

# BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

**Highlights from the January 22, 2025, Regular Meeting of the Wayne RESA Board of Education.**

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

- Josie Pike, Pupil Accounting Specialist, effective January 21, 2025

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

- Allison Agee, Administrative Assistant – Reception/Event Services, effective December 16, 2024
- Karmenick Edwards, Application Support Technician, effective January 16, 2025
- Lateefah Scott, Special Programs Administrative and Fiscal Consultant – Early Childhood, effective January 23, 2025

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

- Michael V. Giles, Database/System Architect, Intermittent Family/Medical Leave, effective December 2, 2024

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

- Yolanda Johnson, Student Application Business Analyst, Family/Medical Leave, effective December 4, 2024
- D’Anna Courtney-Rives, Early Childhood Consultant, Family/Medical Leave, effective December 18, 2024

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

- Stephenie O’Callaghan, Supervisor of Finance, effective March 1, 2025

**Approved** the appointment of the following representative(s) to the Wayne County Parent Advisory Committee (WCPAC) for a three-year term. This is effective from December 1, 2024, to June 30, 2027.

Samara Wolf	Garden City Public Schools
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**Authorized** a purchase from Talk To Me Technologies (TTM) for Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) devices for the Wayne Assistive Technology Team (WATT) Lending Library in an amount not to exceed \$40,000 for the period December 1, 2024 through June 30, 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 December 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024:

Mary Blackmon:	\$ 0	Lynda Jackson:	\$ 0
Danielle Funderburg:	\$ 0	James Petrie:	\$ 0

**Authorized** a payment to Eastern Michigan University (EMU) for the Para-to-Teacher program in an amount not to exceed \$400,000 for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

**Authorized** a payment to Wayne State University (WSU) for the Para-to-Teacher program in an amount not to exceed \$550,000 for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

**Authorized** a payment to Grand Valley State University (GVSU) for the Special Education Director program in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

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**Authorized** payments to the following districts and public school academies (PSA) for Health Resource Advocates (HRAs) in the amounts indicated, for a total amount not to exceed \$8,165,000 for the period October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025.

<b>District/PSA</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Advanced Technology Academy	\$345,000
Allen Park Public Schools	\$115,000
Dearborn City School District	\$1,150,000
Dearborn Heights School District #7	\$345,000
Detroit Academy of Arts and Sciences	\$230,000
Detroit Community Schools	\$230,000
Detroit Leadership Academy	\$230,000
Detroit Public Schools Community District	\$2,070,000
Fostering Leadership Academy	\$230,000
Northville Public Schools	\$575,000
Pathways Academy	\$115,000
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	\$1,150,000
Redford Union Schools, District No. 1	\$690,000
Summit Academy North	\$115,000
The School District of the City of Harper Woods	\$575,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$8,165,000</b>

**Authorized** payments to the following districts for 31n(6) mental health supports for general education students in the amounts indicated, for a total amount not to exceed \$6,383,054 for the period October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2027.

<b>District/PSA</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Crestwood School District	\$173,535
Ecorse Public Schools	\$600,000
Garden City Public Schools	\$600,000
Grosse Ile Township Schools	\$424,298
Grosse Pointe Public Schools	\$600,000
Melvindale-Northern Allen Park Schools	\$229,125
Northville Public Schools	\$600,000
Redford Union Schools, District No. 1	\$600,000
School District of the City of Lincoln Park	\$82,753
School District of the City of River Rouge	\$569,884
South Redford School District	\$310,000
Southgate Community School District	\$175,000
Summit Academy North	\$200,233
Taylor School District	\$600,000
The James and Grace Lee Boggs School	\$80,000

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Trenton Public Schools	\$447,261
Trillium Academy	\$90,965
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$6,383,054</b>

**Authorized** administration to enter into an agreement with Barton Malow, Southfield, MI for the Annex building exterior improvements in the amount not to exceed \$74,759 which includes project design for \$72,500 and liability insurance and fees for \$2,259.

**Authorized** administration to enter into an agreement with Barton Malow, Southfield, MI for the Beacon Field House exterior improvements in the amount not to exceed \$57,358 which includes project design for \$55,625 and liability insurance and fees for \$1,733.

**Authorized** administration to enter into an agreement with Barton Malow, Southfield, MI for the Beacon Phase 2 elevator pre-purchase in the amount not to exceed \$329,563, which includes \$229,500 for construction trades, 40% contingency of \$91,800 and \$8,263 for General Liability Insurance and construction management.

**Authorized** administration to enter into an agreement with International Thought Leader Network, Cary, North Carolina, for the implementation and training in the Happiness Advantage Orange Frog Workshop in the amount not to exceed \$106,500.

**Authorized** administration to renew the Microsoft 365 A5 software subscription in the amount of \$92,313 from CDW-G, Vernon Hills, IL for the period of February 1, 2025, through January 31, 2026.

**Authorized** administration to enter into an agreement with NBS Commercial Interiors, Chicago, IL to purchase and install Steelcase furniture for the IT Support area renovation project at the RESA Education Center in an amount not to exceed \$119,935 which includes \$75,333.81 for the purchase of furnishings, and \$44,601.19 for design, installation, and construction management services.

**Authorized** administration to enter into an agreement with Pro Image Painting, LLC., Westland, MI for the refurbishing of the flooring on the first-floor lobby/hallway area of the Wayne RESA (WRESA) Education Center in the amount not to exceed \$35,800.

**Authorized** administration to enter into an agreement with Outfront Media of Detroit, Michigan to purchase public awareness media for the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) in an amount not to exceed \$425,000 for the period February 1, 2025 through January 31, 2026.

**Authorized** administration to enter into an agreement with The Yaffe Group of Southfield, Michigan to provide services for a digital marketing campaign for the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) in an amount not to exceed \$160,000 for the period February 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

**Authorized** an amendment to Board Recommendation #251-23-24 to increase payment of Section 31n(6) Mental Health Supports for general education students funding for Dearborn City School District from \$600,000 to \$1,600,000 for the period October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2026.

**Authorized** an amendment to Board Recommendation #173-24-25 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 \$2,400,000 for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

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<b>Subrecipient</b>	<b>Original Amount</b>	<b>Amended Amount</b>
Academy for Business and Technology	\$0	\$25,000
Advanced Technology Academy	\$0	\$75,000
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
Commonwealth Community Development Academy	\$25,000	\$25,000
Christios Child Care & Academy	\$25,000	\$25,000
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
Ecorse Public Schools	\$25,000	\$25,000
Early Learning Prep	\$50,000	\$50,000
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.	\$0	\$125,000
High Achievers Montessori Learning 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
Little Jungle Learning Center	\$25,000	\$25,000
Little Seeds Child Development Center (Northville)	\$25,000	\$25,000
Livonia Public Schools School District	\$25,000	\$25,000
New Paradigm College Prep	\$25,000	\$25,000
New Paradigm Glazer-Loving Academy	\$25,000	\$25,000
Order THY Steps Learning Center	\$25,000	\$25,000
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	\$25,000	\$25,000
Redford Union Schools, District No. 1	\$25,000	\$25,000
Riverview Community School District	\$25,000	\$25,000
South Redford School District	\$0	\$0
Stepping Stones of Grosse Ile	\$25,000	\$25,000
The Basilica of Saint Mary Montessori Academy	\$25,000	\$25,000

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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>\$2,175,000</b>	<b>\$2,400,000</b>

**Authorized** an amendment to Board Recommendation #174-24-25 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 \$107,416,904 for the period October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025.

<b>Subrecipient</b>	<b>Original Amount</b>	<b>Amended Amount</b>
Alawie Educational Service	\$664,877	\$664,877
Above & Beyond Learning Ctr Nina Hodge	\$211,196	\$211,196
Academy for Business and Technology	\$375,460	\$527,990
Advanced Technology Academy	\$782,208	\$527,990
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
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

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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
Childtime Learning Center #614 Childtime Childcare	\$1,830,367	\$1,830,367
Christios Child Care & Academy	\$351,994	\$351,994
Commonwealth Community Development Academy	\$312,883	\$312,883
Creative Academics Learning Center	\$211,196	\$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
Franklin-Wright Settlements, Inc.	\$156,442	\$156,442

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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	\$1,231,978	\$977,760
Hanley International Academy	\$469,325	\$469,325
Highland Park Public School Academy System	\$563,190	\$563,190
High Achievers Montessori Learning Center L.L.C.	\$156,442	\$156,442
Hope Academy	\$293,328	\$293,328
International Child Care Center International Language Solutions	\$175,997	\$175,997
Jade Development Center, Inc	\$469,325	\$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 Kingdum	\$187,730	\$187,730
Kid's Purpose Daycare LLC	\$156,442	\$156,442
Kids' Avenue Christian Learning Center	\$187,730	\$187,730
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	\$563,190	\$563,190
Matrix Human Services	\$312,914	\$312,914
Metropolitan Children and Youth INC	\$312,914	\$312,914
My Child Learning Center Greater Harvest Ministries	\$156,442	\$156,442

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IndividualME Early Learning Academy LLC Lakisha Yancey	\$211,196	\$211,196
Nene's Little Angel's Daycare LLC	\$211,196	\$211,196
New Great Bethlehem Temple We Care Child Development Center	\$211,196	\$211,196
NES Teddybear Daycare and Preschool, LLC	\$117,311	\$117,311
New Paradigm College Prep	\$187,730	\$187,730
New Paradigm Glazer-Loving Academy	\$187,730	\$187,730
New St Paul Head Start Agency Inc	\$1,368,902	\$1,368,902
Oakland International Academy	\$312,883	\$312,883
Oakman Child Care & Development	\$469,325	\$469,325
Old Redford Academy	\$625,766	\$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	\$1,349,309	\$1,349,309
Quality Child Care & Learning Center	\$211,196	\$211,196
R.A.C.E Reaching All Children Equally	\$750,920	\$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	\$375,460	\$375,460
Riverside Academy	\$469,325	\$469,325
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
South Redford School District	\$1,407,974	\$1,407,974
Southgate Community School District	\$1,055,981	\$1,055,981
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>\$107,890,142</b>	<b>\$107,416,904</b>

**Authorized** an amendment to Board Recommendation #175-24-25 to amend the following subrecipient transportation allocations for the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) in the amounts indicated, for a total amount not to exceed \$4,587,089 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	\$ 64,000	\$ 64,000
Academy for Business and Technology	\$130,000	\$130,000
Al-Wali Child Care Center	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
Arab American Children Center	\$ 144,000	\$ 144,000
Audrey's Little Love Bugs	\$30,000	\$30,000
Bambi Land Learning Center	\$ 96,000	\$ 96,000
Blessed Beginnings Learning Center	\$ 65,000	\$ 65,000
Brainiacs Clubhouse CDC	\$ 64,500	\$ 64,500
Bright Start Learning Center LLC A&W Day Care Center	\$ 75,500	\$ 75,500
Caniff Liberty Academy	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
Caring Hands Childcare Academy	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
Chapel Hill Early Childhood Education	\$6,000	\$6,000

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Child Star Development Center	\$40,000	\$40,000
Children First Learning Center	\$40,000	\$40,000
Childrens Garden LLC	\$120,000	\$120,000
Children’s Paradise Learning	\$160,000	\$160,000
Children'z Place 2	\$40,000	\$40,000
Christios Child Care & Academy	\$48,000	\$4,789
Commonwealth Community Development Academy	\$35,000	\$35,000
Creative Kidz Learning Center	\$0	\$0
Cross Bridge Action Network	\$22,800	\$22,800
Detroit Community Schools	\$20,000	\$20,000
Detroit Leadership Academy	\$28,500	\$28,500
Detroit Public Schools Community District	\$600,000	\$600,000
Detroit Service Learning Academy	\$28,500	\$28,500
Development Centers Inc	\$5,000	\$5,000
Dk's Childcare and Academy	\$60,000	\$60,000
Dreamy Childrens Center	\$125,000	\$125,000
Dreamy Daycare 2, LLC	\$85,000	\$85,000
Early Learning Prep Greater Sonora Missionary Baptist	\$45,000	\$45,000
Ecorse Public Schools	\$195,000	\$195,000
Education Consulting Solutions It Takes a Village Academy	\$150,000	\$150,000
For Kids Sake	\$10,000	\$10,000
Garden City Public schools	\$92,000	\$92,000
George Washington Carver Academy	\$75,000	\$75,000
Greater Ebenezer MISS BPT Church Childcare Greater Ebenezer Christian Child Care Center & Kin	\$23,000	\$23,000
Growing Minds Learning Center INC	\$150,000	\$150,000
Hanley International Academy	\$15,000	\$15,000
Jade Child Development Center, INC	\$35,000	\$35,000
Joy Preparatory Academy	\$4,000	\$4,000
Jude Family Childcare Learning CTR	\$20,000	\$20,000
Kid Connection Kid Connection, Inc	\$35,000	\$35,000
Kids' Avenue Christian Learning Center	\$50,000	\$50,000
Kingdom Kare Learning Center	\$10,500	\$10,500
Kristy’s Early Childhood Development CTR	\$52,500	\$52,500
LACC Childcare Academy INC	\$45,000	\$45,000
Learning Links Academy	\$35,000	\$35,000
Little Scholars Day Care Center	\$130,000	\$130,000
Livonia Public Schools School District	\$100,000	\$100,000
Martin Luther King Jr Day Care	\$55,000	\$55,000

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IndividualME Early Learning Academy LLC	\$45,000	\$45,000
Nene's Little Angel's Daycare LLC	\$60,000	\$60,000
New Greater Bethel Temple We Care Child Development Center	\$53,000	\$53,000
New Paradigm Glazer-Loving Academy	\$60,000	\$60,000
Oakland International Academy	\$50,000	\$50,000
Oakman Child Care & Development	\$150,000	\$150,000
Quality Child Care & Learning Center	\$50,000	\$50,000
Ready 2 Learn Childcare Center	\$90,000	\$90,000
Redford Union Schools, District No. 1	\$35,000	\$35,000
School District of the City of Hamtramck	\$53,500	\$53,500
School District of the City of River Rouge	\$75,000	\$75,000
Someplace Else Learning Factory LLC	\$45,000	\$45,000
Southgate Community School District	\$150,000	\$150,000
Sunrise Education Center	\$14,000	\$14,000
Van Buren Public Schools	\$70,000	\$70,000
Village of Shiny Stars Child Care Center	\$50,000	\$50,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$4,630,300</b>	<b>\$4,587,089</b>

**Accepted** the following grant 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>
Healthcare Resource Advocates (HRAs)	Michigan Department of Education	\$9,200,000	10/01/2024 - 09/30/2025	HRAs provide front-line support for COVID-19 testing and reporting, help school districts identify emerging COVID- related health concerns, and strengthen best health practices by providing consultation, prevention services, and appropriate public health strategies for the district. The HRAs help to address the greatest needs in school health: the health and mitigation challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, in addition	Educational Services

				to other existing and emergent health issues.	
Section 31n(6) Mental Health and Support Services	Michigan Department of Education (MDE)	\$6,787,422	10/01/2024 - 09/30/2027	Wayne RESA (Grantee) is granted from MDE (Grantor) for the provision of mental health and support services to general education students with mild to moderate mental health needs.	Educational Services

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

1. Resolution in Support of the IDEA Full Funding Act
2. Authorization to Appoint Director, Early Childhood – Kristina Collyer

**Superintendent’s Comments**

Dr. Colbert shared:

- *“The time is always right to do what is right.” “Life’s most persistent and urgent question is, ‘What are you doing for others?’”* Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.  
 RESA celebrates and honors Dr. King’s life and work and acknowledges that his legacy inspires us to keep going. On Monday, January 20, a communication went to the organization encouraging everyone to remain hopeful, inspired and resilient as we honor the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
- We have an amazing year ahead of us. 2025 is here and we have a lot to celebrate and acknowledge that there is more work that we must do, as we remain focused on improving outcomes across the county. We must continue to do what we know is right.

- RESA remains committed to equity and excellence. We started off the year acknowledging and witnessing Beacon School students and staff reporting to their new building. We celebrated the grand opening with a ribbon cutting in December, but the first day of school for Beacon students and staff in their new school building was January 6, 2025. Superintendent Terry Dangerfield continues to acknowledge how thankful he is for the partnership that has allowed us to achieve opening a new school for the Beacon School community. We again acknowledge Rob McCoy, Sr. Executive Director of Operations and IT Infrastructure, for his coordination and leadership ensuring that the transition went well throughout the holiday break along with the building services team and all who helped in this endeavor. We also acknowledge retired RESA leaders Steve Ezikian and Karen Howey who started the conversation for this new school, and we thank Deputy Superintendent Kelly Bohl and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Jen Taiariol who carried the project through to the finish line, alongside the Lincoln Park team. We acknowledge all who have made this a reality. Comments resonate from Beacon students, parents, and staff about the Taylor property being transitioned into a new school for deserving scholars. Congratulations to the RESA Board for their commitment and the RESA organization for seeing it through as a partner with Lincoln Park Schools.
- Wayne County superintendents monitored the weather forecast for days leading up to decisions being made on Monday, January 20, 2025, for school on Tuesday and Wednesday January 21 and 22 due to the frigid temperatures. Superintendents take the responsibility of keeping students and staff safe seriously. There was a lot of care and concern taken into consideration for students and staff who travel to school or work on foot or travel by school bus or public transportation. Safety is the highest priority, which is why decisions were made to cancel school for Tuesday and Wednesday.
- The School Finance Research Foundation (SFRF) held a webinar on January 21, 2025, for the Michigan Statewide School Facilities Study: District-Level Report Overview. Individual districts are receiving their building reports January 22 through January 24. As we continue to further analyze what the School Finance Research Collaborative study reported in 2018, with updated numbers in 2021, and the transportation study released in 2022, there is excitement about the final pieces of that adequacy study playing out with the statewide school facilities study. The data is being aggregated and will be shared with the House and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees on School Aid, House and Senate Fiscal Agencies, the State Budget Office, and the Michigan Department of Education. More information will be forthcoming as the results of the study are released.
- RESA is encouraged to see the progress of Wayne County districts. We remain committed to partnering with, supporting, and working alongside each of our constituents in support of improving outcomes for students and staff. Relationships with our constituents are extremely important. Being responsive to their need's matters. Modeling expectations is vital to the success of the county. Advocacy at the highest levels is key. Ensuring research based best practices and relative and timely guidance is being shared as part of our collaborative conversations is important.
- The Wayne County Association of School Boards general membership meeting is on Thursday, February 20 starting with dinner at 5:45 p.m. and the meeting begins at 6:00 p.m. at Wayne RESA. We will continue to encourage our Wayne County School Boards to actively participate with the Wayne County Association of School Boards (WCASB) and members to participate in the National School Board Association Advocacy and Equity Conference which is in the first week in February (February 1-4, 2025). This is encouraged for many reasons, but one in particular is to advocate for the full funding of IDEA. This is the 50th anniversary of the Individual Disabilities Education Act that passed in 1975. Currently, Wayne RESA serves a student population that includes 14 percent of

students with Individual Education Plans which represents 16 percent of the state's student population with Individual Education Plans. We must continue to advocate aggressively for the full funding of IDEA or at least at a minimum a plan/path to continue to increase strategically across a 10-year span so that we can continue to see ourselves beyond the 13 to 15% range and continue to move towards the promise of 40%.

- Michigan Department of Education, Least Restrictive Environment visits will take place in Wayne County the week of January 27. The leadership of Dr. Jen Taiariol and the entire Special Education Early Intervention Services (SEEIS) Department is instrumental. RESA continues to embrace our relationship with the Michigan Department of Education which is stronger and even more positive in special education and early intervention, partly because of the leadership of Dr. Taiariol and the way in which she continues to work with the Michigan Department of Education. She is a fierce advocate for all children and advocates aggressively on behalf of the students, families, educators, and schools/districts in Wayne County.
- RESA continues to encourage Wayne County parents/families to enroll their four-year-olds in the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP). Slots are still available. We will continue to aggressively encourage and market programs and the support and services that we provide to ensure that our community-based organizations, public school academies and our local education agencies have students continuing to enroll. There has been media coverage about classrooms in Wayne County and Deputy Superintendent Beth Gonzalez served on a media blitz along with Oakland Schools' superintendent and the MiLEAP office to talk about the high quality, no cost programming offered in early childhood.
- The Wayne RESA Board of Education was recognized during School Board Recognition Month. Their individual and collective service and commitment to Wayne County students, parents and families were highlighted and acknowledged. Collectively, the Wayne RESA Board of Education has more than 100 years of service. The RESA Board is recognized, honored and celebrated each month, but in January in particular, the organization took time to acknowledge them by showing appreciation, and to say thank you.

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