

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights from the September 10, 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):

- Jeffrey Moore, Secondary Mathematics & Continuous Improvement Consultant, effective September 29, 2025
- Chanel Benton, Early Childhood Consultant, effective October 6, 2025

Approved the following leave(s):

- Angela Schulz, Business Services-Business Analyst Implementation Specialist, Family/Medical Leave, effective August 1, 2025
- Anna Bossidis, Grant Finance and Compliance Manager, Family/Medical Leave, effective August 11, 2025
- Sandra Dukhie, Executive Director of Student Information Systems and Pupil Accounting, Intermittent Family/Medical Leave, effective August 11, 2025.
- Angela Jack, Director of Continuous Improvement, Family/Medical Leave, effective September 3, 2025. (Revised effective date)

Approved a regular administrative employment contract(s) after successful completion of a one-year probationary contract for:

- Angela Jack, Director of Continuous Improvement, effective October 8, 2025

Authorized the purchase of Cisco Nexus Switch equipment and accompanying accessories along with 5-years of maintenance coverage from Inacomp Technical Services Group (Inacomp), Southfield MI, in the amount not to exceed \$75,135 for the period of September 10, 2025 to September 10, 2030.

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, 2025 – August 31, 2025:

Mary Blackmon:	\$120.00	Lynda Jackson:	\$ 0.00
Danielle Funderburg:	\$ 0.00	James Petrie:	\$ 0.00

Authorized payment of the Administrative Outreach Program Medicaid Claim reimbursement to the following local School Districts and Public-School Academies for services to Medicaid-eligible students, in the amount of \$813,741.37.

DISTRICT/LEA	AMOUNT	DISTRICT/LEA	AMOUNT
Allen Park Public Schools	\$16,770.14	Old Redford Academy	\$4,129.52
Crestwood School District	\$19,161.40	Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	\$50,174.05
David Ellis Academy West	\$1,053.10	Redford Union Schools, District No. 1	\$23,976.73
Dearborn Heights School District #7	\$14,362.15	School District of the City of River Rouge	\$4,407.67
Dearborn City School District	\$76,108.00	Riverview Community School District	\$5,554.31

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Detroit Service-Learning Academy	\$3,894.67	Romulus Community Schools	\$6,704.69
Ecorse Public Schools	\$4,258.73	South Redford School District	\$11,387.58
Flat Rock Community Schools	\$7,851.04	Southgate Community School District	\$16,628.59
Garden City Public Schools	\$39,230.51	Summit Academy – North	\$3,815.04
Gibraltar School District	\$12,009.49	Taylor School District	\$30,500.86
Grosse Ile Township Schools	\$9,748.36	Trenton Public Schools	\$19,066.29
Grosse Pointe Public Schools	\$29,790.76	The James and Grace Lee Boggs School	\$469.62
School District of the City of Hamtramck	\$11,560.89	Trillium Academy	\$351.29
School District of the City of Harper Woods	\$2,503.94	Van Buren Public Schools	\$13,764.64
Huron School District	\$14,090.80	Wayne-Westland Community School District	\$67,124.76
School District of the City of Lincoln Park	\$91,052.06	Westwood Community School District	\$10,901.29
Livonia Public Schools School District	\$39,805.30	Woodhaven-Brownstown School District	\$47,900.47
Melvindale-North Allen Park Schools	\$20,522.62	School District of the City of Wyandotte	\$43,074.41
Northville Public Schools	\$40,035.60	TOTAL:	\$813,741.37

Authorized administration to enter into an agreement with The Hanover Research Council for Program Evaluation in an amount not to exceed \$102,000 for the period September 11, 2025 through September 10, 2026.

Authorized an amendment to Board Recommendation #20-25-26 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 \$2,996,000 for the period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

Subrecipient	Original Amount	Amended Amount
Agape Love Child Care Center, LLC	\$40,000	\$40,000
Al-Wali Child Care Center	\$17,900	\$17,900
Alawie Educational Services	\$35,800	\$35,800
Alhadi Childcare Center, INC	\$17,900	\$17,900
Bridge Academy	\$40,000	\$40,000
Bright Beginnings Montessori Child Development Center	\$93,700	\$53,700
Children'z Place 2	\$17,900	\$0
Children's Paradise Learning Center, Inc.	\$107,400	\$107,400
Childtime Childcare, Inc.	\$120,000	\$120,000
Commonwealth Community Development Academy	\$40,000	\$40,000
Creative Montessori Academy	\$40,000	\$40,000
Cross Bridge Action Network	\$35,800	\$35,800

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David Ellis Academy West	\$40,000	\$0
Detroit Service Learning Academy	\$40,000	\$0
Empowered Community Learning Center	\$17,900	\$17,900
Focus Hope	\$0	\$80,000
Franklin Wright Settlements Inc	\$17,900	\$17,900
Garden City Public Schools	\$161,100	\$161,100
Greater Ebenezer MISS BAPT Church	\$17,900	\$17,900
Greater Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church	\$80,000	\$80,000
High Achievers Montessori Learning Center, L.L.C.	\$40,000	\$40,000
Himawari Preschool, L.L.C.	\$40,000	\$40,000
Inkster Preparatory Academy	\$40,000	\$40,000
Island Kiddie Kampus Child Development Center, Inc.	\$40,000	\$40,000
It Takes a Village Academy LLC	\$40,000	\$40,000
IXL Northville, LLC	\$40,000	\$40,000
IXL Plymouth, LLC	\$40,000	\$40,000
KUEHG Corp - KinderCare Education LLC	\$120,000	\$120,000
Little Hearts Learning Home LLC	\$40,000	\$40,000
Meadowbank Inc.	\$40,000	\$40,000
New Paradigm College Prep	\$40,000	\$40,000
Northville Public Schools	\$160,000	\$160,000
Old Redford Academy	\$40,000	\$40,000
Play Time Day Care LLC	\$40,000	\$40,000
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	\$435,800	\$435,800
Premier MI Brownstown LLC	\$40,000	\$40,000
Prosperity Early Learning Center LLC	\$0	\$40,000
Rhemas Child Care Center	\$17,900	\$17,900
Riverview Community School District	\$75,800	\$75,800
Someplace Else Learning Factory LLC	\$40,000	\$40,000
Southgate Community School District	\$89,500	\$89,500
Spreading Childcare GS	\$40,000	\$40,000
Starfish Family Services	\$0	\$80,000
Summit Academy North	\$57,900	\$57,900
The Basilica of Saint Mary Montessori Academy	\$40,000	\$40,000
The Learning Tree Child Care Center – INC South	\$40,000	\$40,000
The Learning Tree Child Care Center – INC West	\$40,000	\$40,000
Trillium Academy	\$35,800	\$35,800
Trinity Schools, LLC	\$80,000	\$80,000
Tutor Time Learning Care LLC	\$40,000	\$40,000
University Yes Academy	\$40,000	\$40,000
Wayne-Metropolitan Community Action Agency	\$80,000	\$80,000
Total:	\$2,933,900	\$2,996,000

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Authorized an amendment to Board Recommendation #55-25-26 to amend the following local education agencies (LEAs), public school academies (PSAs), and community-based organizations (CBOs) for operating Great Start Readiness Programs (GSRP) in the amounts indicated, for a total amount not to exceed \$121,869,969 for the period October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026.

Subrecipient	Original Amount	Amended Amount
Above & Beyond Learning Child Care Center GSRP	\$211,196	\$211,196
Academy for Business and Technology	\$633,588	\$633,588
Advanced Technology Academy	\$422,392	\$422,392
Agape Love Child Care Center, LLC	\$156,442	\$156,442
Al Hadi Child Care Center INC	\$351,994	\$351,994
Al- Wali Child Care Center	\$175,997	\$175,997
Alawie Educational Services	\$703,987	\$703,987
Allen Park Public Schools	\$938,650	\$938,650
American International Academy	\$586,656	\$586,656
American Montessori Academy	\$563,190	\$563,190
Angel Land Child Care & Parent Institute	\$156,442	\$156,442
Arab American Children Center	\$715,720	\$715,720
Audrey's Little Love Bugs	\$187,730	\$187,730
Bambi Land Learning Center	\$1,220,244	\$1,220,244
Blessed Beginnings Learning Center	\$469,325	\$469,325
Blossom Learning Center LLC	\$625,766	\$625,766
Brainiacs Clubhouse CDC	\$187,730	\$187,730
Bridge Academy	\$625,766	\$625,766
Bright Beginnings Montessori Child Development Center	\$938,650	\$703,987
Bright Star Learning Center LLC A&W Day Care Center	\$625,766	\$625,766
Busy Minds Child Care Center, INC.	\$187,730	\$187,730
Caniff Liberty Academy	\$156,442	\$156,442
Caring Hands Child Care Center	\$187,730	\$187,730
Chandler Park Academy	\$782,208	\$782,208
Chapel Hill Early Childhood Education	\$211,196	\$211,196
Child Star Development Center	\$610,122	\$610,122
Children First Learning Center	\$136,886	\$136,886
Children of the Rising Sun Empowerment Center	\$156,442	\$156,442
Childrens Garden II LLC	\$211,196	\$211,196
Childrens Garden LLC	\$891,717	\$891,717
Children's Paradise Learning	\$1,173,312	\$1,173,312
Children's Place 2	\$211,196	\$211,196
Childtime Childcare, Inc.	\$2,534,354	\$2,534,354
Christios Child Care & Academy	\$351,994	\$351,994
Commonwealth Community Development Academy	\$312,883	\$312,883
Creative Academics Learning Center LLC	\$187,730	\$187,730
Creative Montessori Academy	\$657,055	\$657,055

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Crestwood School District	\$750,920	\$750,920
Cross Bridge Action Network	\$361,771	\$361,771
David Ellis Academy	\$375,460	\$375,460
David Ellis Academy West	\$938,650	\$750,920
Dearborn Heights School District #7	\$469,325	\$469,325
Dearborn City School District	\$5,944,781	\$5,944,781
Dee's Little Angels C.C.C	\$422,392	\$422,392
Detroit Academy of Arts and Sciences	\$833,052	\$833,052
Detroit Community Schools	\$312,883	\$312,883
Detroit Edison Public School Academy	\$750,920	\$750,920
Detroit Leadership Academy	\$469,325	\$469,325
Detroit Public Schools Community District	\$26,763,247	\$26,763,247
Detroit Service Learning Academy	\$782,208	\$586,656
Development Centers INC	\$375,460	\$281,595
Dk's Childcare and Academy	\$97,776	\$97,776
Dove Academy of Detroit	\$312,883	\$312,883
Dreamy Children's Center	\$938,650	\$938,650
Dreamy Day Care 4 LLC	\$187,730	\$187,730
Dreamy Day Care 2, LLC	\$633,588	\$633,588
Early Learning Prep Greater Sonora Missionary Baptist	\$375,460	\$375,460
Ecorse Public Schools	\$938,650	\$938,650
Education Consulting Solutions It Takes a Village Academy	\$1,055,981	\$1,055,981
Empowered Community Learning Center	\$234,662	\$234,662
Flat Rock Community Schools	\$1,126,380	\$1,126,380
Focus Hope	\$586,656	\$985,582
For Kids Sake	\$187,730	\$187,730
Franklin-Wright Settlements, INC.	\$175,997	\$175,997
Froebel Child Care Inc.	\$422,392	\$422,392
Frontier International Academy	\$156,442	\$156,442
Garden City Public Schools	\$1,720,858	\$1,720,858
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	\$234,662	\$234,662
Greater Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church	\$398,926	\$398,926
Growing Minds Learning Center INC.	\$977,760	\$977,760
Hanley International Academy	\$633,588	\$633,588
High Achievers Montessori Learning Center L.L.C.	\$156,442	\$156,442
Highland Park Public School Academy System	\$563,190	\$563,190
Himawari Preschool, LLC	\$156,442	\$156,442
Hope Academy	\$293,328	\$293,328

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Inkster Preparatory Academy	\$187,730	\$187,730
International Child Care Center International Language Solutions	\$211,196	\$211,196
Island Kiddie Kampus Child Development Center, INC.	\$156,442	\$156,442
It Takes a Village Academy LLC	\$234,662	\$234,662
IXL Northville, LLC	\$195,552	\$195,552
IXL Plymouth LLC	\$195,552	\$195,552
Jade Child Development Center INC.	\$750,920	\$750,920
Joy Preparatory Academy	\$187,730	\$187,730
Jude Family Childcare Learning CTR	\$156,442	\$156,442
Kiddie Kingdom	\$187,730	\$187,730
Kids' Avenue Christian Learning Center	\$187,730	\$187,730
Kids Cottage Early Learning LLC	\$136,886	\$136,886
Kid's Purpose Daycare LLC	\$156,442	\$156,442
Kingdom Care Learning Center	\$351,994	\$351,994
Kristy's Early Childhood Development CTR	\$398,926	\$398,926
KUEHG Corp - KinderCare Education LLC	\$1,642,637	\$1,642,637
LACC Childcare Academy INC	\$563,190	\$563,190
Learning Links Academy	\$156,442	\$156,442
Little Hearts Learning Home LLC	\$156,442	\$156,442
Little Jungle Network Little Jungle Learning Center	\$234,662	\$234,662
Little Owl Tree House	\$156,442	\$156,442
Little Scholars Day Care Center	\$844,785	\$844,785
Little Seeds Child Development Center, LLC.	\$211,196	\$211,196
Livonia Public Schools School District	\$782,208	\$782,208
Lovin' Touch Learning Center	\$156,442	\$156,442
Martin Luther King Jr Education Center Academy	\$563,190	\$563,190
Matrix Human Services	\$375,460	\$375,460
Meadowbank Inc.	\$391,104	\$391,104
Metropolitan Children & Youth INC.	\$375,460	\$375,460
My Child Learning Center Greater Harvest Ministries	\$156,442	\$156,442
ndividualME Early Learning Academy LLC	\$211,196	\$211,196
Nene's Little Angel's Daycare LLC	\$211,196	\$211,196
NES Teddybear Daycare and Preschool, LLC	\$195,552	\$195,552
New Greater Bethlehem Temple We Care Child Development Center	\$187,730	\$187,730
New Paradigm College Prep	\$375,460	\$375,460
New Paradigm Glazer-Loving Academy	\$187,730	\$187,730
New St Paul Head Start Agency INC	\$469,325	\$469,325
Northville Public Schools	\$844,785	\$844,785
Oakland International Academy	\$312,883	\$312,883
Oakman Child Care & Development	\$469,325	\$469,325
Old Redford Academy	\$625,766	\$625,766

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PattiCake's Early Learning Center LLC	\$156,442	\$156,442
Play Time Day Care LLC	\$156,442	\$156,442
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	\$3,167,942	\$3,167,942
Premier MI Brownstown LLC	\$156,442	\$156,442
Prosperity Early Learning Center LLC	\$0	\$187,730
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 Schools, District No. 1	\$563,190	\$563,190
Reign Development Center	\$175,997	\$175,997
Rhemas Child Care Center	\$469,325	\$469,325
Riverside Academy	\$312,883	\$312,883
Riverview Community School District	\$1,173,312	\$1,173,312
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	\$586,656	\$586,656
School District of the City of Wyandotte	\$879,984	\$879,984
Smart Start Learning Center	\$195,552	\$195,552
Someplace Else Learning Factory LLC	\$375,460	\$187,730
South Redford School District	\$1,407,974	\$1,407,974
Southgate Community School District	\$1,173,312	\$1,173,312
Spreading Light Ministry	\$146,664	\$146,664
St Paul Child Development Center	\$469,325	\$469,325
St. Matthew Lutheran School	\$195,552	\$195,552
Star International Academy	\$938,650	\$938,650
Starfish Family Services	\$967,982	\$967,982
Stepping Stones of Grosse Ile	\$234,662	\$234,662
Summer Preschool Early Learning Center	\$156,442	\$156,442
Summit Academy North	\$782,208	\$782,208
Sunrise Education Center	\$187,730	\$187,730
Sweet Peas Early Childhood Center Inc	\$156,442	\$156,442
Taylor School District	\$1,935,965	\$1,935,965
The Basilica of Saint Mary Montessori Academy	\$351,994	\$351,994
The Dearborn Academy	\$527,990	\$527,990
The Learning Tree Child Care Center, INC North	\$469,325	\$469,325
The Learning Tree Child Care Center, INC South	\$375,460	\$375,460
The Learning Tree Child Care Center, INC West	\$234,662	\$234,662
The School District of the City of Harper Woods	\$625,766	\$625,766
The University of Michigan (Dearborn)	\$312,883	\$312,883
Tipton Academy	\$703,987	\$703,987
Trenton Public Schools	\$175,997	\$175,997

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Trillium Academy	\$668,788	\$668,788
Trinity Schools, LLC	\$469,325	\$469,325
Tutor Time Learning Care LLC	\$703,987	\$703,987
Universal Academy	\$375,460	\$375,460
Universal Learning Academy	\$375,460	\$375,460
University YES Academy	\$375,460	\$375,460
Van Buren Public Schools	\$1,173,312	\$1,173,312
Village of Shiny Starts Child Care Center	\$422,392	\$422,392
Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency	\$1,314,109	\$1,314,109
Wayne State University	\$508,435	\$508,435
Wayne-Westland Community School District	\$2,033,741	\$2,033,741
Woodhaven-Brownstown School District	\$977,760	\$977,760
Total:	\$122,182,853	\$121,869,969

Authorized an amendment to Board Recommendation #66-25-26 to increase the reimbursement of allowable added costs for autism spectrum disorder (ASD) resource program classrooms for Wayne-Westland Community School District from \$782,564.27 to \$791,492.32 for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

Authorized an amendment to Board Recommendation #70-25-26 to amend the following Strong Beginnings grant recipients' transportation allocations in the amounts indicated, for a total amount not to exceed \$46,737 for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

Subrecipient	Original Amount	Amended Amount
Growing Minds Learning Center	\$20,000	\$20,000
Van Buren Public Schools	\$23,727	\$26,737
Total:	\$43,727	\$46,737

Authorized an amendment to Board Recommendation #71-25-26 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.

Subrecipient	Original Amount	Amended Amount
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

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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 INC	\$25,000	\$25,000
Dk's Childcare and Academy	\$25,000	\$25,000
Early Learning Prep	\$50,000	\$50,000
Ecorse Public Schools	\$100,000	\$100,000
Flat Rock Community Schools	\$50,000	\$50,000
For Kids Sake	\$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
KUEHG Corp.dba: KinderCare	\$100,000	\$100,000
Kristy's Early Childhood 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
Redford Union Schools, District No. 1	\$25,000	\$25,000
Riverview Community School District	\$25,000	\$25,000
South Redford School District	\$0	\$0
Starfish Family Services	\$80,000	\$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
Total:	\$2,530,000	\$2,450,000

The Board also considered and approved the following Action Items:

1. Board Policy and Administrative Regulations Updates – First Reading

Superintendent's Comments

Dr. Colbert shared:

- The month of September marks the return of all scholars, including those who did not have a pre-Labor Day start. We are excited to have every student back in school.
 - Schools have opened smoothly, and great things are already underway. We are very excited about the possibilities for the 2025-26 school year and the ways our scholars will engage, grow and thrive.
 - Thank you to our returning educators and to the new educators who have joined us in Wayne County. Wayne County remains committed to ensuring that zip codes do not dictate destiny.
 - Congratulations to all Wayne County districts on the safe and successful opening of the school year. That is particularly important to acknowledge, as Minnesota experienced tragedy at the opening of its school year. We keep that school community lifted in thought.
 - School safety remains a priority, so that students and staff feel safe and supported, are excited about teaching and learning, and want to come to school and remain a part of the school community.
 - RESA will continue to advocate for school safety funding, safe storage laws, education, and training, and more.
 - Safe storage notifications must be shared with families each school year, and this is an information item as part of our September meeting cadence with Wayne County superintendents.
 - Sadly, when tragedy strikes schools, no matter where in the nation, it impacts us all. We are hopeful for a school year free of incidents like this for the remainder of the calendar.
- The Annual RESA All Staff meeting was held on Friday, September 5, 2025. Thanks are extended to everyone who participated. Each department created videos showcasing their work and contributions.
 - Several hundred “Rays of Sunshine”, anonymous compliments to colleagues, were shared through an automated process created by the Information Technology Solutions team.
 - This innovation reflects Wayne RESA’s commitment to being cutting-edge and forward-thinking, consistently leaning into “Leading Learning for All.”
 - Feedback shows that the All Staff meeting was a memorable event.
 - Thank you to the RESA Board members who attended, and special thanks to Board President Mary Blackmon for her welcome remarks.
 - Thanks are extended to all members of the staff for their contributions in planning the agenda and presenting the identified content throughout the meeting.
- On Tuesday, September 9, Superintendent Dr. Daveda Colbert, Deputy Superintendent Beth Gonzalez, and Assistant Superintendent Drew McMechan participated in the Wayne County Commissioners’ Health and Human Services Committee meeting. They presented as part of the addendum and extension to the intergovernmental agreement supporting three funded projects from the Wayne County Executive’s Office in Mathematics, Literacy, and Mental Health. The team answered questions and gave a presentation on how the funding addressed program gaps, expanded mental health supports, and strengthened mathematics coaching and diverse literacy texts in partnership with Newsela. The efforts align with the literacy promise shared at last month’s board meeting.
 - Thanks to Chair Martha Scott and members of the Wayne County Commission Health and Human Services Committee for the opportunity to participate.

- On Thursday, September 11, RESA will honor the nearly 3,000 people who lost their lives in the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and United Flight 93. We also recognize the heroism and resilience of first responders, firefighters, medical personnel, and police officers, who risked and sacrificed their lives to save others. We continue to keep their families lifted in our thoughts.
- Congratulations to Dearborn Public Schools Superintendent, Dr. Glenn Maleyko, who has been selected as Michigan's next Superintendent of Public Instruction. We look forward to the finalization of his contract negotiations and his official start date. Because Dr. Maleyko will not begin on October 4, the retirement date of current State Superintendent Dr. Michael Rice, congratulations are also extended to Interim State Superintendent Dr. Sue Carnell, who was appointed on September 9 to serve during the transition.
 - Dr. Sue Carnell's appointment is historic. She is the first black woman superintendent for the State of Michigan. A proud Wayne County native from Inkster, Dr. Carnell has held numerous roles in the county: assistant director of special education and principal in Southgate, deputy superintendent in Detroit Public Schools, and superintendent of Westwood Community Schools. She has also served as Education Policy Advisor to Governor Jennifer Granholm and as a Group Executive for former Detroit Mayor Dave Bing. With 40 years of experience in education and government, including her most recent roles as Chief of Staff and Chief Deputy Superintendent at the Michigan Department of Education, she now steps in as Interim State Superintendent.
 - Wayne County celebrates Dr. Carnell's leadership and is proud that both the interim and incoming state superintendents are from Wayne County. Wayne County proud, Wayne County strong!
- State budget delays continue to create uncertainty for Wayne County schools. School Aid Budget delays are causing significant anxiety and operational challenges for districts across the state. By law, districts must adopt a balanced budget by June 30, yet the state budget deadline is July 1. This misalignment creates mixed signals and difficult conditions for planning. With the July 1 deadline long past and no resolution in sight, hopes for an October 1 budget are diminishing. These delays threaten staffing, programming, financial stability, and the execution of plans for this school year. RESA continues to advocate for a more timely and aligned budget process, and equitable funding that meets the unique needs of our scholars and school communities.
- State assessment data has been released, marking an important milestone in our commitment to academic excellence. Preliminary results show Wayne County achieved broad academic gains, with improvements in 15 of the 20 assessments administered this year. Significant strides were made in English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies, key subject areas that form the foundation of student success. Wayne County students are outpacing statewide trends, a testament to the dedication of our educators, students, and families. Gains in reading and math are also helping narrow long-standing achievement gaps, reinforcing our focus on equity and excellence.
 - While we celebrate this progress, we also recognize the need for continuous improvement across the county. Achieving lasting success requires intentionality and fidelity in implementing multi-tiered systems of support with a particular focus on Tier 1 core instruction and consistent, engaging classroom practices that lead to measurable outcomes. RESA is committed to ensuring that every classroom experience supports student growth and that our instructional strategies are both responsive and evidence based. This includes identifying and addressing areas that require additional support while continuing to build on the strong foundation already in place. As we move forward, we will celebrate the wins,

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acknowledge the challenges, and remain focused on improved academic outcomes for all Wayne County students.

- Thank you to the Wayne RESA Board of Education for their leadership and unwavering commitment to equity and excellence in Wayne County and also thanks to the amazing Wayne RESA staff for carrying forward the mission and vision of Leading...Learning for All on behalf of the students, families, educators, and communities throughout the county.

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