
Highlights from the November 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):

- Darlene Bowen, Administrative Specialist – Pupil Accounting, effective November 1, 2022
- Heather Kingery, Administrative Specialist – Helpdesk & Event Services, effective November 1, 2022
- Dawn Waggoner, Administrative Specialist – Helpdesk & Event Services, effective November 1, 2022
- Michelle Wagner, Manager of Educational Services, effective November 9, 2022

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

- Wanda Ajrouche, Special Education Consultant, effective November 7, 2022
- Michelle Maxfield, Assistant for Internal Operations – (Medicaid Reimbursement), effective November 14, 2022
- Cynthia Koch, Part-time Pupil Accounting Field Auditor, effective November 14, 2022
- Kaila Klein, Administrative Assistant – Reception/Event Services, effective November 14, 2022
- Lisa Kaiser, School Culture, Climate & Equity Consultant, effective November 28, 2022
- Adrienne Kubicki, Special Education Consultant, effective November 28, 2022
- Terrance Scott, School Culture, Climate & Equity Consultant, effective November 28, 2022
- Patricia McDowell, Administrative Assistant-SEEIS, effective November 28, 2022

Approved the following leave(s):

- Dawn Shovein, Mathematics Consultant, Family/Medical Leave, October 19, 2022
- Rima Shelby, EL-Facilitator, unpaid personal leave, effective October 18, 2022

Approved the following return from leave(s):

- Amy Wischow, Application Support Technician, Family/Medical Leave, October 12, 2022

Approved the following reclassification(s):

- Debra Walters, Administrative Assistant (Grade 6), to Administrative Specialist – Helpdesk & Event Services (Grade 7), effective October 27, 2022

Approved the following schedule premium(s):

- Vince Pizzo, Network Engineer, effective October 27, 2022 Schedule Premium pursuant to article 20.8 of the WCSSF Collective Bargaining Agreement
- Bobby Hodges, Network Architect, effective October 27, 2022 Schedule Premium pursuant to article 20.8 of the WCSSF Collective Bargaining Agreement

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Approved the removal of the following representative(s) to the Wayne County Parent Advisory Committee (WCPAC) at the request of the parent. This is effective for the period November 16, 2022 through June 30, 2024.

Karima Alwishah	Dearborn City School District
Tiffany Edmonds-Jasso	Ecorse Public Schools

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 October 1, 2022 through October 30, 2022:

Mary Blackmon: \$32.50 Danielle Funderburg: \$70.88 Lynda Jackson: \$30.00 James Petrie: \$330.75

Approved entering into a contract with TRAILS (Transforming Research into Action to Improve the Lives of Students) in an amount not to exceed \$112,500 for the period of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022.

Approved Act 18 payments to the following districts for rent for separate facility buildings in districts committed to operating the programs in those buildings after June 30, 2023, for the 2018-2019 through 2022-2023 fiscal years.

SCHOOL DISTRICT	AMOUNT	SCHOOL DISTRICT	AMOUNT
Dearborn City School District	\$410,000	Livonia Public Schools School District	\$620,000
Detroit Public Schools Community District	\$4,787,000	Northville Public Schools	\$872,000
Garden City Public Schools	\$478,000	Redford Union Schools, District No. 1	\$599,000
School District of the City of Lincoln Park	\$413,000	School District of the City of Wyandotte	\$2,059,000
		Total All Districts:	\$10,238,000

Approved payments to the following school districts under the Caring for Students (C4S) Medicaid Program in the amount \$878,183.92 for the period July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

DISTRICT/LEA	AMOUNT	DISTRICT/LEA	AMOUNT
Allen Park Public Schools	\$5,285.72	Redford Union Schools, District No. 1	\$10,571.43
Dearborn City School District	\$89,857.18	South Redford School District	\$4,530.61
Flat Rock Community Schools	\$9,061.23	Southgate Community School District	\$15,102.04
Garden City Public Schools	\$24,918.37	Taylor School District	\$151,020.45
School District of the City of Hamtramck	\$31,714.29	Trenton Public Schools	\$36,244.91
Huron School District	\$12,081.64	Van Buren Public Schools	\$30,959.19
School District of the City of Lincoln Park	\$70,224.51	Wayne-Westland Community School District	\$15,857.15
Livonia Public Schools School District	\$10,571.43	Westwood Community School District	\$157,061.27

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Melvindale-North Allen Park Schools	\$4,530.61	Woodhaven-Brownstown School District	\$111,755.13
Northville Public Schools	\$18,877.56	School District of the City of Wyandotte	\$67,959.20
		TOTAL:	\$878,183.92

Approved final settlement payments to the following school districts for claims under the Medicaid Direct Services Program in the amount of \$966,862.79 for the period July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

DISTRICT/LEA	AMOUNT	DISTRICT/LEA	AMOUNT
Allen Park Public Schools	\$15,388.17	Northville Public Schools	\$19,265.45
Crestwood School District	\$35,612.52	Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	\$83,451.78
Dearborn City School District	\$122,781.67	Redford Union Schools, District No. 1	\$12,450.07
Dearborn Heights School District #7	\$13,623.56	School District of the City of River Rouge	\$10,001.96
Ecorse Public Schools	\$8,676.09	Riverview Community School District	\$11,652.51
Flat Rock Community Schools	\$14,945.70	Romulus Community Schools	\$22,373.02
Garden City Public Schools	\$16,997.05	South Redford School District	\$21,968.33
Gibraltar School District	\$27,176.95	Southgate Community School District	\$29,864.92
Grosse Ile Township Schools	\$8,036.54	Taylor School District	\$63,824.64
Grosse Pointe Public Schools	\$32,244.46	Trenton Public Schools	\$15,088.28
School District of the City of Hamtramck	\$26,097.22	Van Buren Public Schools	\$50,296.64
School District of the City of Harper Woods	\$8,433.79	Wayne-Westland Community School District	\$90,293.49
Huron School District	\$16,077.81	Westwood Community School District	\$18,206.94
School District of the City of Lincoln Park	\$41,241.53	Woodhaven-Brownstown School District	\$46,461.77
Livonia Public Schools School District	\$50,104.84	School District of the City of Wyandotte	\$17,993.65
Melvindale-North Allen Park Schools	\$16,231.44		
		TOTAL:	\$966,862.79

Approved payments to the following educational entities, in the amounts indicated, for 61b State Aid funded activities related to Early Middle College (EMC) and Dual Enrollment (DE) state approved Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs for a total amount not to exceed \$169,208 for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

DISTRICT/PSA	AMOUNT
Advanced Technology Academy	\$26,625
Huron School District	\$3,337
Gibraltar School District	\$9,089

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Riverview Community School District	\$36,138
Southgate Community School District	\$39,938
Trenton Public Schools	\$54,081
Total:	\$169,208

Approved payments to the following Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) providers, in the amounts indicated, for startup funding for a total amount not to exceed \$108,000 for the period October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023.

SUBRECIPIENT	AMOUNT
Audrey's Little Love Bugs	\$18,000
Cory's Childcare Development Center	\$18,000
Free Thinkers School	\$18,000
Froebel Montessori & Childcare	\$18,000
Pencil Palace Day Care	\$18,000
Smart Start Learning Center	\$18,000
Total:	\$108,000

Approved payment to the Wayne-Westland Community School District, for state-approved Career and Technical Education Early/Middle College program planning expenditures for a total amount not to exceed \$50,000 for the period October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023.

Authorized administration to enter into an agreement with Barton Malow, Southfield, MI for project management of the Burger Baylor Brick Tuckpointing and Window Replacement Project, in the amount of \$83,096.

Authorized administration to enter into a contract with Trace3, Grand Rapids, MI for the 3-year renewal of VEEAM Backup software for an amount not to exceed \$76,291.84 for the period January 26, 2023 through January 25, 2026.

Authorized administration to enter into a contract with Everybody Ready, Inc., Allen Park, MI for implementation of the Great Start Collaborative-Wayne grant components in an amount not to exceed \$910,131 for the period October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023.

Authorized administration to enter into an agreement with Blessed Beginnings Learning Center for subrecipient Transportation Grant funding in the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) in an amount not to exceed \$53,300 for the period October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023.

Authorized administration to amend the written agreements, previously authorized in Board Recommendation #21-22-23, with each of the following districts for implementation of Early On activities not to exceed the amounts listed below, for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

AGENCY/DISTRICT	ORIGINAL AMOUNT	AMENDED AMOUNT
Detroit Public Schools Community District	\$264,000	\$264,000
Grosse Pointe Public Schools	\$340,000	\$340,000
Livonia Public Schools School District	\$340,500	\$540,500
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	\$164,000	\$246,000

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Wayne-Westland Community School District	\$117,000	\$117,000
Total:	\$1,225,500	\$1,507,500

Approved an amendment to Board Recommendation #154-21-22 to increase the purchase amount of instructional and training materials from Complete Books and Media Supply, LLC in compliance with federal procurement requirements and board policy from \$150,000 to \$180,000 for the period July 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022.

Approved an amendment to Board Recommendation #258-21-22 to amend contract amounts, as indicated, for the following Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) subrecipients for the period October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023.

DISTRICT/PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY/AGENCY	ORIGINAL AMOUNT	AMENDED AMOUNT
Above & Beyond Learning Center LLC	\$303,804	\$319,518
Academy for Business and Technology	\$270,048	\$284,016
Advanced Technology Academy	\$675,120	\$710,040
Alawie Educational Services	\$573,852	\$603,534
Alhadi Childcare Center	\$286,926	\$301,767
Al-Wali Child Care Center LLC	\$135,024	\$142,008
American International Academy	\$590,730	\$479,277
American Montessori Academy	\$405,072	\$426,024
Angel Land Child Care & Parent Ins	\$135,024	\$142,008
Arab American Children Center	\$540,096	\$568,032
Audrey's Little Love Bugs	\$0	\$140,544
Bambi Land Child Care	\$860,778	\$940,803
Beautiful Minds Learning Center	\$135,024	\$133,133
Blessed Beginnings Learning Center	\$270,048	\$284,016
Blossom Learning Center	\$405,072	\$426,024
Brainiacs Clubhouse Child Development Center	\$270,048	\$284,016
Bridge Academy	\$405,072	\$426,024
Bright Beginnings Montessori DBA Montessori Child Development Center	\$540,096	\$426,024
Bright Star Learning Center DBA A & W Day Care Center	\$540,096	\$568,032
Busy Minds Child Care Center, Inc.	\$135,024	\$142,008
Caniff Liberty Academy	\$0	\$140,544
Caring Hands Childcare Academy	\$133,632	\$140,544
Chandler Park Academy	\$405,072	\$426,024
Chapel Hill Early Childhood Education	\$405,072	\$426,024
Child Star Development Center	\$405,072	\$426,024
Children First Learning Center	\$118,146	\$124,257
Children of the Rising Sun Empowerment Center	\$135,024	\$142,008
Children On Board Child Care Center	\$0	\$140,544
Children's Garden II, LLC	\$303,804	\$142,008
Children's Garden LLC	\$675,120	\$568,032
Childrens Paradise Learning Center, Inc.	\$843,900	\$887,550
Childrenz Place 2	\$135,024	\$142,008

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Childtime Childcare, Inc.	\$540,096	\$568,032
Christios Child Care & Academy	\$573,852	\$603,534
CircleTime with Friends Learning Center	\$236,292	\$248,514
Commonwealth Community Development Academy	\$135,024	\$140,544
Cory's Childcare Development Center	\$0	\$140,544
Creative Academics Learning Center	\$303,804	\$159,759
Creative Kidz Learning Center	\$135,024	\$142,008
Creative Learning Childrens College, LLC	\$135,024	\$142,008
Crestwood School District	\$540,096	\$568,032
CrossBridge Action Network	\$270,048	\$284,016
David Ellis Academy	\$135,024	\$142,008
David Ellis Academy West	\$405,072	\$426,024
Dearborn City School District	\$5,535,984	\$5,538,312
Dearborn Heights School District #7	\$405,072	\$426,024
Dee's Little Angels Child Care Center	\$405,072	\$426,024
Detroit Community Schools - Elementary	\$126,585	\$133,133
Detroit Edison Public School Academy	\$911,412	\$958,554
Detroit Leadership Academy	\$540,096	\$568,032
Detroit Public Schools Community District	\$17,249,316	\$18,141,522
Detroit Service Learning Academy	\$455,706	\$319,518
Development Centers, Inc.	\$202,536	\$213,012
Devine Child Christian Learning Center	\$0	\$96,624
Dove Academy of Detroit	\$405,072	\$426,024
Dreamy Children Center	\$810,144	\$852,048
Dreamy Day Care 2 LLC	\$607,608	\$639,036
Early Harvest Christian Learning Center	\$0	\$70,272
Ecorse Public Schools	\$540,096	\$568,032
Empowered Community Learning Center	\$270,048	\$159,759
First Step Learning Center	\$0	\$140,544
Focus Hope	\$421,950	\$443,775
Franklin Wright Settlements Inc	\$135,024	\$142,008
Free Thinkers School	\$0	\$140,544
Froebel Montessori & Childcare	\$0	\$140,544
Garden City Public Schools	\$1,215,216	\$1,278,072
George Washington Carver Academy	\$455,706	\$479,277
Gibraltar School District	\$303,804	\$319,518
Global Heights Academy	\$270,048	\$284,016
Greater Ebenezer MISS BAPT Church	\$270,048	\$284,016
Greater Harvest Ministries Inc.	\$135,024	\$142,008
Early Learning Prep	\$270,048	\$281,088
Growing Minds Learning Center	\$1,046,436	\$1,118,313
Hamtramck, School District of the City of	\$405,072	\$426,024
Hanley International Academy	\$405,072	\$426,024
Harper Woods, The School District of the City of	\$540,096	\$568,032
Highland Park Public School Academy System	\$405,072	\$426,024
Hope Academy	\$286,926	\$301,767
International Child Care Center	\$270,048	\$284,016

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It Takes a Village Academy	\$556,974	\$585,783
Jade Child Development Center	\$270,048	\$426,024
John Evans Montessori Academy	\$135,024	\$142,008
Joy Preparatory Academy	\$135,024	\$142,008
Jude Community Development Corporation	\$135,024	\$142,008
Kid Connection Early Learning Center	\$270,048	\$284,016
Kids' Avenue Christian Learning Center - Wayne	\$135,024	\$142,008
Kingdom Kare Learning Center	\$270,048	\$319,518
Kristys Early Childhood	\$573,852	\$461,526
KUEHG Corp. DBA KCE Champions LLC	\$270,048	\$284,016
LACC Child Care Academy	\$270,048	\$284,016
Learn Through Play Preschool	\$0	\$131,760
Learning Links Academy, Inc.	\$135,024	\$140,544
Lincoln Park, School District of the City of	\$1,367,118	\$1,437,831
Little Owl Tree House	\$0	\$140,544
Little Scholars	\$759,510	\$798,795
Livonia Public Schools School District	\$759,510	\$710,040
Lovin Touch Learning Center	\$151,902	\$284,016
Martin Luther King Academy	\$675,120	\$710,040
Matrix Human Services	\$270,048	\$284,016
Metro Child Youth Inc. United Child	\$540,096	\$284,016
Individual ME, Early Learning Academy	\$151,902	\$159,759
Nene's Little Angel's Childcare Center	\$303,804	\$301,767
New Greater Bethlehem Temple COMM	\$135,024	\$142,008
New Paradigm College Prep	\$303,804	\$319,518
New Paradigm Glazer-Loving Academy	\$303,804	\$319,518
New St. Paul Head Start Agency, Inc	\$945,168	\$497,028
Oakland International	\$118,146	\$239,639
Oakman Child Care	\$438,828	\$461,526
Old Redford Academy	\$405,072	\$426,024
Pencil Palace Day Care	\$0	\$158,112
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	\$776,388	\$905,301
Positive Images Child Care Program	\$0	\$140,544
Quality Child Care & Learning Center	\$286,926	\$301,767
R.A.C.E. Reaching All Children Equally	\$573,852	\$479,277
Ready 2 Learn Childcare Center, LLC	\$135,024	\$426,024
Redford Union Schools, District No. 1	\$405,072	\$426,024
Reign	\$151,902	\$159,759
Rhema Childcare Center	\$270,048	\$355,020
River Heights Academy	\$540,096	\$568,032
River Rouge, School District of the City of	\$455,706	\$479,277
Riverside Academy	\$540,096	\$568,032
Riverview Community School District	\$455,706	\$479,277
Romulus Community Schools	\$911,412	\$948,672
Smart Start Learning Center	\$0	\$140,544
Someplace Else Learning Factory LLC	\$270,048	\$142,008
Southgate Community School District	\$911,412	\$1,100,562

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St. Paul Child Development Center	\$270,048	\$284,016
Star International Academy	\$675,120	\$710,040
Starfish Family Services	\$1,206,777	\$1,411,205
Summer Preschool Early Learning Center	\$286,926	\$159,759
Summit Academy North	\$455,706	\$319,518
Sunrise Education Center	\$151,902	\$159,759
Sweet Peas	\$151,902	\$159,759
Taylor School District	\$1,687,800	\$1,757,349
The Basilica of Saint Mary Montessori Academy	\$0	\$140,544
The Dearborn Academy	\$303,804	\$319,518
The Learning Tree Child Care Center- North	\$270,048	\$284,016
The Learning Tree Child Care Center- South	\$270,048	\$142,008
Tipton Academy	\$540,096	\$568,032
Trenton Public Schools	\$151,902	\$159,759
Trillium Academy	\$405,072	\$426,024
Universal Academy	\$270,048	\$284,016
Universal Learning Academy	\$270,048	\$284,016
University of Michigan - Dearborn Early Childhood Education Center	\$270,048	\$284,016
University Yes Academy	\$303,804	\$319,518
Van Buren Public Schools	\$759,510	\$798,795
Village of Shiny Stars Child care	\$151,902	\$159,759
Wayne State University	\$540,096	\$355,020
Wayne-Metropolitan Community Action Agency	\$987,363	\$639,036
Wayne-Westland Community Schools	\$911,412	\$958,554
Wyandotte, School District of the City of	\$759,510	\$798,795
YMCA Camping Services	\$135,024	\$142,008
Total:	\$79,401,159	\$82,983,365

Approved an amendment to Board Recommendation #32-22-23 to provide reimbursements to the following school districts and public-school academies, in the amounts indicated, for Region 29, Career and Technical Education grant activities for a total amount not to exceed \$2,469,408 for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

DISTRICT/PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY/ INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT	ORIGINAL AMOUNT	AMENDED AMOUNT
Allen Park Public Schools	\$66,654	\$66,051
Chandler Park Academy	\$89,349	\$88,541
Dearborn City School District	\$300,592	\$297,875
Dearborn Heights School District #7	\$83,878	\$83,120
Garden City Public Schools	\$98,878	\$97,985
Hamtramck, School District of the City of	\$75,574	\$74,891
Harper Woods, The School District of the City of	\$76,333	\$75,643
Huron School District	\$567,145	\$562,021
Lincoln Park, School District of the City of	\$109,313	\$108,325
Livonia Public Schools School District	\$246,315	\$244,089
Melvindale - North Allen Park Schools	\$119,471	\$118,391

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Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	\$246,730	\$244,500
Romulus Community Schools	\$69,069	\$32,000
Taylor School District	\$89,840	\$89,028
Van Buren Public Schools	\$31,281	\$30,998
Wayne-Westland Community School District	\$258,284	\$255,950
Total:	\$2,528,706	\$2,469,408

Approved an amendment to Board Recommendation #59-22-23 for payment of 2022-23 Section 107 allocable amounts to the following school districts, in the amounts indicated, for Region 10 grant activities for a total amount not to exceed \$10,467,313 for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

COUNTY	DISTRICT/INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT	ORIGINAL AMOUNT	AMENDED AMOUNT
Macomb	Chippewa Valley Schools	\$134,355	\$137,497
Macomb	Lake Shore Public Schools	\$173,036	\$177,082
Macomb	L'Anse Creuse Public Schools	\$322,355	\$327,530
Macomb	Utica Community Schools	\$1,173,139	\$1,200,791
Macomb	Warren Woods Public Schools	\$244,688	\$250,441
Oakland	Birmingham Public Schools	\$142,176	\$142,176
Oakland	Farmington Public School District	\$187,984	\$192,368
Oakland	Ferndale Public Schools	\$643,468	\$658,640
Oakland	Huron Valley Schools	\$158,177	\$161,868
Oakland	Novi Community School District	\$371,660	\$380,367
Oakland	Pontiac City School District	\$63,367	\$64,830
Oakland	Rochester Community School District	\$372,035	\$371,426
Oakland	School District of the City of Royal Oak	\$336,863	\$344,768
Oakland	Troy School District	\$860,547	\$877,661
Oakland	Walled Lake Consolidated Schools	\$116,116	\$116,116
Oakland	West Bloomfield School District	\$166,109	\$169,962
Wayne	Dearborn City School District	\$1,783,886	\$1,615,338
Wayne	Detroit Public Community School District	\$802,580	\$821,543
Wayne	Hamtramck, School District of the City of	\$533,299	\$522,271
Wayne	Livonia Public Schools School District	\$250,077	\$255,950
Wayne	Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	\$321,132	\$328,694
Wayne	Romulus Community Schools	\$369,133	\$377,825
Wayne	Southgate Community School District	\$660,387	\$675,979
Wayne	Wayne RESA	\$280,744	\$296,190
	Total:	\$10,467,313	\$10,467,313

Approved an amendment to Board Recommendation #79-22-23 to amend one-time payment of the Childcare Supply Building – Grants to Intermediate School Districts (ISD) for Community-Based Organizations (CBO) for Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) Classrooms grant funds for the period August 1, 2022 through January 31, 2023.

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

GRANT	GRANTOR	AMOUNT	TERM	PURPOSE
61b (8) - Planning Grants for Career Technical Education Early/Middle College Programs	Michigan Department of Education Section 61b (8) of P.A. 144 of 2022	\$50,000	10/01/2021 - 09/30/2023	The funding should be used for the purpose of planning for new or expanded Career Technical Education Early/Middle College programs to deliver educational courses in high wage, high skill, and high demand occupations.

The Board also considered the following Action items:

Approved the Wayne RESA 2021-2022 Annual Financial Report

Approved the School District of the City of Inkster 2021-2022 Annual Financial Report

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

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

Approved the First Reading Board Policy – Remote Work – 5165, 5165-R

Superintendent’s Comments

Dr. Daveda Colbert shared:

- Congratulations to Detroit Public Schools Community District Superintendent, Dr. Nikolai Vitti for being honored and recognized as the Urban Educator of the Year by the Council of the Great City Schools. Dr. Vitti was among nine finalists for the award.
- Congratulations to Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Superintendent, Dr. Monica Merritt for being named the Michigan Association of Superintendents and Administrators (MASA) 2023 Superintendent of the Year. She was surprised by the announcement at the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Regular Board of Education Meeting held Tuesday, October 25. Thank you to the RESA staff who attended the surprise announcement to support and celebrate Dr. Merritt. She will be honored by her colleagues during the MASA Midwinter Conference in January, and hopefully Dr. Merritt will transition to one of the four national finalists in February. Michigan has not had a national finalist in 10 years.
- As an inclusive organization, on Friday, November 11, RESA recognized, honored, and celebrated our Veterans. Happy Veterans Day to all who have served and for those that continue to serve. An enormous amount of gratitude was expressed for our military families. Thank you for your service!

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- During the month of November, RESA recognizes and celebrates Native American Heritage Month which serves as a reminder of the positive effect native people have had on the cultural development and growth of the United States, as well as the struggles and challenges they have faced. During the month Native Americans hold fall harvest and world-renewal ceremonies, powwows, dances, and various feasts. The holiday recognizes hundreds of different tribes and approximately 250 languages, and celebrates the history, tradition, and values of Native Americans.
- An Annual RESA Staff Appreciation Breakfast was held during the month of November, prior to the pandemic. This was a great time, providing opportunity for staff to chat with others throughout the organization that they may have not seen in a while. Respecting the collective voices of those who participated in the survey asking if they wanted to engage in a staff activity/luncheon after the September All Staff Meeting, it was noted that everyone is still not comfortable engaging in a close crowd. This year, in place of the annual breakfast, RESA will have a “WIN” (What I Need) Day. On Wednesday, November 23, 2022, the Wayne RESA organization will engage in a “WIN” Day for all staff as a replacement for the Annual Staff Appreciation Breakfast. On this day, staff members are encouraged to take care of themselves while engaging in whatever they need to do during daytime hours, taking time to breathe and be thankful.
- Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Genesee, and St. Clair counties, along with the K-12 Alliance of Michigan and the Cook Center for Human Connections are hosting a K-12 Live Well Lead Well Summit on Monday, November 21, 2022, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Oakland Schools. Registration for the event is at capacity with 400 attendees and 30 partner/vendor tables. Michigan Department of Education, State Superintendent, Dr. Michael Rice is kicking off the event off with a presentation on the importance of not only having resources but using them. We are looking forward to Intermediate School Districts, Local Education Agencies, and Public School Academies from the five counties learning together and sharing best practices with each other. Board Member Funderburg shared the enthusiasm from the Wayne County Association of School Boards and suggested that a condensed version of the summit be presented to school board members.
- Reminder: The Wayne RESA Regular Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 14.
- Save the Date: On Thursday, December 15 there will be a RESA Cultural Celebration and a day of joy in the workplace. Staff members are encouraged to wear a festive or ugly sweater or a sweater that makes them feel good. Vendor tables with items for sale from students in skilled center programs at Livonia Public Schools, Western Wayne Skills Center, Garden City Schools, Berger Transition Center, and the Wyandotte Schools Jo Brighton Skills Center will be on the 2nd Floor of the RESA Education Center, 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. (cash only). This will be a day of collaboration, a celebration of our continuous improvement efforts, and a day of thankfulness with photo opportunities, soup, cookies, and eggnog.
- RESA continues to move forward with our intentional focus areas supporting our constituent districts, which includes, but is not limited to, school safety, mental health supports, increasing and improving student outcomes specifically related to student attendance and student achievement (literacy and math), improving graduation rates, continuing the expansion with the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) and increasing enrollment and recruitment of staff efforts, continuing with strategic solutions around talent, as well as, continuing our advocacy for students, educators, and districts/schools.

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