

## Highlights from the September 13, 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 external applicant(s) for the position(s):

- Vanessa Long, School Outreach Nurse, effective August 30, 2023
- Kimberly Grefka, Assistant for Internal Operations Early Childhood Services, effective September 11, 2023
- Theresa Franklin, Special Education Consultant, effective September 18, 2023
- Sarah Jones, Literacy Consultant, effective September 18, 2023

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

• Geri Sifton, Early Childhood Consultant, Intermittent Family/Medical Leave, effective August 31, 2023

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

• Tracy Malloy, Budget & Fiscal Analyst, unpaid parental leave, effective August 14, 2023 Returning on a part-time basis through November 10, 2023.

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

- Heather Rottermond, Regional MTSS, Assessment, and Program Impact Coordinator, effective August 28, 2023. *Schedule Premium pursuant to article 20.8 of the WCSSF Collective Bargaining Agreement.*
- Mellissa Wilson, Early Literacy and STEM Summer Program Coordinator, effective August 28, 2023. *Schedule Premium pursuant to article 20.8 of the WCSSF Collective Bargaining Agreement.*
- Nicholas Holmes, Lead-Technology Coordinator, effective September 5, 2023. Schedule Premium pursuant to article 20.8 of the WCSSF Collective Bargaining Agreement.

**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 13, 2023 through June 30, 2026.

Jermaine Harris	Canton Center Academy
Iesha Brassell	Dearborn Heights School District #7

**Authorized** the purchase of monthly board books from Complete Book and Media Supply, LLC to be given to Early On eligible families along with guidance to promote literacy in the family routines in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 for the period September 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024.

**Authorized** a purchase from Complete Book and Media Supply, LLC for instructional materials to support Wayne County Statewide System of Support identified schools in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for the period October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024.

**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 August 1, 2023 through August 31, 2023:

Mary Blackmon: \$185.52 Danielle Funderburg: \$19.65

**Authorized** one-time payments to the following Strong Beginnings providers for startup funding in the amounts indicated, for a total amount not to exceed \$40,000 for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Subrecipient	Amount
Empowered Community Learning Center	\$20,000
Van Buren Early Childhood Center	\$20,000
Total:	\$40,000

**Authorized** Act 18 reimbursements to school districts operating special education center programs for any allowable expenditure related to the special education center program including capital outlay, for a total amount not to exceed \$8,524,953 for the 2023-24 fiscal year.

District/LEA	Amount	District/LEA	Amount
Allen Park Public Schools	\$33,467	Dearborn City School District	\$665,229
Detroit Public Schools Community District	\$2,056,855	Garden City Public Schools	\$443,780
Grosse Pointe Public Schools	\$428,388	Huron School District	\$84,527
School District of the City of Lincoln Park	\$872,438	Livonia Public Schools School District	\$691,795
Northville Public Schools	\$367,402	Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	\$301,796
Redford Union Schools, District No. 1	\$317,717	South Redford School District	\$33,210
Taylor School District	\$173,291	Trenton Public Schools	\$149,259
Van Buren Public Schools	\$94,828	Wayne-Westland Community School District	\$696,295
Westwood Community School District	\$15,910	Woodhaven-Brownstown School District	\$195,660
School District of the City of Wyandotte	\$903,106		
		Total:	\$8,524,953

**Authorized** additional payments of Act 18 funds for the 2022-23 operating year to school districts operating special education center programs who are still due funds, for a total amount not to exceed \$382,150.

District/LEA	Amount
Wayne-Westland Community School District	\$382,150
Total:	\$382,150

Authorized administration to enter into an agreement with Barton Malow, Southfield, MI for program management for mechanical and electrical pre-purchases for the Gilead/Beacon Day Treatment Facility in the amount not to exceed \$42,697.

**Authorized** administration to enter into an agreement with Max Electric, Livonia, MI for the pre-purchase of electrical switchgear equipment, one (1) emergency generator, one (1) automatic transfer switch and five (5) electrical panels for the Gilead/Beacon Day Treatment Facility in the amount not to exceed \$945,000.

Authorized administration to enter into an agreement with Thermal-Netics, Auburn Hills, MI for the prepurchase of thirty-one (31) classroom vertical unit ventilators for the Gilead/Beacon Day Treatment Facility in the amount not to exceed \$522,636.

**Authorized** administration to enter into an agreement with Trane, Livonia MI for the pre-purchase of four (4) roof top Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) units for the Gilead/Beacon Day Treatment Facility in the amount not to exceed \$114,484.

**Authorized** administration to enter into contracts with the following vendors to provide support for the Statewide System of Support identified Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) Schools in the amounts indicated, for a total amount not to exceed \$180,000 for the period October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024.

Vendor Name	Amount
BJP Educational and Literacy Coaching LLC	\$60,000
EduVation Consulting	\$60,000
Williams and Associates Consulting Group LLC	\$60,000
Total:	\$180,000

**Authorized** administration to enter into agreements with the following subrecipients for completing Strong Beginnings grant requirements, in the amounts indicated, for a total amount not to exceed \$1,048,320 for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Subrecipient	Amount
American International Academy	\$174,720
Children's Garden, LLC	\$174,720
Dearborn City School District	\$174,720
Empowered Community Learning Center	\$174,720
Growing Minds Learning Center	\$174,720
Van Buren Early Childhood Center	\$174,720
Total:	\$1,048,320

**Authorized** administration to enter into an agreement with HighScope Child Observation Record (COR) Advantage in Cambridge, Massachusetts, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for the period October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024.

**Authorized** administration to enter into a contract with Michigan Rehabilitation Services (MRS) under an Interagency Cash Transfer Agreement in an amount not to exceed \$107,772 for the period October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024.

**Authorized** administration to enter into agreements with the following Local Education Agencies (LEAs) for utilization of Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Center Program Offset (CPO) Flowthrough funds for the period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024.

Local District Flowthrough (FT) Center Program Offset (CPO) 2023-24		
District Name	CPO Amount	
Allen Park Public Schools	\$46,880	
Crestwood School District	\$0	
Dearborn City School District	\$867,280	
Dearborn Heights School District #7	\$0	
Detroit Public Schools Community District	\$2,772,952	
Ecorse Public Schools	\$0	
Flat Rock Community Schools	\$0	
Garden City Public Schools	\$431,296	
Gibraltar School District	\$0	
Grosse Ile Township Schools	\$0	
Grosse Pointe Public Schools	\$651,632	
Hamtramck, School District of City of	\$0	
Harper Woods, The School District of the City of	\$0	
Huron School District	\$89,072	
Lincoln Park, School District of the City of	\$822,744	
Livonia Public Schools School District	\$546,152	
Melvindale-North Allen Park Schools	\$0	
Northville Public Schools	\$461,768	
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	\$274,248	
Redford Union Schools, District No. 1	\$452,392	
River Rouge, School District of the City of	\$0	
Riverview Community School District	\$0	
Romulus Community Schools	\$0	
South Redford School District	\$53,912	
Southgate Community School District	\$0	
Taylor School District	\$196,896	
Trenton Public Schools	\$138,296	
Van Buren Public Schools	\$128,920	
Wayne-Westland Community School District	\$236,744	

	Total:	\$9,261,144
Wyandotte, School District of the City of		\$1,057,144
Woodhaven-Brownstown School District		\$0
Westwood Community School District		\$32,816

**Authorized** administration to enter into agreements with the following Local Education Agencies (LEAs) for utilization of Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Flowthrough funds for the period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024.

Local District IDEA Flowthrough (FT) 2023-24		
District Name	FT Amount	
Allen Park Public Schools	\$1,120,432	
Crestwood School District	\$653,976	
Dearborn City School District	\$3,830,096	
Dearborn Heights School District #7	\$794,616	
Detroit Public Schools Community District	\$12,385,100	
Ecorse Public Schools	\$318,784	
Flat Rock Community Schools	\$686,792	
Garden City Public Schools	\$1,111,056	
Gibraltar School District	\$1,373,584	
Grosse Ile Township Schools	\$445,360	
Grosse Pointe Public Schools	\$1,523,600	
Hamtramck, School District of City of	\$437,113	
Harper Woods, The School District of the City of	\$595,376	
Huron School District	\$923,536	
Lincoln Park, School District of the City of	\$1,441,560	
Livonia Public Schools School District	\$3,629,672	
Melvindale-North Allen Park Schools	\$754,768	
Northville Public Schools	\$1,162,624	
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	\$3,902,760	
Redford Union Schools, District No. 1	\$714,920	
River Rouge, School District of the City of	\$655,787	
Riverview Community School District	\$811,024	
Romulus Community Schools	\$822,744	
South Redford School District	\$921,192	

	Total:	\$55,387,536
Wyandotte, School District of the City of		\$1,418,120
Woodhaven-Brownstown School District		\$1,980,680
Westwood Community School District		\$555,528
Wayne-Westland Community School District		\$3,858,224
Van Buren Public Schools		\$1,570,480
Trenton Public Schools		\$743,048
Taylor School District		\$2,796,392
Southgate Community School District		\$1,448,592

**Authorized** administration to enter into agreements with the following local Public-School Academies (PSAs) for utilization of Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Flowthrough funds for the period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024.

Public School Academy (PSA) IDEA Flowthrough 2023-24		
Public School Academy (PSA)	FT Amount	
Academy for Business and Technology	\$157,048	
Achieve Charter Academy	\$108,804	
Advanced Technology Academy	\$198,558	
American International Academy	\$182,981	
American Montessori Academy	\$119,842	
Barack Obama Leadership Academy	\$42,192	
Branch Line School	\$40,679	
Bridge Academy	\$93,760	
Caniff Liberty Academy	\$35,160	
Canton Charter Academy	\$136,783	
Canton Preparatory High School	\$117,200	
Capstone Academy Charter School (SDA)	\$32,816	
Cesar Chavez Academy	\$751,209	
Chandler Park Academy	\$185,176	
Clara B. Ford Academy (SDA)	\$44,536	
Commonwealth Community Development Academy	\$23,440	
Cornerstone Jefferson-Douglass Academy	\$93,078	
Covenant House Academy Detroit	\$217,992	
Creative Montessori Academy	\$357,417	

David Ellis Academy	\$21,096
David Ellis Academy West	\$103,967
Detroit Academy of Arts and Sciences	\$149,334
Detroit Achievement Academy	\$147,672
Detroit Community Schools	\$121,888
Detroit Edison Public School Academy	\$135,952
Detroit Enterprise Academy	\$161,054
Detroit Innovation Academy	\$68,807
Detroit Leadership Academy	\$217,992
Detroit Merit Charter Academy	\$118,862
Detroit Premier Academy	\$96,253
Detroit Public Safety Academy	\$100,792
Detroit Service Learning Academy	\$220,485
Distinctive College Prep.	\$212,622
Dove Academy of Detroit	\$100,110
Escuela Avancemos	\$65,632
Explore Academy-Livonia	\$2,344
Flagship Charter Academy	\$82,040
Fostering Leadership Academy	\$35,160
Frontier International Academy	\$44,536
George Crockett Academy	\$63,288
George Washington Carver Academy	\$60,262
Global Heights Academy	\$51,568
Hamtramck Academy	\$51,568
Hanley International Academy	\$144,646
Henry Ford Academy	\$112,512
Highland Park Public School Academy System	\$53,912
Hope Academy	\$82,871
Hope of Detroit Academy	\$285,968
Inkster Preparatory Academy	\$35,160
Ivywood Classical Academy	\$114,174
Jalen Rose Leadership Academy	\$98,448
Joy Preparatory Academy	\$30,472

Keystone Academy	\$129,751
KIPP Detroit Imani Academy	\$2,344
Legacy Charter Academy	\$113,343
Lincoln-King Adams-Young Academy	\$287,630
MacDowell Preparatory Academy	\$35,991
Madison-Carver Academy	\$94,740
Martin Luther King, Jr. Education Center Academy	\$33,647
Metro Charter Academy	\$133,906
Michigan Educational Choice Center	\$37,504
New Paradigm College Prep	\$30,472
New Paradigm Glazer-Loving Academy	\$58,600
Oakland International Academy	\$97,766
Old Redford Academy	\$212,622
Pathways Academy	\$21,096
Pembroke Academy	\$41,510
Plymouth Educational Center Charter School	\$65,632
Plymouth Scholars Charter Academy	\$182,448
Quest Charter Academy	\$172,923
Regent Park Scholars Charter Academy	\$149,334
Riverside Academy	\$84,384
Rutherford Winans Academy	\$23,440
SER YouthBuild Learning Academy	\$2,344
South Canton Scholars Charter Academy	\$147,288
Star International Academy	\$228,199
Summit Academy North	\$534,730
Taylor Exemplar Academy	\$142,451
Taylor Preparatory High School	\$138,296
The Dearborn Academy	\$79,696
The James and Grace Lee Boggs School	\$62,606
Tipton Academy	\$124,381
Trillium Academy	\$242,412
Universal Academy	\$96,104
Universal Learning Academy	\$142,451

	Fotal: \$12,508,088
Weston Preparatory Academy	\$86,728
Westfield Charter Academy	\$414,206
West Village Academy	\$84,384
WAY Michigan	\$44,536
W-A-Y Academy	\$49,224
Washington-Parks Academy	\$84,384
Warrendale Charter Academy	\$143,133
Voyageur Academy	\$183,663
Vista Meadows Academy	\$44,536
University Yes Academy	\$56,256
University Preparatory Science and Math (PSAD)	\$229,712
University Preparatory Art & Design	\$343,055
University Preparatory Academy (PSAD)	\$464,112

**Authorized** administration to enter into agreements with the following Local Education Agencies (LEAs) for utilization of Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Preschool funds for the period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024.

Local District IDEA Preschool (PS) 2023-24		
District Name PS Amo		
Allen Park Public Schools	\$38,226	
Crestwood School District	\$29,085	
Dearborn City School District	\$203,595	
Dearborn Heights School District #7	\$29,916	
Detroit Public Schools Community District	\$343,203	
Ecorse Public Schools	\$0	
Flat Rock Community Schools	\$0	
Garden City Public Schools	\$51,522	
Gibraltar School District	\$0	
Grosse Ile Township Schools	\$0	
Grosse Pointe Public Schools	\$111,354	
Hamtramck, School District of City of	\$0	
Harper Woods, The School District of the City of	\$9,141	
Huron School District	\$142,101	

Lincoln Park, School District of the City of	\$79,776
Livonia Public Schools School District	\$236,357
Melvindale-North Allen Park Schools	\$29,085
Northville Public Schools	\$71,466
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	\$157,890
Redford Union Schools, District No. 1	\$39,057
River Rouge, School District of the City of	\$0
Riverview Community School District	\$0
Romulus Community Schools	\$22,437
South Redford School District	\$30,747
Southgate Community School District	\$47,367
Taylor School District	\$92,241
Trenton Public Schools	\$25,761
Van Buren Public Schools	\$83,931
Wayne-Westland Community School District	\$159,552
Westwood Community School District	\$11,634
Woodhaven-Brownstown School District	\$69,804
Wyandotte, School District of the City of	\$67,311
Т	Fotal: \$2,182,559

**Authorized** an amendment to Board Recommendation #45-23-24 to amend contracts previously approved for the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) subrecipients listed in the amounts indicated, for a total amount not to exceed \$98,743,415 for the period October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024.

Subrecipient	Original Amount	Amended Amount
4K Learning Center - Detroit	\$149,116	\$149,116
4K Learning Center - Southgate	\$149,116	\$149,116
Above & Beyond Learning Center LLC	\$335,511	\$335,511
Academy for Business and Technology	\$178,946	\$357,891
Advanced Technology Academy	\$745,581	\$745,581
Alawie Educational Services	\$633,744	\$633,744
Alhadi Childcare Center	\$316,872	\$316,872
Al-Wali Childcare Center LLC	\$149,116	\$149,116
American International Academy	\$503,267	\$503,267
American Montessori Academy	\$536,837	\$536,837

Angel Land Child Care & Parent Ins	\$178,946	\$201,314
Arab American Children Center	\$596,465	\$715,782
Audrey's Little Love Bugs	\$178,946	\$178,946
Bambi Land Child Care	\$1,364,460	\$1,364,460
Beautiful Minds Learning Center	\$0	\$149,116
Blessed Beginnings Learning Center	\$298,232	\$298,232
Blossom Learning Center	\$447,348	\$447,348
Brainiacs Clubhouse Child Development Center	\$357,891	\$357,891
Bridge Academy	\$447,348	\$536,837
Bright Beginnings Montessori DBA Montessori Child Development Center	\$596,465	\$447,348
Bright Star Learning Center DBA A & W Day Care Center	\$596,465	\$596,465
Busy Minds Child Care Center, Inc.	\$178,946	\$178,946
Caniff Liberty Academy	\$298,232	\$298,232
Caring Hands Childcare Academy	\$178,946	\$178,946
Chandler Park Academy	\$745,581	\$745,581
Chapel Hill Early Childhood Education	\$346,707	\$346,707
Child Star Development Center	\$357,891	\$357,891
Children First Learning Center	\$130,477	\$130,477
Children of the rising Sun Empowerment Center	\$149,116	\$149,116
Children's Garden II, LLC	\$167,756	\$167,756
Children's Garden LLC	\$596,465	\$596,465
Childrens Paradise Learning Center, Inc.	\$931,976	\$931,976
Children'z Place 2	\$149,116	\$178,946
Childtime Childcare, Inc	\$715,782	\$715,782
Christios Child Care & Academy	\$633,744	\$760,519
CircleTime with Friends Learning Center	\$313,155	\$313,155
Commonwealth Community Development Academy	\$149,116	\$149,116
Creative Academics Learning Center, LLC	\$201,314	\$201,314
Creative Kidz Learning Center	\$149,116	\$178,946
Creative Learning Childrens College, LLC	\$167,756	\$167,756
Crestwood School District	\$715,782	\$715,782
CrossBridge Action Network	\$298,232	\$298,232
David Ellis Academy	\$357,891	\$354,202

David Ellis Academy West	\$715,782	\$715,782
Dearborn City School District	\$5,815,530	\$5,815,530
Dearborn Heights School District #7	\$447,348	\$447,348
Dee's Little Angels Child Care Center	\$357,891	\$357,891
Detroit Academy of Arts and Sciences	\$298,232	\$442,737
Detroit Community Schools - Elementary	\$279,593	\$279,593
Detroit Edison Public School Academy	\$1,006,534	\$1,006,534
Detroit Leadership Academy	\$596,465	\$596,465
Detroit Public Schools Community District	\$25,701,062	\$21,416,808
Detroit Service Learning Academy	\$503,267	\$503,267
Development Centers, Inc.	\$223,674	\$149,116
Dove Academy of Detroit	\$447,348	\$447,348
Dreamy Care Day	\$745,581	\$745,581
Dreamy Day Care 2 LLC	\$603,941	\$603,941
Dreamy Day Care -Redford	\$0	\$354,202
Early Learning Prep	\$0	\$380,259
Ecorse Public Schools	\$782,887	\$782,887
Empowered Community Learning Center	\$402,628	\$402,628
First Step Learning Center, LLC	\$178,946	\$0
Flat Rock Community Schools	\$596,465	\$590,316
Focus Hope	\$917,096	\$887,267
Franklin Wright Settlements Inc	\$149,116	\$149,116
Frobel Childcare and Montessori	\$298,232	\$298,232
Garden City Public Schools	\$1,342,045	\$1,342,045
George Washington Carver Academy	\$603,941	\$603,941
Gibraltar School District	\$335,511	\$335,511
Global Heights Academy	\$298,232	\$357,891
Greater Ebenezer MISS BAPT Church	\$178,946	\$178,946
Greater Sonora Missionary Baptist Church Soaring Eagle Ministries	\$316,872.84	\$0
Growing Minds Learning Center	\$1,174,290	\$1,174,290
Hamtramck, School District of the City of	\$503,267	\$503,267
Hanley International Academy	\$447,348	\$447,348
Harper Woods, The School District of the City of	\$596,465	\$596,465

High Achievers Montessori	\$149,116	\$0
Highland Park Public School Academy System	\$447,348	\$536,837
Hope Academy	\$279,593	\$279,593
International Child Care Center	\$167,756	\$167,756
It Takes a Village Academy	\$745,581	\$745,581
Jade Child Development Center	\$596,465	\$596,465
John Evans Montessori Academy	\$149,116	\$178,946
Joy Preparatory Academy	\$178,946	\$178,946
Jude Community Development Corporation	\$149,116	\$149,116
Kid Connection Early Learning Center	\$298,232	\$357,891
Kiddie Kingdum	\$0	\$177,101
Kids Avenue LLC	\$149,116	\$178,946
Kingdom Kare Learning Center	\$465,988	\$465,988
Kristys Early Childhood	\$335,511	\$335,511
KUEHG Corp. DBA KCE Champions LLC	\$298,232	\$298,232
LACC Child Care Academy	\$447,348	\$536,837
Learn Through Play Preschool	\$139,796	\$139,796
Learning Links Academy, Inc.	\$149,116	\$149,116
Lincoln Park, School District of the City of	\$1,509,801	\$1,509,801
Little Owl Tree House	\$167,756	\$167,756
Little Scholars of Detroit	\$782,860	\$782,860
Livonia Public Schools School District	\$745,581	\$745,581
Lovin Touch Learning Center	\$201,314	\$201,314
Martin Luther King Academy	\$745,581	\$894,728
Matrix Human Services	\$298,232	\$298,232
Metro Child Youth Inc. United Child	\$298,232	\$298,232
My Child Learning Center DBA Greater Harvest Ministries Inc	\$149,116	\$149,116
ndividualME, Early Learning Academy	\$201,314	\$201,314
Nene's Little Angel's Childcare Center	\$402,628	\$402,628
New Greater Bethlehem TempleCOMM	\$201,314	\$201,314
New Paradigm College Prep	\$167,756	\$167,756
New Paradigm Glazer-Loving Academy	\$503,267	\$503,267
New St. Paul Head Start Agency, Inc	\$372,790	\$372,790

Oakland International Academy	\$447,348	\$447,348
Oakman Child Care	\$559,205	\$559,205
Old Redford Academy	\$596,465	\$596,465
Pencil Palace Day Care	\$149,116	\$147,579
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	\$1,137,011	\$1,137,011
Positive Images	\$178,946	\$0
Quality Child Care & Learning Center	\$316,872	\$316,872
R.A.C.E. Reaching All Children Equally	\$503,267	\$603,941
Ready 2 Learn Childcare Center, LLC	\$447,348	\$536,837
Redford Union Schools, District No. 1	\$536,837	\$536,837
Reign Development Center	\$167,756	\$167,756
Rhema Child Care Center	\$447,364	\$447,364
River Rouge, School District of the City of	\$503,267	\$503,267
Riverside Academy	\$596,465	\$715,782
Riverview Community School District	\$503,267	\$503,267
Romulus Community Schools	\$1,006,534	\$1,006,534
Smart Start Learning Center	\$298,232	\$298,232
Someplace Else Learning Factory LLC	\$178,946	\$357,891
South Redford School District	\$715,782	\$708,403
Southgate Community School District	\$1,174,290	\$1,174,290
Spreading Childcare	\$0	\$177,101
St. Matthew Lutheran School	\$149,116	\$147,579
St. Paul Child Development Center	\$357,891	\$357,891
Star International Academy	\$745,581	\$745,581
Starfish Family Services	\$1,481,842	\$1,481,842
Summer Preschool Early Learning Center	\$167,756	\$167,756
Summit Academy North	\$615,104	\$615,104
Sunrise Education Center	\$313,155	\$313,155
Sweet Peas Early Childhood Center	\$149,116	\$149,116
Taylor School District	\$1,845,312	\$1,845,312
The Dearborn Academy	\$335,511	\$335,511
The Learning Tree Child Care Center- North	\$357,891	\$357,891
The Learning Tree Child Care Center- South	\$178,946	\$178,946

Total:	\$101,322,233	\$98,743,415
YMCA Camping Services	\$149,116	\$149,116
Wyandotte, School District of the City of	\$838,778	\$838,778
Woodhaven-Brownstown School District	\$335,511	\$332,052
Wayne-Westland Community Schools	\$2,087,626	\$2,087,626
Wayne-Metropolitan Community Action Agency	\$596,465	\$596,465
Wayne State University	\$372,790	\$372,790
Village of Shiny Stars Child Care	\$402,628	\$402,628
Van Buren Public Schools	\$1,006,569	\$838,778
University Yes Academy	\$335,511	\$335,511
Universal Learning Academy	\$298,232	\$298,232
Universal Academy	\$298,232	\$298,232
U of M - Dearborn Early Childhood Education Center	\$298,232	\$298,232
Tutor Time Learning Centers, LLC	\$357,891.20	\$357,891
Trillium Academy	\$447,348	\$447,348
Trenton Public Schools	\$167,756	\$167,756
Tipton Academy	\$715,782	\$715,782

**Authorized** an amendment to Board Recommendation #72-22-23 to increase the amount for instructional and training materials from Complete Book and Media Supply, LLC in compliance with federal procurement requirements and board policy from \$73,500 to \$109,500 for the period July 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023.

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

Grant	Grantor	Amount	Term	Purpose	Responsible Party
Strong Beginnings Three-Year-Old Preschool Pilot Program	Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five Initiative (PDG B-5), Grant Number 90TP0055 from the Office of Child Care, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of	\$1,092,000	07/01/2023 - 06/30/2024	Funds support the implementation of a three-year- old preschool pilot program ("Strong Beginnings") to provide services to children who do not meet the age eligibility criteria for the Great Start Readiness	Early Childhood

Health and	Program but
Human	meet all other
Services.	eligibility
	criteria for the
	Great Start
	Readiness
	Program.

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

- Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Real Estate Purchase Agreement
- Intergovernmental Agreement for Funding

## **Superintendent's Comments**

Dr. Daveda Colbert shared:

- The 2023-2024 School Year has kicked off with all students returning to school, some before Labor Day and the majority of students returning on September 5.
  - This year is the first opportunity for universal meals (breakfast and lunch for students) that is not part of a pandemic support package. This opportunity removes the free and reduced lunch stigma that will benefit all school districts.
  - School Safety and Mental Health remain a priority in Wayne County. The OK2SAY program is still in place and districts are encouraged to post and use the program where students, parents and school staff are able to submit confidential tips if they see or hear something that threatens student, staff, and/or school safety.
    - The 988 Crisis Lifeline number is also active and encouraged in hopes of supporting students, families, and staff in need of mental health support.
  - Wayne County is celebrating district data points, in particular, 75% of school districts showing improvement in grades 3-8 in Literacy and 72% of school districts showing improvement in grades 3 -8 in Math. As we highlight academic growth, including improvements in Science and Social Studies, we are also aware that many students have not reached pre-pandemic levels. We will continue to focus on intentional supports to ensure academic growth for all students.
  - RESA will continue to support Wayne County Schools as efforts continue to heighten to improve student outcomes and increase academic performance throughout the County with an intentional focus on School Safety and Mental Health supports, as well as, evidenced based, results driven Literacy and Math supports.
- The focus within the RESA organization continues to be culture building and high level of service, leadership, and collaboration in the pursuit of equity and excellence in all things. It is important that we keep those focus areas throughout the entire year. Printed copies of the Wayne RESA 2023-2034 Goals/Areas of Focus document were issued to the RESA Board of Education. Thanks are extended to the Board, Superintendent, and the RESA Team for developing the goals and areas of focus that will guide our work throughout the year.
- The Gilead Project New Beacon Day Treatment Center is moving forward with expectations that the building will be ready for students in September 2024. This is a full year commitment from the RESA Team including technology and facilities departments. Special thanks to Kelly Bohl, Drew McMechan, Rob McCoy, Dr. Jennifer Taiariol, Dr. Gary Puhl, and Vita Lusk for working in collaboration with the

School District of the City of Lincoln Park. This is a huge transition, and Lincoln Park has had great things to say about the continuous partnership on this endeavor.

- RESA is part of the solution regarding teacher shortages in Wayne County. Special thanks to Dr. Jennifer Taiariol and the RESA Special Education Team, Beth Gonzalez, and the Educational Services Team. Kelly Bohl, and Mike Latvis for their work, leadership and advocacy, and being intentional about providing solutions to the educator shortage crisis.
  - RESA's Special Education and Early Intervention Services Department partnerships with Eastern Michigan University (EMU) and Wayne State University (WSU) for Para-to-Teacher alternative certification programs is providing alternative certification pathways for 100 candidates enrolled in the university's programs (50 –EMU and 50–WSU).
  - RESA is also a leader in the Talent Together apprenticeship model that meets candidates where they are in their education and designs plans for them to become certified teachers at the end of their experience.
  - Also, thanks to the Education Improvement Consultants for creating opportunities to aid candidates taking the MTTC test in hopes of successful completion as part of the certification process.
- Wayne County's Manufacturing Day is Thursday, October 5, 2023. Dr. Colbert has been coordinating a schedule with Jason Evers, RESA Career Technical/Adult Education Consultant, to make visits to events scheduled on October 5. Organizers are still encouraging businesses and organizations to participate and host students as part of Manufacturing Day so students can get hands-on, real world opportunities to understand the potential benefits of a career in manufacturing.
- A communication was forwarded to LEA and PSA Superintendents regarding the Pathfinder resource, an online career exploration and planning tool for students in grades 8 12 designed to help increase the number of Michigan residents with high-quality, in-demand degrees and credentials by connecting students with career opportunities and colleges to show different career pathways. School Leadership has been receptive to the tool that they can share with their families and students as a resource to continue to increase the number of students who are college and career ready as they exit Wayne County school districts.
- RESA's largest and most targeted advertising campaign to date for GSRP was highlighted by Dr. Colbert referencing the Wayne RESA Communications presentation the Board: Building our Brand to Improve Student Outcomes. We are encouraging every family to consider the research based, high quality, no cost, pre-school programming offered in Wayne County. Seats are available in every area of the county.
- As RESA continues to elevate all things around education, Dr. Colbert attributed great things happening throughout the organization to the great team members within the organization. The HR Department was highlighted for their work with the hiring and transition of staff. RESA continues to maintain a retention rate of over 85% and will continue to build culture and be competitive in the space by adding different opportunities like the addition of the Cross Street Café in the Education Center that was presented to Board.

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