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PRELIMINARY BUDGET

Wayne RESA

2024–2025

Comments

From Wayne RESA Superintendent, Daveda J. Colbert, Ph.D.

April 30, 2024

Dear Superintendents and Board of Education Members:

This budget package reflects the projected financial profile of the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency's operations for fiscal year 2024-25. This information was presented to the Wayne RESA Board of Education on April 17, 2024, for review and discussion. A hearing for constituent districts will be held at the May 15, 2024, Wayne RESA Board of Education meeting. The budget is also being presented for formal approval at the June 12, 2024, meeting of the Board.

As one of the 56 intermediate school districts in the State of Michigan, Wayne RESA works closely with each of our 33 local school districts to ensure that our programs and services positively impact teaching and learning. We are connecting with, and directing our services, resources and leadership to Wayne County districts and schools with the goal of making these services relevant, cost effective, and focused on improving student achievement. Additionally, it is imperative that we continue to assist in targeting, maximizing, and distributing critical resources and to provide cost saving opportunities through collaboration, support, and economies of scale. Wayne RESA's support and expertise provided to local districts leads to clean audits, quicker resolution of issues, uninterrupted local services during periods of employee transition, and process improvements that help districts' operations run smoother, freeing up valuable time to keep the focus on improving instruction for our students.

The attached budget document provides a high level of information for your review. Additional detail is available on our website at **www.resa.net** under "About Us", then "Reports". Answers to many of the questions we are asked can be found in the FAQ document also posted to the report page of our website. The Wayne RESA General Fund continues to have a positive fund balance and the Wayne RESA Board of Education has taken the position that we will manage the use of our fund balance to assure stability in our services from year to year, while optimizing vital services to support our districts.

Your questions or points of interest regarding this proposed budget are invited and should be directed to Drew McMechan, Assistant Superintendent of Financial Services at **(734) 334-1564** or at **mcmecha@resa.net**

Of course, you are always encouraged to contact me directly if you have any additional questions or comments about any aspect of Wayne RESA.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent

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Foreword

Who We Are and What We Do

Wayne RESA is a regional educational service agency that provides a wide variety of services to children, families and communities. We coordinate many of our programs with Wayne County's 33 public school districts and 97 public school academies. We also provide services to local and intermediate school districts in other parts of the state.

The services Wayne RESA provides range from curriculum consulting, leadership and content coaching, and staff development, to helping districts maximize technology in the classroom and in their business and administrative operations. Wayne RESA's services save taxpayers millions of dollars annually and enable districts to concentrate more time, money, and energy on the direct education of students.

With a projected budget of over $745 million, Wayne RESA's budget includes **more than $587 million that is distributed to local districts and agencies** to cover the costs related to special education, Medicaid, the enhancement millage, and other special projects and grant-funded initiatives.

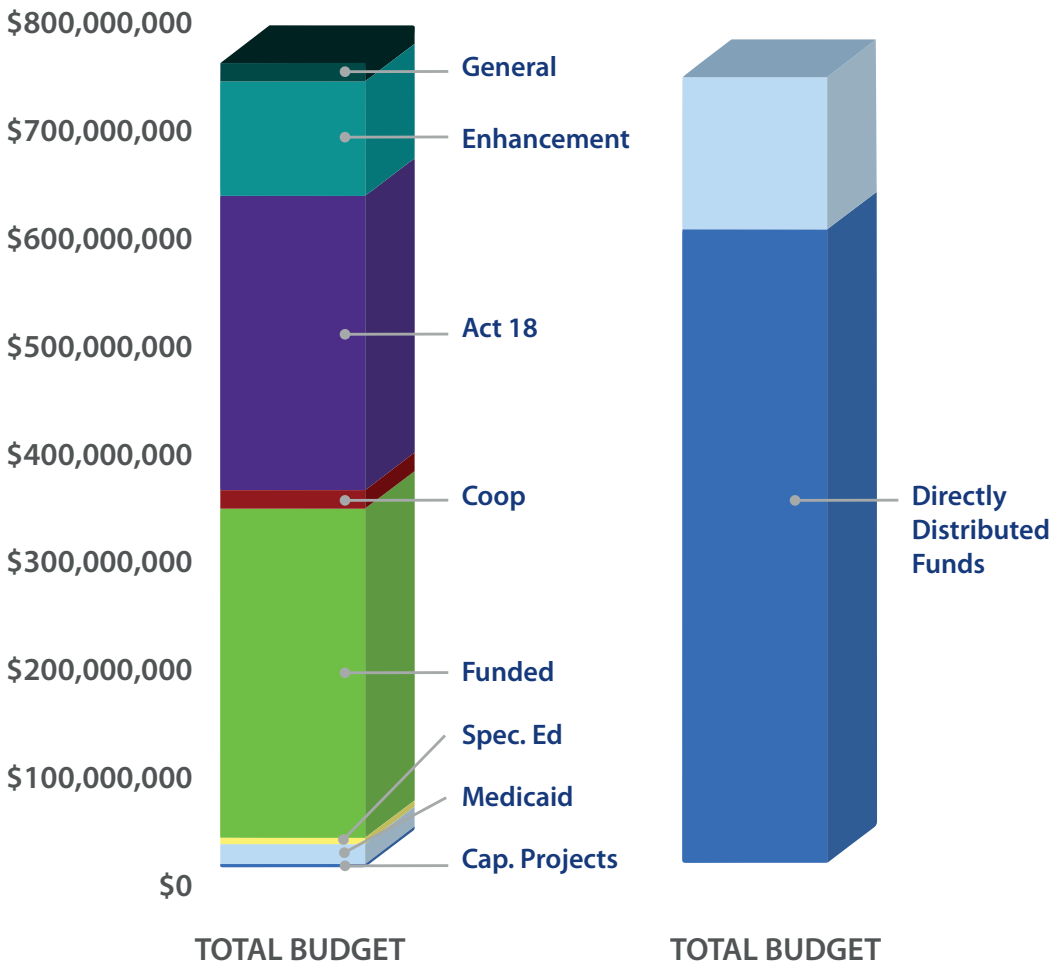
The Preliminary Budget reflects the expected revenues and planned expenditures for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. While projections are as precise as available information will permit, it is anticipated that adjustments will be necessary during the coming year.

The Preliminary Budget provides a comprehensive financial profile of all of the funds of Wayne RESA, as well as supplementary information to promote a more complete understanding of WRESA's financial structure.

Each of the individual funds includes a brief description of their purpose, and in the case of the General Operating Fund and the Cooperative Fund, are followed by links to detailed budgets for each cost center.

Wayne RESA 2024-25 Budget

Wayne RESA's total budget across all funds is over $745 million. Of this, $587 million is directly distributed to schools.



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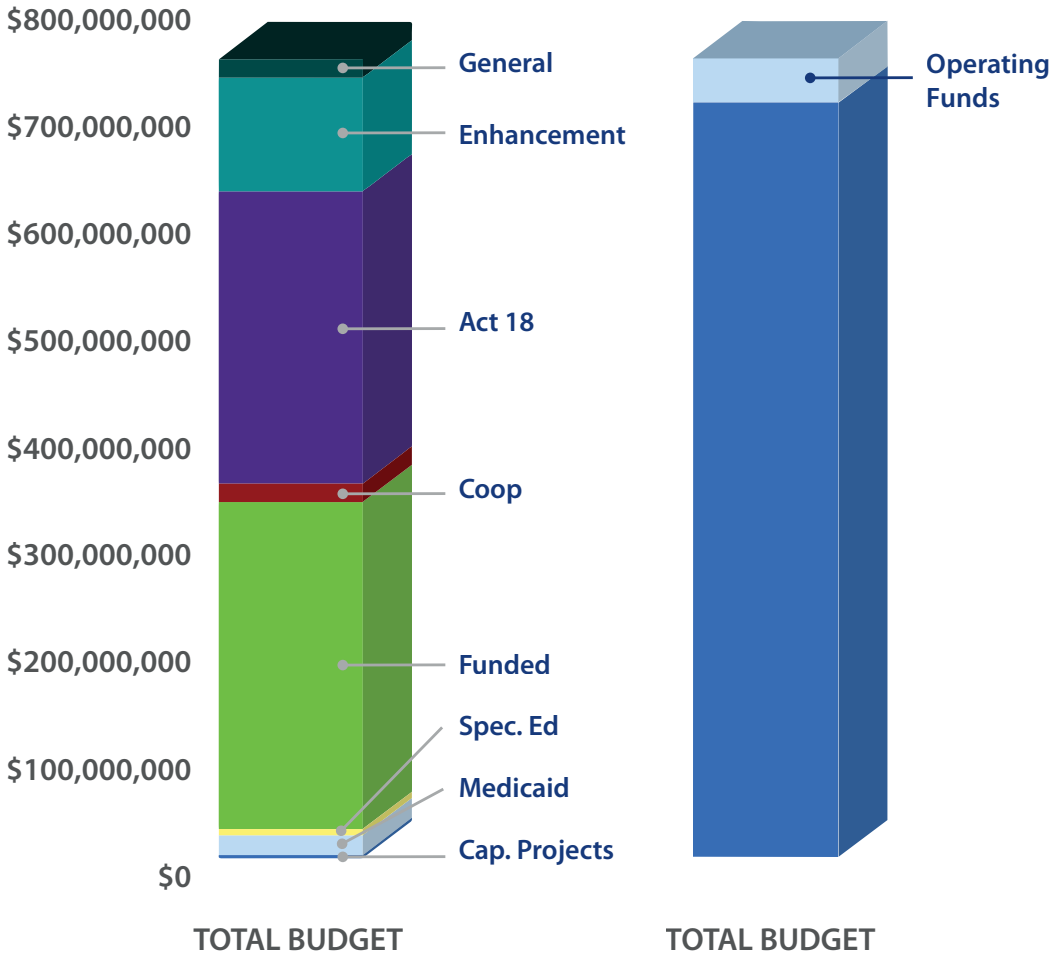
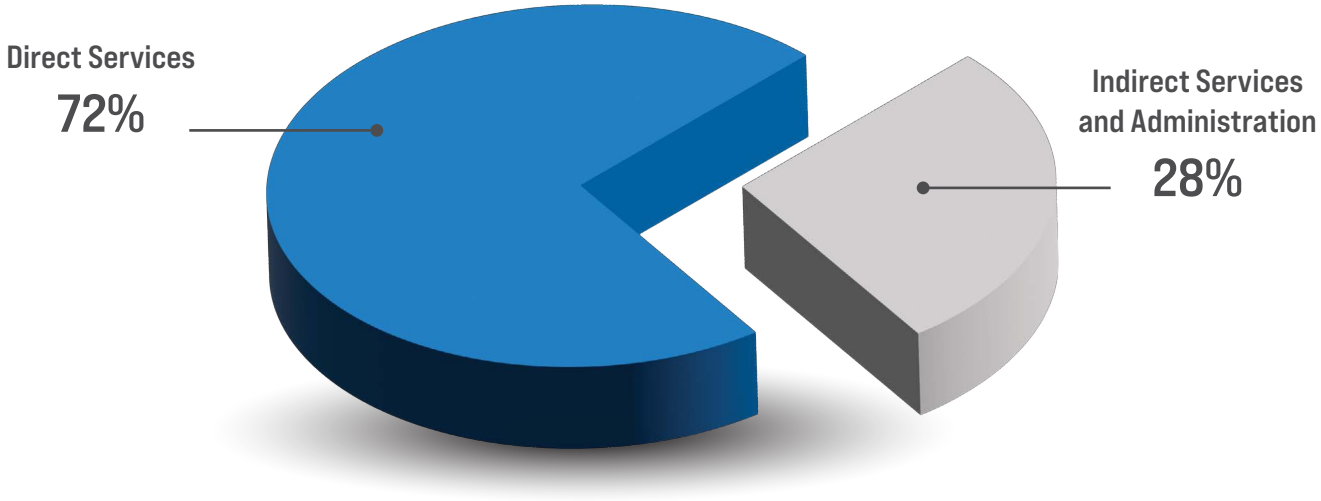
Wayne RESA's Operating Funds, the General, Cooperative, Special Education Operating, and Capital Projects Funds, represent 5.75% of all the Agency's expenditures..



Budget by Service Area

Wayne RESA's Operating Expenditures are further divided into both indirect services and direct services to districts. Indirect services and administration costs account for approximately 28% of costs, while direct services to districts make up the remaining 72%.

Wayne RESA 2024-25 Operating Funds Budget by Service Area



General Fund

The **General Fund Operating Budget** is established to record and report all financial transactions of the Agency except those required by law to be entered in other funds.

	2023-24 Approved Budget	2024-25 Proposed Budget
Beginning Fund Balance	$23,694,132	$18,233,209
Revenues		
Local Sources	$7,863,000	$8,078,700
State Sources	15,555,900	15,555,900
Incoming Transfers – Other Governmental Agencies	343,000	343,000
Incoming Transfers – Other Funds	1,100,000	1,100,000
Total Revenues	$24,861,900	$25,077,600
Expenditures		
Salaries	$6,745,890	$7,352,200
Employee Benefits	4,389,300	4,732,100
Purchased Services	2,494,500	2,554,500
Supplies and Materials	546,800	546,800
Capital Outlay	3,495,500	1,236,500
Other Expenses	160,100	160,100
Outgoing Transfers – Other Governmental	252,000	252,000
Other Funds	8,129,400	9,754,400
Total Expenditures	26,213,490	26,588,600
Ending Fund Balance	**$22,342,542**	**$20,831,542**

See the General Fund Program details.

Enhancement Millage Fund

The Wayne County schools **enhancement millage** was re-approved by voters in November of 2020 to levy two mills on all properties within the school districts in Wayne County. This millage is fully distributed as collected to the 33 school districts of Wayne County and eligible Public School Academies. It can be used for all allowable school expenditures.

	2023-24 Approved Budget	2024-25 Proposed Budget
Beginning Fund Balance	$0	$0
Revenues		
Local Sources	$100,126,000	$104,960,550
State Sources	1,130,000	1,130,000
Incoming Transfers – Other Governmental Agencies	0	0
Incoming Transfers – Other Funds	0	0
Total Revenues	$101,256,000	$106,090,550
Expenditures		
Salaries	$0	$0
Employee Benefits	0	0
Purchased Services	0	0
Supplies and Materials	0	0
Capital Outlay	0	0
Other Expenses	0	0
Outgoing Transfers – Other Governmental	101,256,000	106,090,550
Other Funds	0	0
Total Expenditures	$101,256,000	$106,090,550
Ending Fund Balance	**$0**	**$0**

Act 18 Fund

Act 18 monies are collected and distributed by WRESA primarily to reimburse center program operating districts for allowable added costs. In 2002 an additional 1.5 mill was approved by voters increasing the total authorized millage to 3.5 mill. Act 18 monies are completely segregated from all other WRESA accounts and are distributed according to a county-wide plan recommended by constituent districts and approved by the WRESA Board of Education.

	2023-24 Approved Budget	2024-25 Proposed Budget
Beginning Fund Balance	$307,583,141	$268,787,541
Revenues		
Local Sources	$170,397,100	$178,173,340
State Sources	39,998,600	39,998,600
Incoming Transfers – Other Governmental Agencies	500,000	500,000
Incoming Transfers – Other Funds	5,600,000	5,600,000
Total Revenues	$216,495,700	$224,271,940
Expenditures		
Salaries	$14,000	$15,300
Employee Benefits	10,300	11,200
Purchased Services	2,149,800	2,149,800
Supplies and Materials	186,600	186,600
Capital Outlay	22,000,000	15,169,000
Other Expenses	100	100
Outgoing Transfers – Other Governmental	227,975,100	255,290,200
Other Funds	2,955,400	4,069,000
Total Expenditures	$255,291,300	$276,891,200
Ending Fund Balance	**$268,787,541**	**$216,168,281**

Cooperative Education Fund

The **Cooperative Education Fund** is established to record and report the revenues and expenditures derived from providing services to local districts, agencies and public school academies. Revenues are comprised of user fees and subsidies from the General Operating Fund. Included in this fund are the activities included in Administrative and Instructional Technology Services, Illuminate Assessment Project, Print Services, Production Services, District Field Services, and Consolidated Services.

	2023-24 Approved Budget	2024-25 Proposed Budget
Beginning Fund Balance	$4,057,540	$3,257,540
Revenues		
Local Sources	$113,500	$136,700
Incoming Transfers – Other Governmental Agencies	8,353,800	8,710,400
Incoming Transfers – Other Funds	6,270,700	6,816,000
Total Revenues	$14,738,000	$15,663,100
Expenditures		
Salaries	$6,020,300	$6,562,400
Employee Benefits	4,040,100	4,356,200
Purchased Services	4,264,800	4,913,800
Supplies and Materials	705,900	705,900
Capital Outlay	292,100	327,100
Other Expenses	211,500	211,500
Outgoing Transfers – Other Governmental	0	0
Other Funds	3,300	3,300
Total Expenditures	$15,538,000	$17,080,200
Ending Fund Balance	**$3,257,540**	**$1,840,440**

See the Cooperative Fund details.

Funded Projects Fund

The **Funded Projects Fund Operating Budget** is established to record and report all financial transactions of a combination of grants and initiatives that support General Education and Special Education activities.

	2023-24 Approved Budget	2024-25 Proposed Budget
Beginning Fund Balance	$ (567,307)	$ (567,307)
Revenues		
Local Sources	$4,207,730	$17,994,255
State Sources	136,821,090	197,747,262
Federal Sources	144,148,861	136,633,101
Incoming Transfers – Other Governmental Agencies	2,065,327	1,923,224
Incoming Transfers – Other Funds	0	0
Total Revenues	$287,243,008	$354,297,842
Expenditures		
Salaries	$4,728,040	$13,578,367
Employee Benefits	0	8,952,692
Purchased Services	8,479,041	21,501,762
Supplies and Materials	4,560,972	5,206,001
Capital Outlay	0	5,000
Other Expenses	0	51,140
Outgoing Transfers – Other Governmental	268,280,371	301,338,427
Other Funds	1,194,584	3,664,453
Total Expenditures	$287,243,008	$354,297,842
Ending Fund Balance	**$(567,307)**	**$ (567,307)**

Special Education Fund

The **Special Education Services Fund** provides consultant and staff development support for constituent districts to foster free and appropriate special education services for the eligible students with disabilities in Wayne County. The fund also includes the distribution of state and other funds to the Michigan School for the Deaf and certain other residential programs that serve Wayne County students.

	2023-24 Approved Budget	2024-25 Proposed Budget
Beginning Fund Balance	$ -0-	$ -0-
Revenues		
Local Sources	0	0
State Sources	$1,590,700	$1,590,700
Federal Sources	0	0
Incoming Transfers – Other Governmental Agencies	0	0
Incoming Transfers – Other Funds	3,255,400	4,369,000
Total Revenues	$4,846,100	$5,959,700
Expenditures		
Salaries	$1,881,900	$2,051,400
Employee Benefits	1,348,000	1,451,000
Purchased Services	554,900	1,396,000
Supplies and Materials	63,900	63,900
Capital Outlay	600,000	600,000
Other Expenses	5,800	5,800
Outgoing Transfers – Other Governmental	101,600	101,600
Other Funds	290,000	290,000
Total Expenditures	$4,846,100	$5,959,700
Ending Fund Balance	**$–0–**	**$–0–**

Medicaid Fund

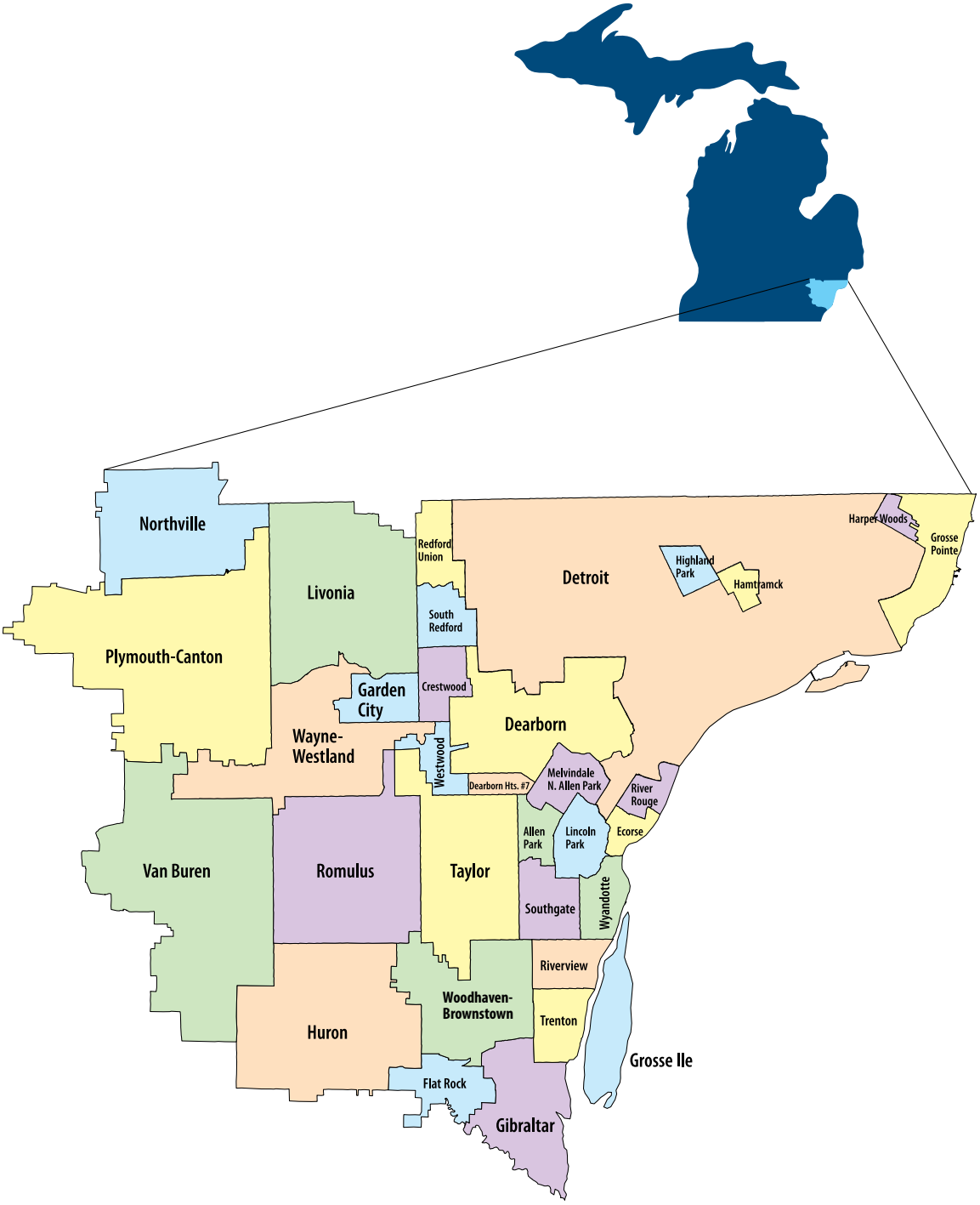
The **Medicaid Fund** represents flow-through funding to the local districts of Wayne RESA for direct Medicaid-eligible services and Caring for Students programs. These programs have been made available through an agreement entered into by WRESA on behalf of the constituent districts to provide partial reimbursement for services to Medicaid-eligible special education students and eligible health and mental health services provided to general education students.

	2023-24 Approved Budget	2024-25 Proposed Budget
Beginning Fund Balance	$–0–	$–0–
Revenues		
Local Sources	$18,352,100	$18,397,800
Total Revenues	$18,352,100	$18,397,800
Expenditures		
Salaries	$312,600	$340,700
Employee Benefits	230,400	248,000
Purchased Services	43,800	43,800
Supplies and Materials	2,500	2,500
Capital Outlay	0	0
Other Expenses	900	900
Outgoing Transfers – Other Governmental	11,141,400	11,141,400
Other Funds	6,620,500	6,620,500
Total Expenditures	$18,352,100	$18,397,800
Ending Fund Balance	**$–0–**	**$–0–**

Capital Projects Fund

The **Capital Projects Fund** has been established by the Board of Education as a segregated group of accounts that are to be used for non-routine capital items. The Capital Projects Fund is funded through transfers from the General Operating Fund.

	2023-24 Approved Budget	2024-25 Proposed Budget
Beginning Fund Balance	$954,476	$507,376
Revenues		
Local Sources	$20,000	$20,000
Incoming Transfers – Other Funds	1,825,000	2,950,000
Total Revenues	$1,845,000	$2,970,000
Expenditures		
Purchased Services	$80,100	$85,000
Capital Outlay	2,212,000	2,885,000
Other Expenses	0	0
Total Expenditures	$2,292,100	$2,970,000
Ending Fund Balance	**$507,376**	**$507,376**



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