

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights from the September 9, 2026, 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 internal applicant(s) for the position(s):

- Jonathan Imes, Student System Coordinator, effective August 25, 2026
- Julian Hinojosa, Junior Server/Network Analyst, effective August 31, 2026

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

- Gabriela Eppley, Lead Teacher at the Wayne RESA Early Childhood Center, effective August 24, 2026
- Amy Pfaffenberger, Support Specialist at the Wayne RESA Early Childhood Center, effective August 24, 2026
- Ashley Whitehead, Associate Teacher at the Wayne RESA Early Childhood Center, effective August 24, 2026
- Mona Alaouie, Early Childhood Consultant, effective August 26, 2026
- Ann Brumar, Auditing Specialist, effective September 2, 2026
- Charlene Mangi, Special Education Consultant, effective September 10, 2026
- Katie Dodge, Special Education Consultant, effective October 19, 2026

Approved the following leave(s):

- Sarah Pope, Special Education Consultant, Youth and Adult Division, Family/Medical Leave, effective September 2, 2026

Approved the following return from leave(s):

- LaVerne Brown, Part-time Youth Navigator for Homeless Support, Unpaid Personal Leave, effective September 1, 2026

Approved the following schedule premium(s):

- Danielle Tagai, Regional Safe and Healthy Schools Coordinator, effective September 8, 2026

Authorized a purchase from WorldTech IT, Austin, Texas, for the F5 BIG-IP maintenance and support in the amount not to exceed \$144,446 for the coverage period from January 1, 2027, through June 30, 2030.

Authorized a purchase from Complete Book and Media Supply, LLC for instructional materials to support Wayne County Statewide System of Support identified schools in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for the period October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027.

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 for the period August 1, 2026 through August 31, 2026:

Mary Blackmon \$636.32
Danielle Funderburg \$ 6.38

Lynda Jackson \$ 0
James Petrie \$ 0

Authorized a payment to Jigsaw Learning, LLC doing business as (dba) TeachTown to purchase program equipment for Act 18 classrooms in an amount not to exceed \$153,831.55 for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

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Authorized a payment to Jigsaw Learning, LLC doing business as (dba) TeachTown to purchase program software for Act 18 classrooms in an amount not to exceed \$57,500 for the period August 15, 2026 through June 30, 2028.

Authorized payment to the following Educational Entities for Region 10 grant activities identified and approved under Section 107 of the State Aid Act from the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity in the amounts indicated, for a total amount not to exceed \$15,744,315 for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

Educational Entities	Amount
Birmingham Public Schools	\$192,701
Chippewa Valley Schools	\$267,757
Dearborn City School District	\$2,470,939
Detroit Public Schools Community District	\$1,350,269
Farmington Public School District	\$285,921
Ferndale Public Schools	\$983,786
Hamtramck, School District of the City of	\$760,128
Huron Valley Schools	\$300,313
L'Anse Creuse Public Schools	\$486,290
Lake Shore Public Schools (Macomb)	\$366,979
Livonia Public Schools School District	\$430,922
Novi Community School District	\$610,351
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	\$493,884
Pontiac City School District	\$175,356
Rochester Community School District	\$572,439
Romulus Community Schools	\$690,411
School District of the City of Royal Oak	\$458,356
Southgate Community School District	\$1,047,490
Troy School District	\$1,069,244
Utica Community Schools	\$1,242,362
Walled Lake Consolidated Schools	\$317,567
Warren Woods Public Schools	\$396,999
Wayne RESA	\$551,048
West Bloomfield School District	\$222,804
Total:	\$15,744,315

Authorized payment to the following school districts for 2026-27 Deferred Section 107 allocable amounts for Region 10 grant activities identified and approved under Section 107 of the State Aid Act from the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Development in the amounts indicated, for a total amount not to exceed \$1,806,087 for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

Districts	Amount
Birmingham Public Schools	\$25,094
Chippewa Valley Schools	\$30,532
Dearborn City School District	\$285,446
Detroit Public Schools Community District	\$155,078
Farmington Public School District	\$33,144

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Ferndale Public Schools	\$112,651
Hamtramck, School District of the City of	\$87,836
Huron Valley Schools	\$34,288
L'Anse Creuse Public Schools	\$43,009
Lake Shore Public Schools (Macomb)	\$41,494
Livonia Public Schools School District	\$52,079
Novi Community School District	\$70,583
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	\$57,164
Pontiac City School District	\$19,374
Rochester Community School District	\$66,217
Romulus Community Schools	\$81,074
School District of the City of Royal Oak	\$52,545
Southgate Community School District	\$120,087
Troy School District	\$184,027
Utica Community Schools	\$143,517
Walled Lake Consolidated Schools	\$36,811
Warren Woods Public Schools	\$45,470
West Bloomfield School District	\$28,567
Total:	\$1,806,087

Authorized a payment to Stand for Children Leadership Center, Portland, Oregon for curriculum materials for the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) in an amount not to exceed \$40,000 for the period July 1, 2026 through August 31, 2026.

Authorized administration to enter into a contract with Meadows Lawn & Trim, LLC, Ypsilanti, Michigan, for Grounds and Property Maintenance Services at Wayne RESA's (WRESA) Education Center, the Annex building, and Burger Baylor school in the amount not to exceed \$201,135 for the period of October 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

Authorized administration to enter into agreements with the following districts participating in the Title IV, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) in the amounts indicated, for a total amount not to exceed \$873,786 for the period June 1, 2024 through September 30, 2027.

Districts	Amount
Chandler Park Academy	\$64,212
Dearborn Heights School District #7	\$43,732
Hamtramck, School District of the City of	\$139,311
Huron School District	\$51,295
Lincoln Park, School District of the City of	\$115,150
Redford Union Schools, District No. 1	\$58,309
Riverview Community School District	\$64,049
Trenton Public Schools	\$52,654
Wayne RESA	\$30,274
Wayne-Westland Community School District	\$254,800
Total:	\$873,786

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Authorized administration to enter into contracts with the following Local Education Agencies (LEA), Public School Academies (PSA), and Community-Based Organizations (CBO) to provide transportation for the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) in the amounts indicated, for a total amount not to exceed \$5,773,000 for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

Subrecipient Name	Legal Vendor Name	Amount
Above & Beyond Learning Child Care Center GSRP	ABOVE & BEYOND LEARNING CHILD CARE CENTER INC GSRP	\$64,000
Academy for Business and Technology	ACADEMY FOR BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY	\$334,000
Al-Wali Child Care Center	AL- WALI CHILD CARE CENTER	\$61,000
ALL B Home Daycare	ALL B Home Daycare	\$30,000
Angel Land Child Care & Parent Institute	ANGEL LAND CHILD CARE & PARENT INSTITUTE	\$20,000
Arab American Children Center	ARAB AMERICAN CHILDREN CENTER INC	\$144,000
BAMBI LAND LEARNING CENTER	BAMBI LAND LEARNING CENTER	\$96,000
Blessed Beginnings Learning Center	BLESSED BEGINNINGS LEARNING CENTER	\$85,000
Brainiacs Clubhouse CDC	BRAINIACS CLUBHOUSE CDC	\$65,000
BRIGHT STAR LEARNING CENTER LLC A&W DAY CARE CENTER	BRIGHT STAR LEARNING CENTER LLC A&W DAY CARE CENTER	\$79,000
Caring Hands Childcare Academy	CARING HANDS CHILDCARE ACADEMY	\$20,000
Chapel Hill Early Childhood Education	Chapel Hill Early Childhood Education	\$6,000
Child Star Development Center	CHILD STAR DEVELOPMENT CENTER	\$40,000
Children First Learning Center	CHILDREN FIRST LEARNING CENTER	\$40,000
Children's Garden LLC	CHILDREN'S GARDEN LLC	\$120,000
Children'z R US	CHILDREN'Z R US LLC	\$58,000
Childrens Paradise Learning Center Inc.	CHILDRENS PARADISE LEARNING CENTER INC.	\$160,000
Christios Child Care & Academy	CHRISTIOS CHILD CARE & ACADEMY	\$50,000
Commonwealth Community Development Academy	Commonwealth Community Development Academy	\$50,000
Cross Bridge Action Network	CROSSBRIDGE ACTION NETWORK	\$22,000
Detroit Community Schools	Detroit Community Schools	\$20,000
Detroit Edison Public School Academy	DETROIT EDISON PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY	\$90,000
Detroit Leadership Academy	Detroit Leadership Academy	\$30,000
Detroit Public Schools Community District	DETROIT PUBLIC SCHOOLS COMMUNITY DISTRICT	\$880,000
Detroit Service Learning Academy	DETROIT SERVICE LEARNING ACADEMY	\$30,000

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Development Centers INC	DEVELOPMENT CENTERS	\$5,000
Dk's Childcare and Academy	DK'S CHILDCARE AND ACADEMY	\$60,000
Dreamy Childrens Center	DREAMY CHILDREN'S CENTER	\$125,000
Dreamy DayCare 2, LLC	DREAMY DAYCARE 2 LLC	\$115,000
Ecorse Public Schools	Ecorse Public Schools	\$195,000
Education Consulting Solutions It Takes a Village Academy	Education Consulting Solutions It Takes a Village Academy	\$186,000
For Kids Sake	FOR KIDS SAKE	\$10,000
Garden City Public Schools	GARDEN CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS	\$92,000
George Washington Carver Academy	GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER ACADEMY	\$75,000
Greater Ebenezer Miss BPT Church Childcare	GREATER EBENEZER MISS BPT CHURCH CHILDCARE	\$23,000
Growing Minds Learning Center INC.	GROWING MINDS LEARNING CENTER INC	\$180,000
Hamtramck, School District of the City of	HAMTRAMCK, SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF	\$54,000
Hanley International Academy	Hanley International Academy	\$15,000
Jade Child Development Center INC.	JADE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER, INC	\$80,000
Joy Preparatory Academy	JOY PREPARATORY ACADEMY	\$75,000
Jude Family Childcare Learning CTR	JUDE FAMILY CHILDCARE LEARNING CENTER	\$20,000
Kid's Purpose Daycare LLC	KIDS PURPOSE DAYCARE LLC	\$55,000
Kiddie Kingdom	KIDDIE KINGDOM	\$56,000
Kiddos Village Academy	Kiddos Village Academy	\$100,000
Kristy's Early Childhood Development Center	KRISTY'S EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT CENTER	\$63,000
LACC Childcare Academy INC	L.A.C.C. CHILDCARE ACADEMY, INC.	\$45,000
Learning Links Academy	LEARNING LINKS ACADEMY	\$12,000
Little Scholars Day Care Center	LITTLE SCHOLARS DAYCARE CENTER	\$130,000
Livonia Public Schools School District	LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$100,000
Martin Luther King Jr. Education Center Academy	MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. EDUCATION CENTER ACADEMY	\$55,000
ndividualME Early Learning Academy LLC	ndividualME Early Learning Academy LLC	\$45,000
Nene's Little Angel's Daycare LLC	NENE'S LITTLE ANGELS DAYCARE LCC	\$65,000
New Greater Bethlehem Temple We Care Child Development Center	NEW GREATER BETHELEM TEMPLE WE CARE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER	\$53,000
New Paradigm College Prep	NEW PARADIGM COLLEGE PREP	\$90,000

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New Paradigm Glazer-Loving Academy	NEW PARADIGM GLAZER-LOVING ACADEMY	\$60,000
OAKMAN CHILD CARE & DEVELOPMENT	OAKMAN CHILD CARE & DEVELOPMENT	\$150,000
Quality Child Care & Learning Center	QUALITY CHILD CARE & LEARNING CENTER	\$50,000
Ready 2 Learn Childcare Center, LLC	Ready 2 Learn Childcare Center, LLC	\$40,000
Redford Union Schools, District No. 1	REDFORD UNION SCHOOLS, DISTRICT NO. 1	\$35,000
River Rouge, School District of the City of	RIVER ROUGE, SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF	\$100,000
Smart Start Learning Center	SMART START LEARNING CENTER	\$30,000
SOMEPLACE ELSE LEARNING FACTORY LLC	SOMEPLACE ELSE LEARNING FACTORY LLC	\$57,000
Southgate Community School District	SOUTHGATE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$150,000
Spreading Services LTD	Spreading Services LTD	\$30,000
ST PAUL CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER	ST PAUL CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER	\$28,000
Sweet Peas Early Childhood Center Inc	SWEET PEAS EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER	\$60,000
University YES Academy	UNIVERSITY YES ACADEMY	\$90,000
Van Buren Public Schools	Van Buren Public Schools	\$70,000
Village of Shiny Stars Child Care Center	VILLAGE OF SHINY STARS CHILD CARE CENTER	\$50,000
Total:		\$5,773,000

Authorized administration to enter into contracts with the Local Education Agencies (LEA), Public School Academies (PSA), and Community-Based Organizations (CBO) listed below for one-time payments for Round 3 start-up funding for the Great Start Readiness Programs (GSRP) in the amounts indicated, for an amount not to exceed \$885,375 for the period August 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

Subrecipient Name	Legal Vendor Name	Amount
Al Hadi Child Care Center INC	AL HADI CHILD CARE CENTER INC	\$14,610
Antioch's Learning Center	ANTIOCH LEARNING CENTER LLC	\$14,610
Bright Minds Child Care Center Inc	BRIGHT MINDS CHILD CARE CENTER	\$14,610
Busy Minds Child Care Center, INC.	BUSY MINDS CHILD CARE CENTER, INC.	\$14,610
Children of the Rising Sun Empowerment Center	CHILDREN OF THE RISING SUN EMPOWERMENT CENTER	\$14,610
Children'z R US	CHILDREN'Z R US LLC	\$14,610
Childrens World LLC	CHILDRENS WORLD LLC	\$14,610
Childtime Childcare, Inc.	CHILDTIME CHILDCARE, INC	\$14,610
Commonwealth Community Development Academy	COMMONWEALTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY	\$14,610

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Cornerstone Adams-Young Elementary	LINCOLN-KING ADAMS-YOUNG ACADEMY	\$14,610
Cornerstone Jefferson-Douglass Academy	CORNERSTONE JEFFERSON-DOUGLASS ACADEMY	\$29,220
Cornerstone Madison-Carver Academy	MADISON-CARVER ACADEMY	\$29,220
Cornerstone Washington-Parks Academy	WASHINGTON-PARKS ACADEMY	\$29,220
Creative Hearts Early Learning Center LLC	CREATIVE HEARTS EARLY LEARNING CENTER	\$14,610
Detroit Edison Public School Academy	DETROIT EDISON PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY	\$14,610
Detroit Public Schools Community District	DETROIT PUBLIC SCHOOLS COMMUNITY DISTRICT	\$29,220
Faith Tabernacle Church of Highland Park	BEACON LIGHT CHILDCARE CENTER FAITH TABERNACLE CHURCH	\$14,610
Gibraltar School District	GIBRALTAR SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$14,610
Grosse Pointe Public Schools	GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOLS	\$43,830
GSRP Powered by Little Jungle	GSRP POWERED BY LITTLE JUNGLE	\$14,610
It Takes a Village Academy LLC	IT TAKES A VILLAGE ACADEMY LLC	\$14,610
IXL Plymouth, LLC	IXL PLYMOUTH, LLC	\$14,610
Jade Child Development Center INC.	JADE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER, INC	\$2,505
Kingdom Kare Learning Center	KINGDOM KARE LEARNING CENTER	\$14,610
KUEHG Corp - KinderCare Education LLC	KUEHG CORP	\$29,220
Lincoln Park, School District Of The City Of	LINCOLN PARK, SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF	\$22,545
Martin Luther King Jr. Education Center Academy	MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. EDUCATION CENTER ACADEMY	\$14,610
Melvindale-North Allen Park Schools	MELVINDALE-NORTH ALLEN PARK SCHOOLS	\$29,220
Montessori Center of Downriver, Inc.	MONTESSORI CENTER OF DOWNRIVER, INC.	\$14,610
Northville Public Schools	NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS	\$14,610
Paradigm Care & Enrichment Center II	PARADIGM CARE & ENRICHMENT CENTER 2 LLC	\$14,610
Pathways of Promise Early Childhood Learning Center, LLC	PATHWAYS OF PROMISE EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING CENTER, LLC	\$14,610
Plymouth Learning Center Inc.	PLYMOUTH ACADEMIC GARDENS	\$14,610
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	PYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	\$43,830
Premier MI Brownstown LLC	PREMIER MI BROWNSTOWN LLC	\$14,610

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Rawdah Children's Center LLC	RAWDAH CHILDREN'S CENTER LLC	\$14,610
Riverview Community School District	RIVERVIEW COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$14,610
Schoolhouse Montessori Ctr Inc	SCHOOLHOUSE MONTESSORI ACADEMY OF CANTON	\$14,610
South Redford School District	SOUTH REDFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$14,610
Southgate Community School District	SOUTHGATE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$14,610
Starfish Family Services	STARFISH FAMILY SERVICES	\$14,610
Taylor School District	TAYLOR SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$27,555
The Learning Tree Child Care Center, INC North	THE LEARNING TREE CHILD CARE CENTER, INC-NORTH	\$14,610
The Learning Tree Child Care Center, INC West	THE LEARNING TREE- WEST	\$14,610
Tutor Time Learning Care LLC	TUTOR TIME LEARNING CENTERS LLC	\$14,610
Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency	WAYNE METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY	\$43,830
Weston Preparatory Academy	WESTON PREPARATORY ACADEMY	\$14,610
Wyandotte, School District of the City of	WYANDOTTE, SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF	\$14,610
Total:		\$885,375

Authorized administration to enter into agreements with the following school districts for the implementation of Early On activities in the amounts indicated, for a total amount not to exceed \$2,625,583 for the period October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027.

Districts	Amount
Detroit Public Schools Community District	\$560,037
Grosse Pointe Public Schools	\$257,858
Livonia Public Schools School District	\$806,117
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	\$334,005
Wayne-Westland Community School District	\$424,144
Woodhaven-Brownstown School District	\$243,422
Total:	\$2,625,583

Authorized administration to enter into agreements with the following agencies for the implementation of Early On activities in the amounts indicated, for a total amount not to exceed \$1,240,000 for the period October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027.

Districts	Amount
Chitter Chatter P.C.	\$937,000
Development Center - MiSide	\$303,000
Total:	\$1,240,000

Authorized administration to enter into an agreement with Michigan Rehabilitation Services (MRS) under an Interagency Cash Transfer Agreement to provide access to vocational rehabilitation (VR) to eligible students with disabilities in the Detroit Public Schools Community District in an amount not to exceed \$80,000 for the period October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027.

Authorized administration to enter into an agreement with Michigan Rehabilitation Services (MRS) under an Interagency Cash Transfer Agreement to provide access to vocational rehabilitation (VR) to eligible students with disabilities in Western and Downriver Wayne County in an amount not to exceed \$107,772 for the period October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027.

Authorized administration to enter into an agreement with Data Driven Detroit, Detroit, Michigan to provide data analysis and mapping services for the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for the period September 1, 2026 through August 30, 2027.

Authorized administration to enter into an agreement with The Hanover Research Council for Program Evaluation in an amount not to exceed \$51,000 for the period September 1, 2026 through August 30, 2027.

Authorized administration to enter into an agreement with Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services to rehabilitate and expand the ACCESS Innovation Center as designated in Section 99(23) – ACCESS Innovation Center Expansion grant of Public Act 15 of 2025 in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 for the period of October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2027.

Authorized an amendment to Board Recommendation #11-25-26 to increase Wayne State University's (WSU) Para-to-Teach program from \$675,000 to \$690,000 for the period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

Authorized an amendment to Board Recommendation #42-26-27 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 \$143,724,079 for the period October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027.

Subrecipient Name	Legal Vendor Name	Original Amount	Amended Amount
Above & Beyond Learning Child Care Center GSRP	ABOVE & BEYOND LEARNING CHILD CARE CENTER INC GSRP	\$243,354	\$243,354
Academy for Business and Technology	ACADEMY FOR BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY	\$648,945	\$648,945
Advanced Technology Academy	ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY ACADEMY	\$243,354	\$243,354
Al Hadi Child Care Center INC	AL HADI CHILD CARE CENTER INC	\$527,268	\$527,268
Al-Wali Child Care Center	AL- WALI CHILD CARE CENTER	\$202,798	\$202,798
Alawie Educational Service	ALAWIE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	\$811,192	\$811,192
ALL B Home Daycare	ALL B HOME DAYCARE	\$216,315	\$216,315
All of Gods Children Developmental Learning Center	ALL OF GODS CHILDREN DEVELOPMENTAL LEARNING CENTER LLC	\$180,265	\$0

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Allen Park Public Schools	ALLEN PARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS	\$1,081,574	\$1,081,574
American International Academy	AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY	\$648,945	\$648,945
American Montessori Academy	AMERICAN MONTESSORI ACADEMY	\$648,945	\$648,945
Angel Land Child Care & Parent Institute	ANGEL LAND CHILD CARE & PARENT INSTITUTE	\$216,315	\$216,315
Antioch's Learning Center	ANTIOCH LEARNING CENTER LLC	\$180,265	\$180,265
Arab American Children Center	ARAB AMERICAN CHILDREN CENTER INC	\$824,700	\$824,700
Bambi Land Learning Center	BAMBI LAND LEARNING CENTER	\$1,649,401	\$1,649,401
Blessed Beginnings Learning Center	BLESSED BEGINNINGS LEARNING CENTER	\$540,787	\$540,787
Blossom Learning Center LLC	BLOSSOM LEARNING CENTER LLC	\$721,060	\$721,060
Brainiacs Clubhouse CDC	BRAINIACS CLUBHOUSE CDC	\$216,315	\$216,315
Bridge Academy	BRIDGE ACADEMY	\$721,060	\$721,060
Bright Beginnings Montessori Child Development Center	BRIGHT BEGINNINGS MONTESSORI - MONTESSORI CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER	\$811,181	\$811,181
Bright Minds Child Care Center Inc	BRIGHT MINDS CHILD CARE CENTER	\$216,315	\$216,315
Bright Star Learning Center LLC A&W Day Care Center	BRIGHT STAR LEARNING CENTER LLC A&W DAY CARE CENTER	\$721,060	\$721,060
Busy Minds Child Care Center, INC.	BUSY MINDS CHILD CARE CENTER, INC.	\$432,630	\$432,630
Caniff Liberty Academy	CANIFF LIBERTY ACADEMY	\$180,265	\$180,265
Caring Hands Childcare Academy	CARING HANDS CHILDCARE ACADEMY	\$216,315	\$216,315
Chandler Park Academy	CHANDLER PARK ACADEMY	\$901,325	\$901,325
Chapel Hill Early Childhood Education	CHAPEL HILL EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION	\$243,354	\$243,354
Child Star Development Center	CHILD STAR DEVELOPMENT CENTER	\$540,787	\$540,787
Children First Learning Center	CHILDREN FIRST LEARNING CENTER	\$0	\$180,265
Children of the Rising Sun Empowerment Center	CHILDREN OF THE RISING SUN EMPOWERMENT CENTER	\$0	\$180,265
Children's Garden LLC	CHILDREN'S GARDEN LLC	\$1,027,496	\$1,027,496
Children's R US	CHILDREN'S R US LLC	\$243,354	\$243,354
Children's Garden II LLC	CHILDRENS GARDEN II LLC	\$243,354	\$243,354

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Childrens Paradise Learning Center Inc.	CHILDRENS PARADISE LEARNING CENTER INC.	\$1,351,987	\$1,351,987
Childrens World LLC	CHILDRENS WORLD LLC	\$270,394	\$270,394
Childtime Childcare, Inc.	CHILDTIME CHILDCARE, INC	\$3,163,605	\$3,163,605
Christios Child Care & Academy	CHRISTIOS CHILD CARE & ACADEMY	\$405,596	\$405,596
Commonwealth Community Development Academy	COMMONWEALTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY	\$360,530	\$360,530
Cornerstone Adams-Young Elementary	LINCOLN-KING ADAMS-YOUNG ACADEMY	\$0	\$225,331
Cornerstone Jefferson-Douglass Academy	CORNERSTONE JEFFERSON-DOUGLASS ACADEMY	\$0	\$450,662
Cornerstone Madison-Carver Academy	MADISON-CARVER ACADEMY	\$0	\$450,662
Cornerstone Washington-Parks Academy	WASHINGTON-PARKS ACADEMY	\$0	\$450,662
Creative Hearts Early Learning Center LLC	CREATIVE HEARTS EARLY LEARNING CENTER	\$180,265	\$180,265
Creative Montessori Academy	CREATIVE MONTESSORI ACADEMY	\$0	\$757,102
Crestwood School District	CRESTWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$865,260	\$865,260
Cross Bridge Action Network	CROSSBRIDGE ACTION NETWORK	\$214,065	\$214,065
David Ellis Academy	DAVID ELLIS ACADEMY	\$432,630	\$432,630
David Ellis Academy West	DAVID ELLIS ACADEMY WEST	\$865,260	\$865,260
Dearborn City School District	DEARBORN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$6,850,068	\$6,850,068
Dearborn Heights School District #7	DEARBORN HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT #7	\$540,795	\$540,795
Dee's Little Angels C.C.C	DEE'S LITTLE ANGELS CCC	\$486,708	\$486,708
Detroit Academy of Arts and Sciences	DETROIT ACADEMY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES	\$946,378	\$946,378
Detroit Community Schools	DETROIT COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	\$180,265	\$180,265
Detroit Edison Public School Academy	DETROIT EDISON PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY	\$1,081,574	\$1,081,574
Detroit Leadership Academy	DETROIT LEADERSHIP ACADEMY	540,795	\$540,795
Detroit Public Schools Community District	DETROIT PUBLIC SCHOOLS COMMUNITY DISTRICT	\$30,270,564	\$30,270,564
Detroit Service Learning Academy	DETROIT SERVICE LEARNING ACADEMY	\$675,994	\$675,994
Development Centers INC	DEVELOPMENT CENTERS	\$324,472	\$324,472
Dk's Childcare and Academy	DK'S CHILDCARE AND ACADEMY	\$112,666	\$112,666

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Dove Academy of Detroit	DOVE ACADEMY OF DETROIT	\$360,530	\$360,530
Dreamy Childrens Center	DREAMY CHILDREN'S CENTER	\$865,260	\$865,260
Dreamy Day Care 4 LLC	DREAMY DAY CARE 4 LLC	\$216,315	\$216,315
Dreamy DayCare 2, LLC	DREAMY DAYCARE 2 LLC	\$540,787	\$540,787
Early Childhood University	EARLY CHILDHOOD UNIVERSITY	\$180,265	\$180,265
Early Learning Prep	KIDDOS VILLAGE ACADEMY	\$432,630	\$432,630
Ecorse Public Schools	ECORSE PUBLIC SCHOOLS	\$878,779	\$878,779
Education Consulting Solutions It Takes a Village Academy	EDUCATION CONSULTING SOLUTIONS/IT TAKES A VILLAGE	\$1,081,574	\$1,081,574
Empowered Community Outreach Services/Empowered CO	EMPOWERED COMMUNITY OUTREACH SERVICES/EMPOWERED CO	\$270,394	\$270,394
Faith Tabernacle Church of Highland Park	BEACON LIGHT CHILDCARE CENTER FAITH TABERNACLE CHURCH	\$180,265	\$180,265
Flat Rock Community Schools	FLAT ROCK COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	\$1,297,889	\$1,297,889
Focus Hope	FOCUS: HOPE	\$0	\$1,135,653
For Kids Sake	FOR KIDS SAKE	\$216,315	\$216,315
Franklin-Wright Settlements, INC.	FRANKLIN WRIGHT SETTLEMENTS, INC.	\$216,315	\$216,315
Froebel Child Care Inc.	FROEBEL CHILD CARE INC.	\$540,787	\$540,787
Frontier International Academy	FRONTIER INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY	\$180,265	\$180,265
Garden City Public Schools	GARDEN CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS	\$1,904,049	\$1,904,049
George Washington Carver Academy	GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER ACADEMY	\$0	\$730,063
Gibraltar School District	GIBRALTAR SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$0	\$608,394
Global Heights Academy	GLOBAL HEIGHTS ACADEMY	\$360,530	\$360,530
Greater Ebenezer Miss BPT Church Childcare	GREATER EBENEZER MISS BPT CHURCH CHILDCARE	\$270,394	\$270,394
Grosse Pointe Public Schools	GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOLS	\$540,795	\$540,795
Growing Minds Learning Center INC.	GROWING MINDS LEARNING CENTER INC	\$901,325	\$901,325
GSRP Powered by Little Jungle	GSRP POWERED BY LITTLE JUNGLE	\$0	\$473,189
Hamtramck, School District of the City of	HAMTRAMCK, SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF	\$608,394	\$608,394
Hanley International Academy	HANLEY INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY	\$730,063	\$730,063

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Harper Woods, The School District of the City of	HARPER WOODS, THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF	\$865,260	\$865,260
High Achievers Montessori Learning Center L.L.C.	HIGH ACHIEVERS MONTESSORI LEARNING CENTER	\$216,315	\$216,315
Highland Park City Schools	HIGHLAND PARK CITY SCHOOLS	\$648,945	\$648,945
Himawari Preschool, LLC	HIMAWARI PRESCHOOL LLC	\$225,331	\$225,331
Hope Academy	HOPE ACADEMY	\$0	\$337,997
Inkster Preparatory Academy	INKSTER PREPARATORY ACADEMY	\$216,315	\$216,315
International Child Care Center	INTERNATIONAL CHILD CARE CENTER	\$270,394	\$270,394
Island Kiddie Kampus Child Development Center, INC.	ISLAND KIDDIE KAMPUS CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER	\$180,265	\$180,265
It Takes a Village Academy LLC	IT TAKES A VILLAGE ACADEMY LLC	\$540,787	\$540,787
IXL Northville, LLC	IXL NORTHVILLE, LLC	\$225,331	\$225,331
IXL Plymouth, LLC	IXL PLYMOUTH, LLC	\$450,662	\$450,662
Jade Child Development Center INC.	JADE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER, INC	\$919,338	\$919,338
Joy Preparatory Academy	JOY PREPARATORY ACADEMY	\$216,315	\$216,315
Jude Family Childcare Learning CTR	JUDE FAMILY CHILDCARE LEARNING CENTER	\$180,265	\$180,265
Kid's Purpose Daycare LLC	KIDS PURPOSE DAYCARE LLC	\$216,315	\$216,315
Kiddie Kingdum	KIDDIE KINGDUM	\$216,315	\$216,315
Kids Cottage Early Learning LLC	KIDS COTTAGE EARLY LEARNING LLC	\$157,732	\$157,732
Kids-In-Zion	KIDS-IN-ZION	\$229,835	\$229,835
Kingdom Kare Learning Center	KINGDOM KARE LEARNING CENTER	\$675,994	\$675,994
Kristy's Early Childhood Development Center	KRISTY'S EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT CENTER	\$513,748	\$513,748
KUEHG Corp - KinderCare Education LLC	KUEHG CORP	\$2,433,542	\$2,433,542
LACC Childcare Academy INC	L.A.C.C. CHILDCARE ACADEMY, INC.	\$432,630	\$432,630
Learning Links Academy	LEARNING LINKS ACADEMY	\$216,315	\$216,315
Lincoln Park, School District Of The City Of	LINCOLN PARK, SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF	\$2,027,981	\$2,027,981
Little Owl Tree House	LITTLE OWL TREE HOUSE	\$180,265	\$180,265
Little Scholars Day Care Center	LITTLE SCHOLARS DAYCARE CENTER	\$730,063	\$730,063

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Little Seeds Child Development Center, LLC.	LITTLE SEEDS CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER, LLC	\$243,354	\$243,354
Livonia Public Schools School District	LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$0	\$901,325
Martin Luther King Jr. Education Center Academy	MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. EDUCATION CENTER ACADEMY	\$0	\$180,265
Matrix Human Services	MATRIX HUMAN SERVICES	\$432,660	\$432,660
Meadowbank Inc.	MEADOWBANK INC.	\$450,662	\$450,662
Melvindale-North Allen Park Schools	MELVINDALE-NORTH ALLEN PARK SCHOOLS	\$360,530	\$360,530
Metropolitan Children & Youth INC.	METROPOLITAN CHILDREN AND YOUTH INC. UNITED CHILDR	\$432,660	\$432,660
Montessori Center of Downriver, Inc.	MONTESSORI CENTER OF DOWNRIVER, INC.	\$216,315	\$216,315
ndividualME Early Learning Academy LLC	NDIVIDUALME EARLY LEARNING ACADEMY, LLC	\$243,354	\$243,354
Nene's Little Angel's Daycare LLC	NENE'S LITTLE ANGELS DAYCARE LCC	\$270,394	\$270,394
New Greater Bethlehem Temple We Care Child Development Center	NEW GREATER BETHELEM TEMPLE WE CARE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER	\$216,315	\$216,315
New Paradigm College Prep	NEW PARADIGM COLLEGE PREP	\$216,315	\$216,315
New Paradigm Glazer-Loving Academy	NEW PARADIGM GLAZER-LOVING ACADEMY	\$0	\$216,315
New St. Paul Tabernacle Church of God in Christ HE	NEW ST. PAUL TABERNACLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST HE	\$270,397	\$270,397
Northville Public Schools	NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS	\$1,216,771	\$1,216,771
Oakland International Academy	OAKLAND INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY	\$540,795	\$540,795
Oakman Child Care & Development	OAKMAN CHILD CARE & DEVELOPMENT, LLC	\$540,787	\$540,787
Paradigm Care & Enrichment Center II	PARADIGM CARE & ENRICHMENT CENTER 2 LLC	\$214,065	\$214,065
Pathways of Promise Early Childhood Learning Center, LLC	PATHWAYS OF PROMISE EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING CENTER, LLC	\$157,732	\$157,732
Plymouth Learning Center Inc.	PLYMOUTH ACADEMIC GARDENS	\$180,265	\$180,265
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	\$4,258,760	\$4,258,760
Premier MI Brownstown LLC	PREMIER MI BROWNSTOWN LLC	\$360,530	\$360,530
Quality Child Care & Learning Center	QUALITY CHILD CARE & LEARNING CENTER	\$216,315	\$216,315

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R.A.C.E Reaching All Children Equally	R.A.C.E. REACHING ALL CHILDREN EQUALLY	\$811,181	\$811,181
Rawdah Children's Center LLC	RAWDAH CHILDREN'S CENTER LLC	\$168,998	\$168,998
Ready 2 Learn Childcare Center	READY 2 LEARN CHILDCARE CENTER, LLC	\$432,630	\$432,630
Redford Union Schools, District No. 1	REDFORD UNION SCHOOLS, DISTRICT NO. 1	\$648,945	\$648,945
River Rouge, School District of the City of	RIVER ROUGE, SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF	\$675,994	\$675,994
Riverside Academy	RIVERSIDE ACADEMY	\$360,530	\$360,530
Riverview Community School District	RIVERVIEW COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$0	\$1,622,362
Romulus Community Schools	ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	\$1,013,990	\$1,013,990
Schoolhouse Montessori Ctr Inc	SCHOOLHOUSE MONTESSORI ACADEMY OF CANTON	\$270,394	\$270,394
Smart Start Learning Center	SMART START LEARNING CENTER	\$405,596	\$405,596
Someplace Else Learning Factory LLC	SOMEPLACE ELSE LEARNING FACTORY LLC	\$216,315	\$216,315
South Redford School District	SOUTH REDFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$1,892,755	\$1,892,755
Southgate Community School District	SOUTHGATE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$1,577,318	\$1,577,318
Spreading Light Ministry	SPREADING SERVICES LTD.	\$168,998	\$168,998
St Paul Child Development Center	ST PAUL CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER	\$0	\$432,630
St. Matthew Lutheran School	ST MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL	\$225,331	\$225,331
Star International Academy	STAR INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY	\$1,135,653	\$1,135,653
Starfish Family Services	STARFISH FAMILY SERVICES	\$1,115,389	\$1,115,389
Stepping Stones of Grosse Ile	STEPPING STONES OF GROSSE ILE LLC	\$270,394	\$270,394
Summer Preschool Early Learning Center	SUMMER PRESCHOOL EARLY LEARNING CENTER	\$0	\$180,265
Summit Academy North	SUMMIT ACADEMY NORTH	\$901,325	\$901,325
Sunrise Education Center	SUNRISE EDUCATION CENTER	\$216,315	\$216,315
Sweet Peas Early Childhood Center Inc	SWEET PEAS EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER	\$180,265	\$180,265
Taylor School District	TAYLOR SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$2,478,643	\$2,478,643
The Basilica Of Saint Mary Montessori Academy	THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY MONTESSORI ACADEMY	\$405,590	\$405,590
The Dearborn Academy	THE DEARBORN ACADEMY	\$383,063	\$383,063

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The Goddard School of Canton	THE GODDARD SCHOOL OF CANTON	\$540,787	\$540,787
The Learning Tree Child Care Center, INC North	THE LEARNING TREE CHILD CARE CENTER, INC-NORTH	\$540,787	\$811,181
The Learning Tree Child Care Center, INC South	THE LEARNING TREE CHILD CARE CENTER, INC SOUTH	\$432,630	\$432,630
The Learning Tree Child Care Center, INC West	THE LEARNING TREE- WEST	\$270,394	\$540,787
Tipton Academy	TIPTON ACADEMY	\$811,181	\$811,181
Trenton Public Schools	TRENTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS	\$202,798	\$202,798
Trillium Academy	TRILLIUM ACADEMY	\$770,622	\$770,622
Tutor Time Learning Care LLC	TUTOR TIME LEARNING CENTERS LLC	\$1,081,574	\$1,081,574
U of M - Dearborn Early Childhood Education Center	REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN	\$360,530	\$360,530
Universal Academy	UNIVERSAL ACADEMY	\$432,630	\$432,630
Universal Learning Academy	UNIVERSAL LEARNING ACADEMY	\$432,630	\$432,630
University YES Academy	UNIVERSITY YES ACADEMY	\$216,315	\$216,315
Van Buren Public Schools	VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS	\$1,351,987	\$1,351,987
Village of Shiny Stars Child Care Center	VILLAGE OF SHINY STARS CHILD CARE CENTER	\$270,394	\$270,394
Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency	WAYNE METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY	\$1,297,935	\$1,297,935
Wayne State University	WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY	\$585,861	\$585,861
Wayne-Westland Community School District	WAYNE-WESTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$2,343,444	\$2,343,444
Weston Preparatory Academy	WESTON PREPARATORY ACADEMY	\$189,276	\$189,276
Woodhaven-Brownstown School District	WOODHAVEN-BROWNSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$1,126,656	\$1,126,656
Wyandotte, School District of the City of	WYANDOTTE, SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF	\$1,216,788	\$1,216,788
Total:		\$133,850,150	143,724,079

Authorized an amendment to Board Recommendation #62-25-26 to adjust agreements with the following Local Education Agencies (LEAs) for utilization of Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Flowthrough funds for a total amount not to exceed \$54,804,281 for the period of July 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026.

District Name	Original Amount	Amended Amount
Allen Park Public Schools	\$1,250,928	\$1,250,928
Crestwood School District	\$734,706	\$729,822.23
Dearborn City School District	\$3,707,802	\$3,707,802

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Dearborn Heights School District #7	\$670,446	\$670,446
Detroit Public Schools Community District	\$11,928,231	\$11,939,245.73
Ecorse Public Schools	\$253,386	\$253,386
Flat Rock Community Schools	\$676,872	\$676,872
Garden City Public Schools	\$1,180,242	\$1,180,242
Gibraltar School District	\$1,345,176	\$1,345,176
Grosse Ile Township Schools	\$451,962	\$451,962
Grosse Pointe Public Schools	\$1,662,192	\$1,697,629.54
Hamtramck, School District of City of	\$494,802	\$494,802
Harper Woods, The School District of the City of	\$496,944	\$496,944
Huron School District	\$891,072	\$891,072
Lincoln Park, School District of the City of	\$1,503,684	\$1,492,397.92
Livonia Public Schools School District	\$3,368,435	\$3,368,435
Melvindale-North Allen Park Schools	\$813,960	\$798,195.61
Northville Public Schools	\$1,257,354	\$1,225,762.41
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	\$3,868,452	\$3,912,988.32
Redford Union Schools, District No. 1	\$672,588	\$656,922
River Rouge, School District of the City of	\$539,721	\$539,721
Riverview Community School District	\$876,078	\$868,757.24
Romulus Community Schools	\$822,528	\$822,528
South Redford School District	\$918,918	\$918,918
Southgate Community School District	\$1,846,404	\$1,846,404
Taylor School District	\$2,683,926	\$2,679,450
Trenton Public Schools	\$721,854	\$721,854
Van Buren Public Schools	\$1,642,914	\$1,642,914
Wayne-Westland Community School District	\$3,628,548	\$3,628,548
Westwood Community School District	\$591,192	\$591,192
Woodhaven-Brownstown School District	\$1,908,522	\$1,908,522
Wyandotte, School District of the City of	\$1,394,442	\$1,394,442
Total:	\$54,804,281	\$54,804,281

Authorized an amendment to Board Recommendation #63-25-26 to adjust agreements with the following Local Education Agencies (LEAs) for utilization of Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Preschool funds for a total amount not to exceed \$2,198,434 for the period of July 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026.

District Name	Original Amount	Amended Amount
Allen Park Public Schools	\$42,966	\$42,966
Crestwood School District	\$43,659	\$43,010
Dearborn City School District	\$180,180	\$180,180
Dearborn Heights School District #7	\$15,939	\$15,939
Detroit Public Schools Community District	\$354,123	\$354,123
Ecorse Public Schools	\$0	\$0
Flat Rock Community Schools	\$0	\$0

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Garden City Public Schools	\$53,361	\$53,361
Gibraltar School District	\$0	\$0
Grosse Ile Township Schools	\$0	\$0
Grosse Pointe Public Schools	\$103,257	\$103,906
Hamtramck, School District of City of	\$14,553	\$14,553
Harper Woods, The School District of the City of	\$6,930	\$6,930
Huron School District	\$146,916	\$146,916
Lincoln Park, School District of the City of	\$85,932	\$85,932
Livonia Public Schools School District	\$197,050	\$197,050
Melvindale-North Allen Park Schools	\$30,492	\$30,492
Northville Public Schools	\$67,221	\$67,221
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	\$164,241	\$164,241
Redford Union Schools, District No. 1	\$31,878	\$31,878
River Rouge, School District of the City of	\$0	\$0
Riverview Community School District	\$0	\$0
Romulus Community Schools	\$26,334	\$26,334
South Redford School District	\$34,650	\$34,650
Southgate Community School District	\$69,993	\$69,993
Taylor School District	\$97,020	\$97,020
Trenton Public Schools	\$38,115	\$38,115
Van Buren Public Schools	\$82,467	\$82,467
Wayne-Westland Community School District	\$153,846	\$153,846
Westwood Community School District	\$13,860	\$13,860
Woodhaven-Brownstown School District	\$71,379	\$71,379
Wyandotte, School District of the City of	\$72,072	\$72,072
Total:	\$2,198,434	\$2,198,434

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

Grant	Grantor	Amount	Term	Purpose	Responsible Party
2026 Regional Educational Media Center (REMC) SAVE Funds	REMC Association of Michigan	\$35,500	07/01/2026 – 06/30/2027	The purpose of the REMC funds is to continue supporting teaching and learning through professional development at the local REMC level.	Educational Services

The Board also considered and approved the following Action Items:

1. Appointment of Executive Director, Student Services – Nicole Chubb
2. Appointment of Supervisor, Financial Services – Alexis Peoples

Superintendent's Comments

Dr. Colbert shared:

- The official start of the 2026–2027 school year was celebrated, as all districts across Wayne County have now returned to school. While some students began two weeks prior to Labor Day and staff returned earlier in preparation, the school year is now officially underway with hope, renewed energy, faith, optimism, and a growth mindset.
- Student assessment results will be presented during the October Board of Education meeting. While there is still significant work to be done and outcomes must continue to improve across the board, Wayne County continues to outperform the state in improved outcomes around literacy and mathematics. The data will be shared with the Board in October, recognizing both the progress made and the work that remains.
- The opening of the Wayne RESA Early Childhood Center was celebrated, recognizing the significant work required to bring the vision to life. Appreciation was extended to Wayne RESA leadership, the Early Childhood team, Facilities and Operations, and Information Technology, with special thanks to Rob McCoy, Robert Burke, and Joe Kehoe for their efforts throughout the process. Following extensive work with licensing and other departments, the Center officially opened its doors to four-year-olds and their families on September 8, 2026.
 - The Early Childhood Center provides early childhood education for residents in the immediate and surrounding area while also supporting the talent pipeline through observation rooms and opportunities to sharpen and support early childhood educators, including lead teachers, associate teachers, directors, and aligned service providers.
 - Appreciation was extended to Inkster Mayor Byron Nolen and Chief of Police Tamika Jenkins, along with Garden City Superintendent Derek Fisher and Principal Jayson and Associate Principal Rock from Burger Baylor for attending the ribbon cutting opening ceremony. Mayor Nolen, Deputy Superintendent Beth Gonzalez, Executive Director Kelley Williams, and Early Childhood Center educators spoke as part of the agenda. The Center represents another opportunity for Wayne RESA to add value to the education space by serving four-year-olds while supporting the talent pipeline.
- An update was provided regarding the Wayne RESA ISD Plan, which has been revised at the request of Detroit Public Schools Community District (DPSCD) through the Michigan Department of Education. Wayne RESA met with DPSCD and MDE leadership, while Dr. Taiariol and the Special Education and Early Intervention Services team worked diligently over several weeks to move the process forward. Meetings were also held with LEA and PSA superintendents and the Parent Advisory Committee, with the work requiring continuous communication and countywide collaboration.
 - The revised ISD Plan was scheduled to be placed on the State Board of Education agenda. The revisions include four areas requested by DPSCD for additional relief and support: Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), Moderate Cognitive Impairment (MoCI), elementary resource room, and secondary resource room. Countywide signatures were obtained and submitted, with the proposed provisions intended to remain in place for two years if approved.
 - Wayne RESA will continue partnering with DPSCD during the two-year period, to include and not be limited to reviewing Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) and monitoring and training.
 - Wayne RESA's intentional and strategic efforts to attract, train, develop, and support additional educators to serve students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and cognitive impairments across Wayne County will continue to be a priority. As the number of students identified with these needs continues to increase, so does the demand for highly qualified and well-prepared educators. We remain committed to strengthening the educator pipeline and partnering with our districts and other key stakeholders to ensure students have access to the skilled educators and high-quality support they need to thrive.

- The Instructional Impact Collaborative was highlighted as part of Wayne RESA’s continued movement from effort to impact. Improving student outcomes requires intentional, strategic work, with a clear focus on whether our guidance, services, programs, and initiatives are producing the results intended. We must continue to strengthen the connection between data, leadership, and instructional practice by identifying what is working, monitoring implementation, and providing the feedback, coaching, guidance, and resources needed to strengthen practice across Wayne County. Our work requires continuous reflection: Are we achieving the intended outcomes? Is our guidance helping constituents work more effectively and efficiently? Are educators receiving the tools and support they need, and is there evidence that what we provide is making a difference? Our responsibility is not simply to provide services, but to ensure that our work leads to stronger practice and better outcomes for students.
- Manufacturing Day was highlighted as another opportunity to connect students with career readiness and employment opportunities throughout Wayne County. Deputy Superintendent Beth Gonzalez represented Wayne RESA at the Manufacturing Day orientation and meet-and-greet at Henry Ford College in partnership with SEMCA today. Manufacturing Day will be held Thursday, October 1, and will expose students to modern manufacturing, innovation, and the skills needed to pursue these opportunities. Emphasis was placed on the importance of exposure because students cannot connect to opportunities that they’ve never seen before. Highlights from the Wayne County Manufacturing Day will be shared during the October Board meeting.
- Wayne County’s participation in the Read to the Final Four initiative was highlighted in connection with the 2027 NCAA Men’s Final Four coming to Detroit in April 2027. Dr. Colbert will attend the statewide third-grade reading competition kick off at the Main Detroit Public Library today, where Governor Whitmer, City of Detroit Mayor Sheffield, and DPSCD Superintendent Dr. Vitti, and other leaders are expected to speak. Wayne County will be represented by two third-grade classrooms, Daly Elementary School in Inkster (Westwood Community School District), and Davison Elementary School in Detroit (Detroit Public School Community District).
 - Participating students will engage in library and basketball activities, with the reading competition encouraging 15–20 minutes of reading each day through the Final Four. All third grade teachers are encouraged to sign up and all third graders are encouraged to participate. Excitement was expressed for Wayne County students to give their best effort throughout the competition, as the push for improved literacy outcomes remains a priority.
- The Wayne RESA family will connect during the virtual All-Staff Meeting on Friday, September 11 at 8:30 a.m. Appreciation was extended to the team for its preparation and department videos developed for the presentation. Wayne RESA looks forward to the completion of the Annex so that future staff convenings can include opportunities to return to in-person meetings.
- As September 11 approaches, remembrance was extended to the lives lost, families forever changed, first responders, and countless individuals who demonstrated extraordinary courage and selflessness on that tragic day. Dr. Colbert encouraged continued remembrance through service, unity, compassion, and our shared commitment to building stronger and safer communities.
- The report concluded with recognition that there is still work to do and that a year of greater influence and impact is ahead. Appreciation was extended to the Wayne RESA Board of Education for their continued support.

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