy for Business and Technology	\$270,048	\$284,016
Advanced Technology Academy	\$675,120	\$710,040
Alawie Educational Services	\$573,852	\$603,534
Alhadi Childcare Center	\$286,926	\$301,767
Al-Wali Child Care Center LLC	\$135,024	\$71,004
American International Academy	\$590,730	\$479,277
American Montessori Academy	\$405,072	\$363,896
Angel Land Child Care & Parent Ins	\$135,024	\$142,008
Angie's Helping Hands	\$0	\$0
Antioch Christian Learning Center	\$135,024	\$0
Arab American Children Center	\$540,096	\$461,526
ASA Higher Learning Preparatory	\$135,024	\$0
Audrey's Little Love Bugs	\$0	\$76,660
Bambi Land Child Care	\$860,778	\$940,803
Beautiful Minds Learning Center	\$135,024	\$60,515

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Blessed Beginnings Learning Center	\$270,048	\$213,012
Blossom Learning Center	\$405,072	\$426,024
Brainiacs Clubhouse Child Development Center	\$270,048	\$204,137
Bridge Academy	\$405,072	\$426,024
Bright Beginnings Montessori DBA Montessori Child Development Center	\$540,096	\$417,149
Bright Star Learning Center DBA A & W Day Care Center	\$540,096	\$568,032
Busy Minds Child Care Center, Inc.	\$135,024	\$106,506
Caniff Liberty Academy	\$0	\$140,544
Caring Hands Childcare Academy	\$133,632	\$105,408
Chandler Park Academy	\$405,072	\$426,024
Chapel Hill Early Childhood Education	\$405,072	\$275,141
Child Star Development Center	\$405,072	\$310,643
Children First Learning Center	\$118,146	\$124,257
Children On Board Education Center	\$0	\$79,056
Children of the Rising Sun Empowerment Center	\$135,024	\$124,257
Childrenz Place 2	\$135,024	\$142,008
Children's Garden II, LLC	\$303,804	\$159,759
Children's Garden LLC	\$675,120	\$550,281
Childrens Paradise Learning Center, Inc.	\$843,900	\$825,422
Childtime Childcare, Inc.	\$540,096	\$559,157
Christios Child Care & Academy	\$573,852	\$337,269
CircleTime with Friends Learning Center	\$236,292	\$221,888
Commonwealth Community Development Academy	\$135,024	\$140,544
Cory's Childcare Development Center	\$0	\$0
Creative Academics Learning Center, LLC	\$303,804	\$159,759
Creative Kidz Learning Center	\$135,024	\$106,506
Creative Learning Childrens College, LLC	\$135,024	\$115,382
Crestwood School District	\$540,096	\$568,032
Cribs2College Academy	\$151,902	\$0
CrossBridge Action Network	\$270,048	\$284,016
David Ellis Academy	\$135,024	\$142,008
David Ellis Academy West	\$405,072	\$426,024
Dearborn Heights School District #7	\$405,072	\$426,024

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Dearborn City School District	\$5,535,984	\$5,511,686
Dee's Little Angels Child Care Center	\$405,072	\$266,265
Detroit Community Schools- Elementary	\$126,585	\$133,133
Detroit Edison Public School Academy	\$911,412	\$745,542
Detroit Leadership Academy	\$540,096	\$568,032
Detroit Public Schools Community District (State Funded - \$14,413,812 Federal Funded - \$1,721,847)	\$17,249,316	\$16,135,659
Detroit Service Learning Academy	\$455,706	\$319,518
Development Centers, Inc.	\$202,536	\$204,137
Devine Child Christian Learning Center	\$135,024	\$79,056
Dove Academy of Detroit	\$405,072	\$426,024
Dreamy Care Day	\$810,144	\$568,032
Dreamy Day Care 2 LLC	\$607,608	\$328,394
Early Harvest Christian Learning Center	\$135,024	\$43,920
Early Learning Prep	\$270,048	\$281,088
Ecorse Public Schools	\$540,096	\$545,843
Empowered Community Learning Center	\$270,048	\$159,759
First Step Learning Center, LLC	\$135,024	\$140,544
Focus Hope	\$421,950	\$443,775
Franklin Wright Settlements Inc	\$0	\$142,008
Free Thinkers School	\$0	\$63,884
Friendship Child Care Center	\$0	\$0
Froebel Montessori & Childcare	\$0	\$140,544
Garden City Public Schools	\$1,215,216	\$1,278,072
George Washington Carver Academy	\$455,706	\$403,835
Gibraltar School District	\$303,804	\$319,518
Global Heights Academy	\$270,048	\$284,016
Greater Ebenezer MISS BAPT Church	\$270,048	\$195,261
My Child Learning Center DBA Greater Harvest Ministries Inc	\$135,024	\$115,382
Growing Minds Learning Center	\$1,046,436	\$1,118,313
Hamtramck, School District of the City of	\$405,072	\$426,024
Hanley International Academy	\$405,072	\$319,518
Harper Woods, The School District of the City of	\$540,096	\$568,032

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High Achievers Montessori Learning Center		\$0
Highland Park Public School Academy System	\$405,072	\$399,398
Hope Academy	\$286,926	\$257,390
Intelligent Tots Early Learning Center, LLC	\$135,024	\$0
International Child Care Center	\$270,048	\$177,510
It Takes a Village Academy	\$556,974	\$550,281
Jade Child Development Center	\$270,048	\$426,024
John Evans Montessori Academy	\$135,024	\$142,008
Joy Preparatory Academy	\$135,024	\$142,008
Jude Community Development Corporation	\$135,024	\$142,008
Premier MI Brownstown LLC DBA Karnak Creative Child Care	\$135,024	\$0
Kid Connection Early Learning Center	\$270,048	\$150,884
Kids Avenue LLC	\$135,024	\$124,257
Kidz World Learning Center	\$135,024	\$0
Kingdom Kare Learning Center	\$270,048	\$301,767
Kristys Early Childhood	\$573,852	\$355,020
KUEHG Corp. DBA KCE Champions LLC	\$270,048	\$284,016
LACC Child Care Academy	\$270,048	\$257,390
Learn Through Play Preschool	\$0	\$105,408
Learning Links Academy, Inc.	\$135,024	\$122,976
Lincoln Park, School District of the City of	\$1,367,118	\$1,437,831
Little Owl Treehouse	\$0	\$140,544
Little Scholars	\$759,510	\$639,036
Livonia Public Schools School District	\$759,510	\$568,032
Lovin' Touch Learning Center	\$151,902	\$195,261
Martin Luther King Jr. Day Care	\$675,120	\$559,157
Matrix Human Services	\$270,048	\$284,016
Metro Child Youth Inc. United Child	\$540,096	\$284,016
ndividualME Early Learning Academy	\$151,902	\$159,759
Nene's Little Angel's Childcare Center	\$303,804	\$292,892
New Greater Bethlehem Temple COMM	\$135,024	\$159,759
New Paradigm College Prep	\$303,804	\$133,133
New Paradigm Glazer-Loving Academy	\$303,804	\$124,257

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New St Paul Head Start Agency, Inc.	\$945,168	\$497,028
Oakland International Academy	\$118,146	\$239,639
Oakman Child Care	\$438,828	\$292,892
Old Redford Academy	\$405,072	\$426,024
Pencil Palace Day Care	\$0	\$149,328
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	\$776,388	\$905,301
Positive Images	\$135,024	\$63,884
Quality Child Care & Learning Center	\$286,926	\$221,888
R.A.C.E. Reaching All Children Equally	\$573,852	\$479,277
Ready 2 Learn Childcare Center, LLC	\$135,024	\$213,012
Redford Union Schools, District No. 1	\$405,072	\$426,024
Reign	\$151,902	\$159,759
Rhema Childcare Center	\$270,048	\$355,020
River Heights Academy	\$540,096	\$568,032
River Rouge, School District of the City of	\$455,706	\$479,277
Riverside Academy	\$540,096	\$390,522
Riverview Community School District	\$455,706	\$479,277
Romulus Community Schools	\$911,412	\$931,104
Sigma Academy for Leadership and Early Middle College	\$135,024	\$0
Smart Start Learning Center	\$0	\$131,760
Someplace Else Learning Factory LLC	\$270,048	\$142,008
Southgate Community School District	\$911,412	\$1,038,434
St. Paul Child Development Center	\$270,048	\$284,016
Star International Academy	\$675,120	\$710,040
Starfish Family Services	\$1,206,777	\$1,411,205
Summer Preschool Early Learning Center	\$286,926	\$159,759
Summit Academy North	\$455,706	\$319,518
Sunrise Educational Center	\$151,902	\$133,133
Sweet Peas	\$151,902	\$133,133
Taylor School District	\$1,687,800	\$1,757,349
Tender Care Learning Center	\$135,024	
The Basilica of Saint Mary Montessori Academy	\$0	
The Dearborn Academy	\$303,804	\$319,518

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The Learning Tree Child Care Center - North	\$270,048	\$284,016
The Learning Tree Child Care Center - South	\$270,048	\$133,133
The Learning Tree Child Care Center - West	\$135,024	\$0
The Order of the Fishermen Ministry Head Start Program, Inc.	\$270,048	\$0
Tipton Academy	\$540,096	\$505,904
Trenton Public Schools	\$151,902	\$159,759
Trillium Academy	\$405,072	\$426,024
U of M –Dearborn Early Childhood Education Center	\$270,048	\$284,016
Universal Academy	\$270,048	\$284,016
Universal Learning Academy	\$270,048	\$284,016
University Yes Academy	\$303,804	\$150,884
Van Buren Public Schools	\$759,510	\$789,920
Village of Shiny Stars Child Care	\$151,902	\$159,759
Wayne-Metropolitan Community Action Agency	\$987,363	\$474,839
Wayne State University	\$540,096	\$328,394
Wayne-Westland Community School District	\$911,412	\$852,048
Wyandotte, School District of the City of	\$759,510	\$798,795
YMCA Camping Services	\$135,024	\$106,506
Total:	\$81,451,836	\$75,095,443

Authorized an amendment to Board Recommendation #267-22-23 to increase allocation for the School District of the City of River Rouge for engaging in the Early Literacy Coaching Educator on Loan Initiative from \$112,000 to \$224,000 for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

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

Grant	Grantor	Amount	Term	Purpose	Responsible Party
American History and Civics Education – National Activities Program Grant	Federal grant through National Council for History Education (NCHE)	\$30,000	10/01/2022 – 09/30/2025	NCHE will provide Wayne RESA with a \$10,000 honorarium each year for three consecutive years in exchange for services and support with the implementation of the Equality and Power in Civics and Histories Project.	Educational Services

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Education Development Center First 10 Initiative Grant	Federal grant through Michigan Department of Education - PRWORA of 1986, PL 104-1	\$84,575	05/17/2023 – 12/30/2023	Funding for this program is provided as part of the Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five Initiative. It will be used to support early childhood initiatives to bring together elementary schools, early childhood programs, community organizations, and health and social services agencies to dramatically improve the well-being, school readiness, and school success of children. \$59,150 of this amount will go directly to the Education Development Center for a consultation fee.	Educational Services
Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) Curriculum, Child Assessment and Screening Funds	Michigan Department of Education State School Aid Act Section 32(d) (Great Start Readiness Program)	\$882,063	10/01/2022 - 09/30/2023	Support the implementation of high-quality classroom instruction through curriculum-driven lesson planning by providing up-to-date versions of Michigan Department of Education approved curriculum to GSRP classrooms.	GSRP Curriculum, Child Assessment and Screening Funds

The Board also considered and approved the following action items:

- Amendment to Lease Agreement with Southgate Community School District – Beacon Day Treatment Program
- Ratification of Wayne County Salaried Staff Federation (WCSSF), Local 4479 and Wayne RESA Memorandum of Understanding
- Ratification of AFSCME Local 1882 and Wayne RESA Memorandum of Understanding
- Approval of Non-Bargaining Compensation Increases
- Policy and Administrative Regulations Update – First Reading

Superintendent's Comments

Dr. Daveda Colbert shared:

- School year 2023-2024 has been filled with exciting activities and events that have been impactful since July 1, 2023. There is great work happening throughout Wayne County and we look forward to the outcomes throughout the year.
- RESA successfully closed out school year 2022-2023 and a Services Summary for the year was provided to the Board during their Annual Retreat. Thanks to the entire RESA Team for data captured from different departments and systems throughout the organization. Kudos to Deputy Superintendents, Kelly Bohl and Beth Gonzalez, and Senior Executive Director of Information Technology Kurt Rheame for compiling the data, and thanks to Dana Chicklas, Kate de Fuccio, and members of the communications team for the formatting and design, as well as, making the information available on the RESA website. The document speaks to the great work happening throughout Wayne County which aligns with our vision, mission, and goals.
- RESA is very concerned about the most recent legislation changes to the Public Employment Relations Act (PERA) which will impact students, especially the most vulnerable student populations including multilingual learners, economically disadvantaged students, students with disabilities, black and brown children and children in need of additional assistance as they continue to recover from the pandemic. RESA will continue to work with legislators, school leaders, and unions alike in hopes of minimizing the unintended consequences that could harm students. RESA will watch this matter closely and continue to elevate the concerns that play out in districts over the next several years.
- Great job Mike Latvis and the Wayne RESA Team! RESA had amazing opportunities to work with legislators around this year's budget, ensuring that it is closely aligned with the School Finance Research Collaborative (SFRC) outcomes from 2018 and updated in 2021. RESA is excited about the continued press to ensure that every student gets an education that speaks to equity and excellence. Unique budget pieces include:
 - School Safety and Mental Health Commission, which was general funded in last year's budget and was placed in the Michigan Department of Education, continues to be funded, with the fiduciary responsibility transitioning to Wayne RESA.
 - RESA has also become the fiduciary for others including Junior Achievement, Brilliant Detroit, and City Year.
- RESA is the leader in the work around Artificial Intelligence (AI) in education. On August 16, 2023, Wayne RESA is offering professional learning on *AI & The Future of Education with Matt Miller*. There is no doubt that Artificial Intelligence (AI) will have lasting impacts on teaching and learning. This session aims to prepare leaders and educators for this shift. There will also be a presentation to the RESA Board of Education related to AI during the 2023-2024 school year.
- RESA is also excited about serving as one of the leading ISDs in the Talent Together initiative which aligns with one of the organization's goals that seeks solutions for the teacher shortage and making sure Wayne County has a major impact on teacher recruitment in support of a diverse talented workforce.
- RESA serves as one of the key leads of the School Finance Research Foundation (SFRF) Infrastructure Study, which is part of the School Finance Research Collaborative (SFRC). The purpose of the study is to assess the health, safety, and wellness of each of Michigan's school buildings. Facilities are important, and school buildings should look like educational institutions that support student success, and this should not be predicated on zip code and tax structure. Facility assessments will be completed

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on each K-12 Intermediate School District (ISD) and Local Education Agency (LEA) building with students throughout the State. The data captured will be used to inform the legislature of funding needs to support excellence in education throughout the state. Plante Moran partnered with Barton Malow and was awarded the contract by the School Finance Research Foundation (SFRF), a 12 member board of ISD Superintendents to which Dr. Colbert serves as Vice President, who will oversee the project. A survey will be forwarded to districts next week with walkthroughs beginning September 2023 through October 2024.

- Congratulations to the School District of the City of Wyandotte’s new superintendent, Dr. James Anderson effective July 1, 2023.
- Dearborn Heights School District No. 7 has hired an Assistant Superintendent, Mark Kleinhans, who will serve as Acting Superintendent for the district.
- Save the Dates –
In response to requests throughout the County, the following affinity groups will be formed to support diverse talent in executive leadership in Wayne County. Kickoff meetings will be held at Wayne RESA in September.
 - Tuesday, September 26, 2023 – Wayne County Women in Leadership
 - Thursday, September 28, 2023 – Wayne County African American Leaders Network
- RESA is excited about Michigan being the 7th state in the country with universal meals which offers free breakfast and lunch to all students.
- Kudos to Robert Burke and the RESA Facilities Team for continuing to update the organization’s branding throughout the buildings.
- To the Wayne RESA Team, Board of Education, and to all of the constituent districts and public school academies throughout Wayne County, let’s have a great year together!

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