

Highlights from the February 16, 2022, Regular Meeting of the Wayne RESA Board of Education.

The Wayne RESA Board of Education approved the following items on the Consent Agenda:

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

- Phillaire Murray, Events Management Supervisor, effective January 10, 2022
- Sandra Dukhie, Client Support Supervisor, effective January 10, 2022

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

- Tony DeMarco, Part-time Field Service Technician – Business Services, effective January 18, 2022
- Kimberly Cieszynski, Special Education Consultant, effective January 26, 2022
- Lori Richardson, Part-time Transportation Consultant, effective February 1, 2022
- Natasha Villarreal, School Outreach Nurse (rehire), effective February 28, 2022
- Andrew McMechan, Executive Director of Finance and Compliance, effective March 21, 2022

Approved the following leave(s):

- Jamie Hanik, Part-time English Learner Facilitator, unpaid personal leave, effective January 5, 2022
- Darnella Delfine, Special Education Consultant, unpaid Medical Leave of Absence effective January 19, 2022. Note: FMLA exhausted on December 7, 2021
- Patricia Alvarado, Part-time English Learner Facilitator, unpaid personal leave, effective January 25, 2022

Approved the following return from leave(s):

- Jamie Hanik, Part-time, English Learner Facilitator, unpaid personal leave, effective January 17, 2022

Approved the appointment of the following representative(s) to the Wayne County Parent Advisory Committee (WCPAC) for a three-year term. This is effective for the period February 16, 2022 to June 30, 2024.

- Rosalind Pope, Grosse Pointe Public Schools
- Darcy Matthies, Taylor Exemplar Academy
- Charita Curry, Warrendale Charter Academy

Authorized administration to purchase of a Microsoft software subscription in the amount of \$77,889.54 from CDW-G, Vernon Hills, IL for the period February 1, 2022 through January 31 2023.

Approved the purchase from Atlassian Pty Ltd (Proprietary Limited), Chicago, Illinois for one year of software licenses and maintenance in the amount of \$37,356.25. The renewal is for the period of March 31, 2022 through March 31, 2023.

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 January 1, 2022 through January 31, 2022:

Mary Blackmon: \$29.25

Danielle Funderburg: \$10.30

James Petrie: \$66.89

Approved the School Services Program Direct Services Claiming (Formerly School Services Program/FFS) Medicaid claim final settlement payment to the following local school districts and the Act 18 Fund for services to Medicaid eligible special education students for \$1,466,451.16 for the period July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

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DISTRICT/LEA	AMOUNT	DISTRICT/LEA	AMOUNT
Allen Park Public Schools	\$13,378.88	Northville Public Schools	\$20,766.64
Crestwood School District	\$28,761.06	Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	\$74,522.31
Dearborn City School District	\$135,439.31	Redford Union Schools, District No. 1	\$17,161.63
Dearborn Heights School District #7	\$18,631.57	School District of the City of River Rouge	\$10,966.13
Ecorse Public Schools	\$6,438.20	Riverview Community School District	\$7,346.40
Flat Rock Community Schools	\$10,990.28	Romulus Community Schools	\$16,607.25
Garden City Public Schools	\$17,783.95	South Redford School District	\$23,347.65
Gibraltar School District	\$15,887.46	Southgate Community School District	\$21,973.94
Grosse Ile Township Schools	\$ 6,365.96	Taylor School District	\$79,874.51
Grosse Pointe Public Schools	\$29,315.46	Trenton Public Schools	\$13,114.27
School District of the City of Hamtramck	\$23,678.78	Van Buren Public Schools	\$34,560.49
School District of the City of Harper Woods	\$8,323.05	Wayne-Westland Community School District	\$92,901.03
Huron School District	\$12,940.25	Westwood Community School District	\$16,671.89
School District of the City of Lincoln Park	\$28,943.44	Woodhaven-Brownstown School District	\$37,030.52
Livonia Public Schools School District	\$45,891.43	School District of the City of Wyandotte	
\$17,529.68			
Melvindale-North Allen Park Schools	\$16,994.45	TOTAL:	\$904,137.87

LEA Direct Payment \$ 904,137.87
 ACT 18 RESA \$ 562,313.29
 Total \$1,466,451.16

Approved the School Services Programs new Caring for Students (C4S) Medicaid claim settlement payment to the following local school districts for services to Medicaid eligible general education students or students with a plan of care other than an IEP/IFSP for \$924,253.00 for the period July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

DISTRICT/LEA	AMOUNT	DISTRICT/LEA	AMOUNT
Allen Park Public Schools	\$5,525.00	Redford Union Schools, District No. 1	\$11,049.99
Dearborn City School District	\$93,924.96	South Redford School District	\$4,735.71
Flat Rock Community Schools	\$9,471.42	Southgate Community School District	\$15,785.70
Garden City Public Schools	\$26,046.41	Taylor School District	\$157,857.05
School District of the City of Hamtramck	\$33,149.98	Trenton Public Schools	\$37,885.69
School District of the City of Harper Woods	\$6,314.28	Van Buren Public Schools	\$32,360.69
Huron School District	\$12,628.56	Wayne-Westland Community School District	\$16,574.99

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School District of the City of Lincoln Park	\$73,403.53	Westwood Community School District	\$164,171.33
Livonia Public Schools School District	\$11,049.99	Woodhaven-Brownstown School District	\$116,814.21
Melvindale-North Allen Park Schools	\$4,735.71	School District of the City of Wyandotte	\$71,035.67
Northville Public Schools	\$19,732.13	TOTAL ANNUAL C4S REIMBURSEMENT:	\$924,253.00

Approved payment of 2021-22 Section 107 grant funds to the following Intermediate School Districts, in the amounts indicated, for a total amount not to exceed \$54,977 for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

COUNTY	INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT	AMOUNT
Oakland	Oakland Schools	\$30,349
Macomb	Macomb Intermediate School District	\$24,628
	TOTAL:	\$54,977

Authorized administration to enter into an agreement with Luster Learning Institute, NFP (Not-For-Profit) for training and materials provided to identified Statewide System of Support (SSoS) Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) schools within Detroit Public Schools Community District, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for the period of February 1, 2022 through September 30, 2022.

Authorized administration to enter into an agreement to provide disbursements to the following school districts for English Learner (EL) services in the amounts listed for the period October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022.

DISTRICT/LEA	AMOUNT
Dearborn Heights School District #7	\$32,923
Taylor School District	\$32,537
Wayne-Westland Community School District	\$43,158
TOTAL:	\$108,618

Approved entering into a consortium contract with AT&T, Southfield, MI for AT&T Switched Ethernet (ASE) connectivity service from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025.

Approved an amendment to board recommendation 146-21-22 to correct the terms of the Creative Montessori Academy Board members to indicate three-year terms:

Donald Treadwell Jr.	Three-year term beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2024
Damita Warren	Three-year term beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2024

Approved an amendment to board recommendation 89-21-22 for Act 18 payments, to school districts operating special education center programs for estimated allowable costs for the 2021-2022 fiscal year from a total amount not to exceed \$144,437,263 to a total not to exceed \$140,007,621.

SCHOOL DISTRICT	APPROVED AMOUNT	PROPOSED AMENDMENT
Allen Park Public Schools	\$704,525	\$669,639
School District of the City of Dearborn	\$10,494,417	\$10,667,811
School District of the City of Detroit	\$35,583,233	\$31,126,396
Garden City Public Schools	\$7,919,661	\$7,513,189
Grosse Pointe Public Schools	\$6,981,016	\$7,208,842
Huron School District	\$1,203,547	\$1,215,654
School District of the City of Lincoln Park	\$9,388,069	\$9,878,768
Livonia Public Schools	\$11,983,683	\$11,983,683
Northville Public Schools	\$7,772,521	\$7,772,521
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	\$4,434,513	\$4,424,550
Redford Union Schools	\$6,881,716	\$6,548,872
South Redford Public Schools	\$467,522	\$479,202
Southgate Community School District	\$4,368,939	\$4,163,941
Taylor School District	\$2,946,007	\$2,946,007
Trenton Public Schools	\$2,828,953	\$2,828,953
Van Buren Public Schools	\$1,590,795	\$1,590,795
Wayne-Westland Comm. Schools	\$10,011,712	\$10,058,006
Westwood Community Schools	\$248,311	\$248,311
Woodhaven-Brownstown School District	\$3,032,398	\$3,130,427
School District of the City of Wyandotte	\$15,595,725	\$15,552,054
Total All Districts	\$144,437,263	\$140,007,621

Approved an amendment to Board Recommendation #112-21-22 to extend the period for Detroit Public Schools Community District (DPSCD) to purchase technology to promote remote services for Early-On children/families, from June 1, 2021 through January 31, 2022 to June 1, 2021 through March 25, 2022.

Authorized administration to increase the IDEA Flowthrough allocation to Distinctive College Prep., originally authorized in Board Recommendation #63-21-22, for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, from \$88,275 to \$164,532.

Authorized administration to amend contracts previously approved in Board Recommendation 138-21-22 for the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) subrecipients listed for the period October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022.

SUBRECIPIENT	APPROVED AMOUNT	AMENDED AMOUNT
2 Day's Child Learning Center	\$143,574	\$143,574
Above & Beyond Learning Center LLC	\$303,804	\$303,804
Academy for Business & Technology	\$270,048	\$270,048
Advanced Technology Academy	\$675,120	\$675,120
Alawie Educational Services	\$573,852	\$573,852
Alhadi Childcare Center	\$286,926	\$286,926
Al-Wali Childcare Center LLC	\$135,024	\$135,024
American International Academy	\$455,706	\$455,706
American Montessori Academy	\$405,072	\$405,072
Angel Land Child Care & Parent Ins	\$141,632	\$141,632
Antioch Christian Learning Center	\$133,632	\$133,632
Arab American Children Center	\$540,096	\$540,096
ASA Higher Learning Preparatory	\$140,024	\$140,024

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Bambi Land Child Care	\$868,778	\$868,778
Beautiful Minds Learning Center	\$135,024	\$135,024
Blessed Beginnings Learning Center	\$135,024	\$135,024
Blossom Learning Center	\$405,072	\$405,072
Brainiacs Clubhouse Child Development Center	\$286,926	\$270,048
Bridge Academy	\$405,072	\$405,072
Bright Beginnings Montessori DBA Montessori Child Development Center	\$405,072	\$405,072
Bright Star Learning Center DBA A & W Day Care Center	\$540,096	\$540,096
Busy Minds Child Care Center, Inc	\$135,024	\$135,024
Caring Hands Childcare Academy	\$144,115	\$144,115
Chandler Park Academy	\$405,072	\$270,048
Chapel Hill Early Childhood Education	\$405,072	\$405,072
Child Star Development Center	\$405,072	\$405,072
Children First Learning Center	\$118,146	\$118,146
Children of the Rising Sun Empowerment Center	\$135,024	\$135,024
Children's Garden LLC	\$675,120	\$675,120
Children's Garden II, LLC	\$286,926	\$286,926
Childrens Paradise Learning Center, Inc.	\$607,608	\$607,608
Children'z Place 2	\$135,024	\$135,024
Childtime Childcare, Inc.	\$540,096	\$540,096
Christios Child Care & Academy	\$573,852	\$573,852
CircleTime with Friends Learning Center	\$236,292	\$236,292
Commonwealth Community Development Academy	\$151,902	\$151,902
Creative Academics Learning Center	\$151,902	\$151,902
Creative Kidz Learning Center	\$135,024	\$135,024
Creative Learning Childrens College, LLC	\$286,926	\$135,024
Crestwood School District	\$540,096	\$540,096
Cribs2College Academy	\$162,902	\$162,902
CrossBridge Action Network	\$270,048	\$270,048
David Ellis Academy West	\$405,072	\$405,072
David Ellis Academy	\$135,024	\$135,024
Dearborn City School District	\$5,170,912	\$5,170,912
Dearborn Heights School District #7	\$405,072	\$405,072
Dee's Little Angels Child Care Center	\$270,048	\$270,048
Detroit Community Schools – Elementary	\$135,024	\$126,585
Detroit Edison Public School Academy	\$860,778	\$860,778
Detroit Leadership Academy	\$405,072	\$405,072
Detroit Public Schools Community District	\$14,717,616	\$14,717,616
Detroit Service Learning Academy	\$455,706	\$303,804
Development Centers, Inc.	\$202,536	\$202,536
Dove Academy of Detroit	\$405,072	\$405,072
Dreamy Care Day	\$810,144	\$810,144
Dreamy Day Care 2 LLC	\$303,804	\$303,804
Early Harvest Christian Learning Center	\$135,024	\$0
Early Learning Prep	\$267,832	\$0
Ecorse Public Schools	\$540,096	\$540,096
Education Consulting Solutions DBA It Takes a Village Academy	\$286,926	\$286,926
Empowered Community Learning Center	\$135,024	\$135,024

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First Step Learning Center, LLC	\$135,024	\$0
Focus Hope	\$421,950	\$421,950
Foundation First Childcare Development Center	\$135,024	\$0
Franklin-Wright Settlements Inc.	\$135,024	\$135,024
Garden City Public Schools	\$1,215,216	\$1,215,216
George Washington Carver Academy	\$455,706	\$455,706
Gibraltar School District	\$303,804	\$303,804
Global Heights Academy	\$270,048	\$270,048
Greater Ebenezer MISS BAPT Church	\$303,804	\$270,048
My Child Learning Center DBA Greater Harvest Ministries Inc.	\$135,024	\$135,024
Growing Minds Learning Center	\$1,063,314	\$911,412
Hakuna Matatah Preschool and Childcare	\$109,707	\$109,707
Hamtramck, School District of the City of	\$405,072	\$405,072
Hanley International Academy	\$303,804	\$303,804
Harper Woods, The School District of the City of	\$540,096	\$540,096
Healthy Kidz Inc.	\$151,902	\$0
Heart of a Child Learning Center	\$135,024	\$0
Highland Park Public School Academy System	\$270,048	\$270,048
Hope Academy	\$301,277	\$301,277
Intelligent Tots Early Learning Center, LLC	\$135,024	\$0
International Child Care Center	\$151,902	\$270,048
Jade Child Development Center	\$135,024	\$135,024
John Evans Montessori Academy	\$133,632	\$133,632
Joy Preparatory Academy	\$135,024	\$135,024
Jude Community Development Corporation	\$135,024	\$135,024
Kid Connection Early Learning Center	\$151,902	\$151,902
Kiddie Kingdom	\$67,512	\$0
Kids Avenue LLC	\$485,706	\$181,902
Kidz World Learning Center	\$135,024	\$135,024
Kingdom Kare Learning Center	\$421,950	\$270,048
Kristys Early Childhood	\$573,852	\$438,828
KUEHG Corp. DBA KCE Champions LLC	\$303,804	\$303,804
LACC Child Care Academy	\$270,048	\$270,048
Learning Links Academy, Inc.	\$133,632	\$133,632
Lincoln Park, School District of the City of	\$1,367,118	\$1,367,118
Little Scholars	\$675,658	\$675,658
Livonia Public Schools School District	\$675,120	\$675,120
Lovin' Touch Learning Center	\$151,902	\$151,902
Martin Luther King Jr. Day Care	\$400,896	\$540,096
Matrix Human Services	\$270,048	\$270,048
Metro Child Youth Inc. United Child	\$270,048	\$270,048
ndividualME Early Learning Academy	\$151,902	\$151,902
Nene's Little Angel's Childcare Center	\$151,902	\$151,902
New Greater Bethlehem Temple COMM	\$151,902	\$151,902
New Paradigm College Prep	\$455,706	\$303,804
New Paradigm Glazer-Loving Academy	\$455,706	\$303,804
New St. Paul Head Start Agency, Inc.	\$472,584	\$472,584
Oakland International Academy	\$118,146	\$118,146
Oakman Child Care	\$421,950	\$421,950

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Orchard Academy	\$135,024	\$135,024
Old Redford Academy	\$400,896	\$400,896
Order THY Steps Learning Center	\$101,268	\$0
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	\$675,120	\$675,120
Premier MI Brownstown LLC DBA Karnak Creative Child Care	\$112,520	\$112,520
Quality Child Care & Learning Center	\$151,902	\$151,902
R.A.C.E. Reaching All Children Equally	\$573,852	\$573,852
Ready 2 Learn Childcare Center, LLC	\$135,024	\$135,024
Redford Union Schools, District No. 1	\$405,072	\$405,072
Reign	\$150,336	\$151,902
Rhema Childcare Center	\$270,048	\$270,048
River Heights Academy	\$405,072	\$405,072
River Rouge, School District of the City of	\$455,706	\$455,706
Riverside Academy	\$540,096	\$540,096
Riverview Community School District	\$455,706	\$455,706
Romulus Community Schools	\$911,412	\$911,412
Sigma Academy for Leadership & Early Middle College	\$135,024	\$135,024
Someplace Else Learning Factory LLC	\$270,048	\$135,024
Southgate Community School District	\$911,412	\$911,412
St. Paul Child Development Center	\$270,048	\$270,048
Star International Academy	\$675,120	\$675,120
Starfish Family Services	\$1,274,289	\$1,274,289
Summer Preschool Early Learning Center	\$151,902	\$151,902
Summit Academy North	\$151,902	\$151,902
Sunrise Educational Center	\$236,292	\$135,024
Sweet Peas	\$135,024	\$135,024
Taylor School District	\$1,670,922	\$1,670,922
Tender Care Learning Center	\$135,024	\$0
The Dearborn Academy	\$303,804	\$303,804
The Learning Tree Child Care Center – North	\$270,048	\$270,048
The Learning Tree Child Care Center – South	\$270,048	\$270,048
The Learning Tree Child Care Center – West	\$135,024	\$135,024
The Order of the Fishermen Ministry Head Start Program, Inc.	\$379,755	\$379,755
Tipton Academy	\$540,096	\$540,096
Trenton Public Schools	\$151,902	\$151,902
Trillium Academy	\$405,072	\$270,048
U of M – Dearborn Early Childhood Education Center	\$270,048	\$270,048
Universal Academy	\$270,048	\$270,048
Universal Learning Academy	\$270,048	\$270,048
University Yes Academy	\$0	\$151,902
Van Buren Public Schools	\$742,632	\$742,632
Village of Shiny Stars Child Care	\$151,902	\$151,902
Wayne-Metropolitan Community Action Agency	\$358,658	\$358,658
Wayne State University	\$337,560	\$337,560
Wayne-Westland Community School District	\$1,046,436	\$1,046,436
Wyandotte, School District of the City of	\$759,510	\$759,510
YMCA Camping Services DBA John and Marlene Boll Family YMCA Child Care Ctr	\$135,024	\$135,024
Total	\$74,815,052	\$72,074,294

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Authorized administration to amend the contracts previously authorized in Board Recommendation 139-21-22 to increase the following Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) subrecipient transportation funds, for the period of October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022.

SUBRECIPIENT	APPROVED AMOUNT	AMENDED AMOUNT
Above & Beyond Learning Center LLC	\$62,676	\$62,676
Academy for Business & Technology	\$75,000	\$75,000
American International Academy	\$0	\$15,000
Angel Land Child Care & Parent Ins	\$0	\$18,000
Antioch Christian Learning Center	\$40,000	\$40,000
Arab American Children Center	\$73,200	\$73,200
ASA Higher Learning Preparatory	\$28,240	\$28,240
Bambi Land Child Care	\$94,300	\$94,300
Brainiacs Clubhouse Child Development Center	\$48,640	\$48,640
Bright Star Learning Center DBA A & W Day Care Center	\$61,000	\$61,000
Busy Minds Child Care Center, Inc.	\$30,000	\$30,000
Child Star Development Center	\$40,000	\$40,000
Children'z Place 2 LLC	\$25,000	\$25,000
Childrens Paradise Learning Center, Inc.	\$115,200	\$115,200
Childtime Childcare, Inc.	\$900	\$900
Christios Child Care & Academy	\$50,000	\$50,000
CircleTime with Friends Learning Center	\$24,400	\$24,400
Cribs2College Academy	\$0	\$62,700
Creative Learning Childrens College, LLC	\$40,800	\$40,800
Detroit Public Schools Community District	\$228,750	\$228,750
Detroit Service Learning Academy	\$22,520	\$22,520
Dreamy Day Care	\$60,000	\$60,000
Dreamy Daycare 2, LLC	\$42,500	\$42,500
Early Learning Prep	\$67,200	\$67,200
Ecorse Public Schools	\$76,000	\$76,000
Focus Hope	\$100,000	\$0
Garden City Public Schools	\$120,000	\$120,000
George Washington Carver Academy	\$88,700	\$88,700
Greater Ebenezer MISS BAPT Church	\$29,900	\$29,900
Growing Minds Learning Center	\$101,384	\$101,384
Hamtramck, School District of the City of	\$37,971	\$37,971
Hanley International Academy	\$15,000	\$15,000
Highland Park	\$0	\$40,000
Jade Child Development Center	\$0	\$27,040
Jude Community Development Corporation	\$0	\$10,000
Kid Connection Early Learning Center	\$0	\$15,000
Kidz World Learning Center	\$40,000	\$40,000
Kristys Early Childhood	\$81,250	\$81,250
LACC Child Care Academy	\$40,000	\$40,000
Little Scholars	\$40,000	\$100,195
Livonia Public Schools School District	\$102,800	\$102,800
Nene's Little Angel's Daycare LLC	\$20,000	\$20,000
New Greater Bethlehem Temple We Care Child Development Center	\$0	\$32,585
Oakman Child Care	\$54,087	\$54,087
Quality Child Care & Learning Center	\$40,000	\$40,000

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Ready 2 Learn Childcare Center	\$0	\$35,000
Redford Union Schools, District No. 1	\$0	\$66,000
Rhema Childcare Center	\$40,000	\$40,000
River Rouge, School District of the City of	\$40,000	\$40,000
Romulus Community Schools	\$60,000	\$60,000
Someplace Else	\$65,000	\$65,000
Southgate Community School District	\$100,000	\$100,000
Van Buren Public Schools	\$130,575	\$130,575
Village of Shiny Stars Child Care	\$32,800	\$32,800
TOTAL	\$2,685,793	\$2,967,313

The Board also considered the following action items:

Voted to cast a ballot for incumbent candidate Darlene Pomponio, Southgate Community Schools, to fill the Region 8 seat up for election during the 2022 MASB Board of Directors election

Approved the 2021-2022 Wayne RESA Budget Amendment

Approved a One-Time Distribution of Act 18 Funds Supporting Special Education Transportation

Approved a One-Time Distribution of Special Education State Section 56 and 56(7) Equalization Funds Supporting Special Education Program Costs

Approved a Resolution in Support of the IDEA Full Funding Act

Approved a Resolution to Provide Flexibility Regarding Daily Attendance Requirements

Approved the Second Reading of Board Rule Update 3600R

Superintendent’s Comments

Dr. Daveda Colbert shared:

- In honor of February being a month-long celebration of Black History and this year’s theme of “Black Health and Wellness”, which aligns with Wayne RESA’s shared commitment of caring for ourselves and one another, the organization was invited to consider learning more about the history of African American’s each day this month. Resources and information were shared by Associate Superintendent Beth Gonzalez with Educational Services, and then shared with the entire RESA organization by Dr. Colbert.
- The official student count day for the second semester of the 2021-2022 school year was Wednesday, February 9, 2022. The certification deadline for the second official count day is Wednesday, March 23, 2022. An update regarding the official numbers for Wayne County will be presented after the certification.
- Wayne County Health Department’s mask mandate is anticipated to be rescinded by February 28, 2022. Wayne County has experienced a continuing decline in new daily COVID-19 cases and based upon the current downward trends, the health department anticipates ending its Emergency Order requiring face masks in educational settings by February 28, 2022. Districts will be encouraged to continue following the best mitigation strategies to protect students. RESA will continue to follow the CDC guidance and continue masking while the County continues to be listed as high risk.
- Special thanks to Mike Latvis, Karen Howey and other special education leaders who will be traveling to Washington D.C., March 8 – 10, 2022, to advocate for special education funding.

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- To address the statewide crisis of school bus driver shortages Wayne RESA launched a digital course, Early Learners Drivers Training (ELDT), to streamline training in the face of new federal regulations that threaten to delay the commercial driver qualification process. This initiative has gained a lot of media coverage as RESA continue to lift barriers. Kudos to Jeff Gnagey, Kyle Gnagey, Larry Walls, Jason Siko, Kris Hamade, Jim Stalbaum, Wayne Curnett, and Kelli Schultz for their contribution and leadership on the online course, the RESA website, and marketing of the project.
- RESA released a statement which resulted in great media coverage regarding the growth of Wayne County's Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP). With additional funding and strategic marketing, an additional 1,679 GSRP slots were filled this year with over 700 of those being in the City of Detroit. The number of GSRP classrooms in Wayne County increased from 450 to 542.