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**Highlights from the April 16, 2025, Regular Meeting of the Wayne RESA Board of Education.**

**The Wayne RESA Board of Education approved the following items as part of the Consent Agenda:**

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

- Sharda Edwards, Administrative Assistant, effective March 31, 2025
- Tiffany Cichowski, Application Support Technician, effective April 14, 2025

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

- Sabrina Rudy, Special Populations Consultant, Family/Medical Leave, effective April 22, 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 March 1, 2025 through March 31, 2025:

Mary Blackmon:       \$ 0  
Danielle Funderburg:   \$ 0

Lynda Jackson: \$ 0  
James Petrie:   \$ 172.35

**Authorized** administration to enter into an agreement with Barton Malow, Southfield, MI for the Burger Baylor Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) Classroom renovation project in the amount not to exceed \$265,690 which includes \$252,101 for architectural design and \$13,589 construction labor costs, liability insurance and fees.

**Authorized** administration to enter into an agreement with Environmental Maintenance Engineers, Inc. (EME), Inkster, MI to provide asbestos removal services at the Beacon Day Center in an amount not to exceed \$37,300.

**Authorized** an amendment to Board Recommendation #309-23-24 to increase the purchase of instructional and training materials from Complete Book and Media Supply, LLC in compliance with federal procurement requirements and board policy from \$100,000 to \$173,500 for the period July 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025.

**Authorized** an amendment to Board Recommendation #8-24-25 to increase the purchase of University of Florida Literacy Institute (UFLI) Classroom and Intervention Kits, Math Kits, and Literacy Lab Kits from ECA Educational Services Inc in Commerce Township, Michigan from \$221,000 to \$913,373 for the period June 1, 2025 through May 31, 2026.

**Authorized** an amendment to Board Recommendation #81-24-25 to amend the ILO Group, Providence, Rhode Island contract for project management support throughout the process of opening a new Career Technical Education (CTE) dual enrollment program, focused on aviation and aeronautics, in an amount not to exceed \$185,500 for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

**Authorized** an amendment to Board Recommendation #167-24-25 to increase the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) activity funds allocated for Dearborn City School District from \$28,200 to \$29,900 for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

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**Authorized** an amendment to Board Recommendation #244-24-25 to amend the following subrecipient contracts for one-time payments for start-up funding for the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) in the amounts indicated, for a total amount not to exceed \$2,450,000 for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

<b>Subrecipient</b>	<b>Original Amount</b>	<b>Amended Amount</b>
Academy for Business and Technology	\$50,000	\$50,000
Advanced Technology Academy	\$75,000	\$75,000
Alawie Educational Services	\$50,000	\$50,000
Allen Park Public Schools	\$100,000	\$100,000
Blossom Learning Center	\$25,000	\$25,000
Child Star Development Center	\$75,000	\$75,000
Children of the Rising Sun Empowerment Center	\$25,000	\$25,000
Childtime Childcare	\$175,000	\$175,000
Christios Child Care & Academy	\$25,000	\$25,000
Commonwealth Community Development Academy	\$0	\$0
Creative Montessori Academy	\$50,000	\$50,000
Crestwood School District	\$25,000	\$25,000
Detroit Academy of Arts and Sciences	\$50,000	\$50,000
Detroit Public Schools Community District	\$525,000	\$525,000
Detroit Service Learning Academy	\$50,000	\$50,000
Development Centers - MiSide	\$25,000	\$25,000
Dk's Childcare and Academy	\$25,000	\$25,000
Early Learning Prep	\$50,000	\$50,000
Ecorse Public Schools	\$25,000	\$100,000
Flat Rock Community Schools	\$50,000	\$50,000
For Kids Sake Montessori	\$25,000	\$25,000
Frontier International Academy	\$25,000	\$25,000
Growing Minds Learning Center Inc.	\$125,000	\$125,000
High Achievers Montessori Learning Center	\$0	\$0
Jade Child Development Center	\$25,000	\$25,000
Kid's Purpose Learning Center	\$25,000	\$25,000
KinderCare Learning Centers	\$100,000	\$100,000
Kristy's Child Development Center	\$25,000	\$25,000
LACC Child Care Academy	\$0	\$0
Little Jungle Learning Center	\$25,000	\$25,000
Little Seeds Child Development Center (Northville)	\$25,000	\$25,000
Livonia Public Schools School District	\$0	\$0
New Paradigm College Prep	\$0	\$0
New Paradigm Glazer-Loving Academy	\$0	\$0
Order THY Steps Learning Center	\$0	\$0
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	\$50,000	\$50,000

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Redford Union Schools, District No. 1	\$25,000	\$25,000
Riverview Community School District	\$25,000	\$25,000
South Redford School District	\$0	\$0
Stepping Stones of Grosse Ile	\$25,000	\$25,000
The Basilica of Saint Mary Montessori Academy	\$25,000	\$25,000
The Dearborn Academy	\$75,000	\$75,000
Tutor Time (Child Time Group)	\$25,000	\$25,000
Van Buren Public Schools	\$150,000	\$150,000
Wayne Metro Community Action Agency	\$25,000	\$25,000
Woodhaven-Brownstown School District	\$75,000	\$75,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2,375,000</b>	<b>\$2,450,000</b>

**Authorized** an amendment to Board Recommendation #245-24-25 to amend the following subrecipient contracts for operating the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) in the amounts indicated, for a total amount not to exceed \$106,239,681 for the period October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025.

<b>Subrecipient</b>	<b>Original Amount</b>	<b>Amended Amount</b>
Above & Beyond Learning Ctr Nina Hodge	\$211,196	\$211,196
Academy for Business and Technology	\$434,125	\$434,125
Advanced Technology Academy	\$527,990	\$527,990
Alawie Educational Service	\$664,877	\$664,877
Al Hadi Child Care Center Inc	\$332,438	\$332,438
Allen Park Public Schools	\$938,650	\$938,650
Al-Wali Child Care Center Sameerah Saadiq	\$156,442	\$156,442
American International Academy	\$527,990	\$527,990
American Montessori Academy	\$563,190	\$563,190
Angel Land Child Care & Parent Institute	\$234,662	\$234,662
Arab American Children Center	\$715,720	\$715,720
Audrey's Little Love Bugs	\$187,730	\$187,730
Bambi Land Learning Center	\$1,243,711	\$1,243,711
Blessed Beginnings Learning Center	\$375,460	\$375,460
Blossom Learning Center LLC	\$625,766	\$625,766
Brainiacs Clubhouse CDC	\$187,730	\$187,730
Bridge Academy	\$469,325	\$469,325
Bright Beginnings Montessori Child Development Center	\$469,325	\$469,325
Bright Star Learning Center LLC A&W Day Care Center	\$625,766	\$625,766
Busy Minds Child Care Center, Inc. Beverly Hogan	\$187,730	\$187,730
Caniff Liberty Academy	\$156,442	\$156,442
Caring Hands Childcare Academy	\$187,730	\$187,730
Chandler Park Academy	\$782,208	\$782,208
Chapel Hill Early Childhood Education	\$211,196	\$211,196
Children First Learning Center	\$136,886	\$136,886

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Children of the Rising Sun Empowerment Center	\$156,442	\$156,442
Children's Paradise Learning	\$977,760	\$977,760
Childrens Garden II LLC	\$175,997	\$175,997
Children'z Place 2	\$152,531	\$152,531
Childrens Garden LLC	\$625,766	\$625,766
Child Star Development Center	\$610,122	\$610,122
Childtime Learning Center #614 Childtime Childcare	\$1,830,367	\$1,830,367
Christios Child Care & Academy	\$351,994	\$351,994
Commonwealth Community Development Academy	\$156,442	\$156,442
Creative Academics Learning Center	\$140,797	\$140,797
Creative Kidz Learning Center	\$187,730	\$187,730
Creative Learning Children's College	\$156,442	\$156,442
Creative Montessori Academy	\$391,104	\$391,104
Crestwood School District	\$750,920	\$750,920
Cross Bridge Action Network	\$312,883	\$312,883
David Ellis Academy West	\$750,920	\$750,920
David Ellis Academy	\$375,460	\$375,460
Dearborn City School District	\$5,944,781	\$5,944,781
Dearborn Heights School District #7	\$469,325	\$469,325
Dee's Little Angels C.C.C	\$422,392	\$422,392
Detroit Academy of Arts and Sciences	\$782,208	\$782,208
Detroit Community Schools	\$293,328	\$293,328
Detroit Edison Public School Academy	\$750,920	\$750,920
Detroit Leadership Academy	\$469,325	\$469,325
Detroit Public School Community District	\$23,945,342	\$23,945,342
Detroit Service Learning Academy	\$586,656	\$586,656
Development Centers Inc	\$312,883	\$312,883
Dk's Childcare and Academy	\$156,442	\$156,442
Dove Academy of Detroit	\$312,883	\$312,883
Dreamy Children's Center	\$782,208	\$782,208
Dreamy Day Care 4 LLC	\$187,730	\$187,730
Dreamy Daycare 2, LLC	\$633,588	\$633,588
Early Learning Prep Greater Sonora Missionary Baptist	\$469,325	\$469,325
Ecorse Public Schools	\$938,650	\$938,650
Education Consulting Solutions It Takes a Village Academy	\$782,208	\$782,208
Empowered Community Learning Center	\$211,196	\$211,196
Flat Rock Community Schools	\$938,650	\$938,650
Focus Hope	\$555,383	\$555,383
For Kids Sake	\$156,442	\$156,442

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Franklin-Wright Settlements, Inc.	\$156,442	\$156,442
Froebel Child Care Inc.	\$375,460	\$375,460
Frontier International Academy	\$156,442	\$156,442
Garden City Public Schools	\$1,407,974	\$1,407,974
George Washington Carver Academy	\$633,588	\$633,588
Gibraltar School District	\$351,994	\$351,994
Global Heights Academy	\$312,883	\$312,883
Greater Ebenezer MISS BPT Church Childcare Greater Ebenezer Christian Child Care Center & KIN	\$187,730	\$187,730
Growing Minds Learning Center Inc	\$977,760	\$977,760
Hanley International Academy	\$469,325	\$469,325
High Achievers Montessori Learning Center L.L.C.	\$156,442	\$156,442
Highland Park Public School Academy System	\$563,190	\$563,190
Hope Academy	\$293,328	\$293,328
International Child Care Center International Language Solutions	\$175,997	\$175,997
Jade Development Center, Inc	\$625,766	\$625,766
John Evans Montessori Academy Inc	\$187,730	\$187,730
Joy Preparatory Academy	\$187,730	\$187,730
Jude Family Childcare Learning CTR	\$156,442	\$156,442
Kid Connection Kid Connection, Inc	\$187,730	\$187,730
Kiddie Kingdom	\$187,730	\$187,730
Kids' Avenue Christian Learning Center	\$187,730	\$187,730
Kids Cottage Early Learning LLC	\$136,866	\$136,866
Kid's Purpose Daycare LLC	\$156,442	\$156,442
Kingdom Kare Learning Center	\$351,994	\$351,994
Kristy's Early Childhood Development CTR	\$398,926	\$398,926
KUEHG Corp - KinderCare Education LLC	\$782,208	\$782,208
LACC Childcare Academy INC	\$563,190	\$563,190
Learning Links Academy	\$156,442	\$156,442
Little Jungle Learning Center, LLC	\$187,730	\$187,730
Little Owl Tree House	\$156,442	\$156,442
Little Scholars Day Care Center	\$703,987	\$703,987
Little Seeds Northville Little Seeds Child Development Center, LLC.	\$175,997	\$175,997
Livonia Public Schools School District	\$782,208	\$782,208
Lovin' Touch Learning Center	\$187,730	\$187,730
Martin Luther King JR Day Care	\$457,592	\$457,592
Matrix Human Services	\$312,914	\$312,914
Meadowbank	\$156,442	\$156,442
Metropolitan Children and Youth INC	\$312,914	\$312,914

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My Child Learning Center Greater Harvest Ministries	\$156,442	\$156,442
IndividualME Early Learning Academy LLC Lakisha Yancey	\$211,196	\$211,196
Nene's Little Angel's Daycare LLC	\$211,196	\$211,196
NES Teddybear Daycare and Preschool, LLC	\$117,331	\$117,331
New Great Bethlehem Temple We Care Child Development Center	\$211,196	\$211,196
New Paradigm College Prep	\$187,730	\$187,730
New Paradigm Glazer-Loving Academy	\$187,730	\$187,730
New St Paul Head Start Agency Inc	\$391,412	\$391,142
Oakland International Academy	\$312,883	\$312,883
Oakman Child Care & Development	\$469,325	\$469,325
Old Redford Academy	\$469,325	\$469,325
Order THY Steps Learning Center	\$156,442	\$156,442
PattiCake's Early Learning Center LLC	\$156,442	\$156,442
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	\$1,368,864	\$1,368,864
Quality Child Care & Learning Center	\$211,196	\$211,196
R.A.C.E Reaching All Children Equally	\$703,987	\$703,987
Ready 2 Learn Childcare Center	\$375,460	\$375,460
Redford Union School District	\$563,190	\$563,190
Reign Development Center	\$175,997	\$175,997
Rhemas Child Care Center	\$375,460	\$375,460
Riverside Academy	\$312,883	\$312,883
Riverview Community School District	\$703,987	\$703,987
Romulus Community Schools	\$1,055,981	\$1,055,981
School District of the City of Hamtramck	\$527,990	\$527,990
School District of the City of Lincoln Park	\$1,583,971	\$1,583,971
School District of the City of River Rouge	\$527,990	\$527,990
School District of the City of Wyandotte	\$879,984	\$879,984
Smart Start Learning Center	\$312,883	\$312,883
Someplace Else Learning Factory LLC	\$187,730	\$187,730
Southgate Community School District	\$1,055,981	\$1,055,981
South Redford School District	\$1,407,974	\$1,407,974
St Paul Child Development Center	\$469,325	\$469,325
St. Matthew Lutheran School	\$156,442	\$156,442
Star International Academy	\$938,650	\$938,650
Starfish Family Services	\$1,554,696	\$1,554,696
Stepping Stones of Grosse Ile LLC	\$234,662	\$234,662
Summer Preschool Early Learning Center	\$175,997	\$175,997
Summit Academy North	\$527,990	\$527,990
Sunrise Education Center	\$211,196	\$211,196
Sweet Peas Early Childhood Center Inc	\$156,442	\$156,442

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Taylor School District	\$1,935,965	\$1,935,965
The Basilica of Saint Mary Montessori Academy	\$187,730	\$187,730
The Dearborn Academy	\$586,656	\$586,656
The Learning Tree Child Care Center Inc North	\$375,460	\$375,460
The Learning Tree Child Care Center Inc South	\$187,730	\$187,730
The School District of the City of Harper Woods	\$625,766	\$625,766
The University of Michigan (Dearborn) UMD	\$312,883	\$312,883
Tipton Academy	\$703,987	\$703,987
Trenton Public Schools	\$175,997	\$175,997
Trillium Academy	\$469,325	\$469,325
Tutor Time Learning Care LLC	\$469,325	\$469,325
Universal Academy	\$375,460	\$375,460
Universal Learning Academy	\$375,460	\$375,460
University Yes Academy	\$187,730	\$187,730
Van Buren Public Schools	\$1,173,312	\$1,173,312
Village of Shiny Stars Child Care Center	\$422,392	\$422,392
Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency	\$782,239	\$782,239
Wayne State University	\$391,104	\$391,104
Wayne-Westland Community School District	\$2,346,624	\$2,346,624
Woodhaven-Brownstown School District	\$879,984	\$879,984
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$106,239,951</b>	<b>\$106,239,681</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>
State Aid Section 99s3 and 99s4 Advisory Council Grant	Michigan Department of Education through Washtenaw Intermediate School District	\$11,380	10/01/2024 – 09/30/2025	To provide STEM education services and support to the Science and Engineering Strategic Plan Alignment Outcome 2 (By 2026, the Collaborative will increase professional learning and ongoing support in Project, Problem, and Place-Based pedagogy by 15% in every	Educational Services

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Title III, Part A – Language Instruction for English Learners	Federal grant through Michigan Department of Education (MDE) – Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965	\$502,576	07/01/2024 – 09/30/2025	The Consolidated Application supports English learners in consortium districts and PSAs, K-12 and their parents attending ESL evening classes. Facilitators and EL Consultants serve approximately 2000 students annually.	Educational Services

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

1. Teacher Appreciation Week Proclamation (May 5 – May 9, 2025)
2. Wayne RESA 2025-2026 Board Meeting Schedule

**Superintendent’s Comments**

Dr. Colbert shared:

- April kicks off Spring assessments. RESA wishes all Wayne County students well as they demonstrate growth and proficiency. We also wish our Wayne County educators well during this testing period.
- RESA acknowledges and recognizes that State Superintendent, Dr. Michael Rice, has announced his retirement. We thank him for his service and for being a champion for equity and excellence in all things education.
- During the month of April, RESA also honors and uplifts:
  - Autism Acceptance Month, as we celebrate the experiences and identities of the Autistic community and individuals, emphasizing understanding, inclusion, and support to move beyond awareness and into meaningful acceptance of all people and learners. This was displayed during the amazing April board presentation on Unified Sports by both the Livonia and Northville School Districts.
  - Week of the Young Child (April 5-11), when we recognize the work of our Early Childhood team and the many departments who promote a safe, accessible, and engaging learning environment for our youngest students. We celebrate our enrollment growth in the Great Start Readiness Program and leading the state's vision of PreK for All! We must continue to promote early childhood education.
  - National Administrative Professionals Day (April 23) and Administrative Professionals Week (April 21-25), when we acknowledge and celebrate our administrative assistants who keep RESA moving in the right direction.



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- Arab American Heritage Month, as we celebrate the rich culture and history as significant contributions of the Arab American community.
- Dr. Colbert had the opportunity to speak at the NAACP Detroit Branch's Third Annual Education Symposium. Thank you to RESA Board Vice President Mary Blackman who was in attendance. Also, thanks to both Mike Lavis and Beth Gonzalez for their contributions to an amazing slide deck and to Andrell Williams for his onsite technology support. The topic that Dr. Colbert was asked to speak to was "The Educational Systems Response to Public Education." Other speakers included Dr. Nikolai Vitti, Detroit Public Schools Community District Superintendent and Shirley Stancato from the Wayne State Board of Governors.
  - The community wants to hear more about the impact of Executive Orders on public education and they are calling on RESA to speak in a variety of settings.
- Thursday, April 17 is the Wayne County Parent Advisory Committee's (PAC) recognition of amazing staff that continue to pour in to and support individuals with education plans. This event is always a highlight for the month of April because it is a shout out to the great work of amazing teachers, paraeducators, administrators, transportation and food service specialists, and others throughout Wayne County.
- Thursday, April 24 is the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) Awards celebration where the Redford Union School District will serve as the host. RESA board members and leadership will be in attendance to celebrate the outstanding boards of education in Wayne County and all their awards.
  - Congratulations to each of our Wayne County elected members of the local boards and their accomplishments, as well as the RESA Board of Education and Board Secretary Danielle Funderberg for her presidential award of recognition.
- Saturday, April 26, the Excellence in Transportation awards dinner will take place in Southgate. This event recognizes transportation specialists including Kelli Schultz, RESA Transportation Consultant, and her phenomenal wisdom, vision, and stellar leadership and the team that continues to support Wayne County transportation specialists which includes bus drivers, aides, mechanics, dispatch, and more.
  - We are encouraged by and appreciate that Wayne County students are being transported to and from school, including all activities, safely by our outstanding transportation specialists.
- The Orange Frog | Happiness Advantage training for the RESA organization has started. This training is about positive psychology. Thus far, attendees are walking away from the training with the mindset of paying gratitude forward, saying thank you and bringing joy to the workplace. RESA looks forward to the entire organization being trained and the impact that the training has on its' culture. We recognize that culture is everything. The joy bomb experienced today is just one way of encouraging and maintaining a thriving work environment.
- The RESA master facilities plan is in motion. Communications outlining the facility upgrades, anticipated construction, and greater investment to advance the RESA mission are being shared widely.
  - The project was derived from years of data on renting venues, environmental studies, constituent requests to use the property, feedback over the years about not having adequate space for internal meetings/trainings, and the aesthetics and safety of the grounds/property, as well as being one of the only Intermediate School Districts who did not serve students directly, and more.
  - Through a combination of a \$10 million one-time state appropriation and strategic investments from Wayne RESA's General Fund, we are making purposeful updates to our

properties and infrastructure that align with our mission and vision for the future and in response to more than a decade of feedback. Together, these improvements will improve the way we collaborate and lead to furthering our mission.

- Burger Baylor Campus Conversion
  - The Wayne RESA Office and Conference Space at the Burger Baylor Campus in Inkster will be converted into a four-classroom Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) PreK school, tentatively opening in Fall 2026. This site will serve as a model PreK program, include one-way observation spaces, and support our Teacher Apprentice program, Talent Together. This change is driven by data identifying this zip code as an underserved area for early childhood education in our county and in service of meeting our PreK for All expansion goals. This will offer Wayne RESA the opportunity to directly serve students, and we are excited!
- Special Education and Early Intervention Services (SEEIS) Department Relocation
  - At our newly purchased Wayne RESA Annex, the office space previously occupied by The Senior Alliance will become the new home for our Special Education and Early Intervention Services Department. This will allow us to bring the full team under one roof to improve collaboration and the way we work together in service of our communities. Our Assistive Technology team, student-specific items, and Make-and-Take space will also be relocated to the Annex. This also offers an opportunity for more intentional collaboration and proximity between Instructional Technology and Assistive Technology teams. Work on this project is already underway. This will also make additional space available at the Education Center, allowing other teams to move into offices and bring teams together.
- Annex Renovation and Meeting Rooms
  - Also at the Annex, we will renovate current meeting spaces, Annex Rooms 1, 2, and 3, and add new ones, anticipated to be Room 4, 5, and 6. The updated space will flexibly accommodate up to six meeting rooms, or one large space when the moveable walls are opened, with capacity for approximately 396 people (configuration dependent). This will allow Wayne RESA to hold an in-person All Staff Meeting on our own campus. This will also support our colleagues hosting expanded professional learning, conferences, and community events within our own space.
- Annex Auditorium Conversion
  - The final phase of these projects will focus on remodeling the auditorium at the Annex. This auditorium will be converted into a flat meeting space for professional learning, with capacity for up to 150 people.
- The recertification for CPR, AED and First Aid Training continues for RESA staff. The entire organization was previously trained and now the recertification process is taking place where individuals can remain certified. This is an example of one of the things RESA continues to do to have a healthy and safe environment inside the organization.
- In closing, the April board meeting presentation on Unified Sports was amazing.
  - Thanks to Dr. Jennifer Taiariol, Assistant Superintendent of Special Education and Early Intervention Services, who also presented at the state board meeting on Tuesday, April 8 along with one of our constituent districts.
  - What was lifted by Livonia and Northville was self-acceptance, diversity, tolerance and inclusion.

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- Like Livonia and Northville, we need to continue to work together to ensure that Wayne County is inclusive of each of our students and supportive of all of them thriving.

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