



Washtenaw ISD

A REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AGENCY

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Washtenaw Intermediate School District Board Presentation

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History of ISDs in Michigan

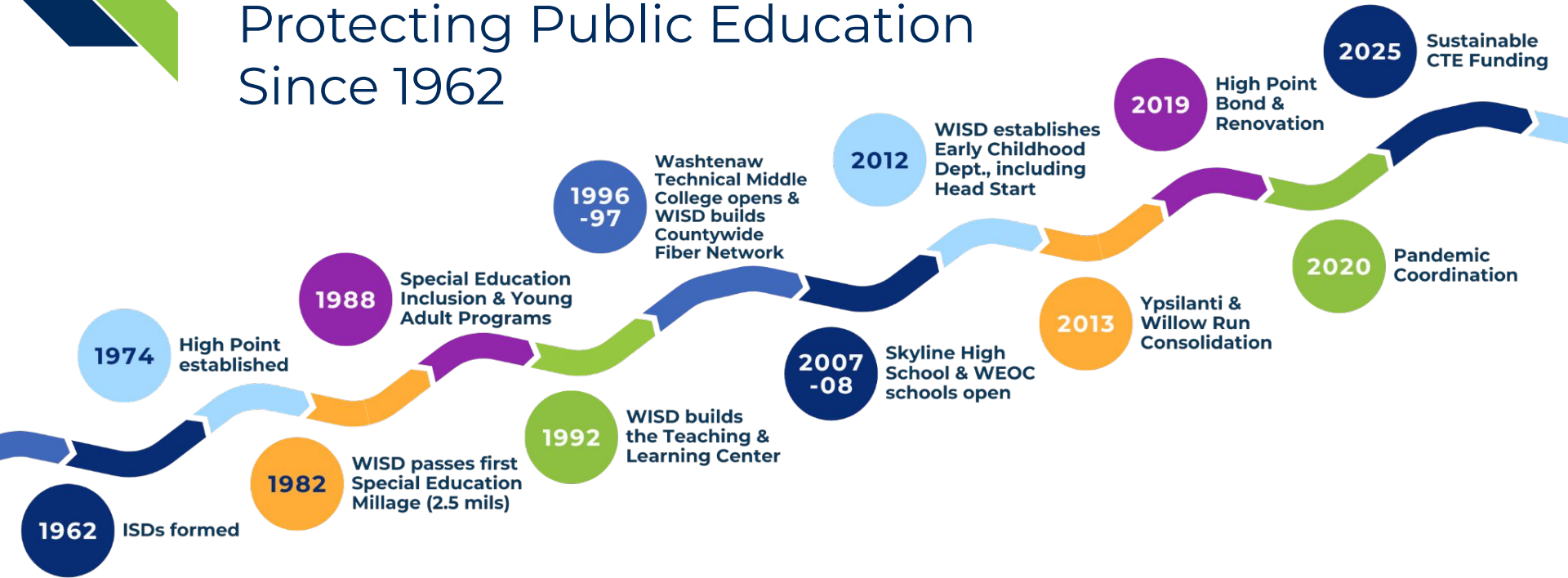
Created by the Michigan Legislature in 1962, Washtenaw ISD is one of Michigan's 56 educational service agencies. ISDs emerged out of consolidation efforts across the state.

ISDs save money and resources for K-12 districts by:

- Providing consolidated support and services.
- Training teachers in the latest research-based methods.
- Piloting innovative programs.
- Coordinating early childhood, special education and vocational services across the regions.
- Securing grants.
- Conducting bids for products and services.



Washtenaw ISD: Protecting Public Education Since 1962



Washtenaw ISD's Service Area





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Why do ISDs exist?

01 Service to Local Districts

02 Economies of Scale

03 Partnerships between schools, community & local organizations

04 Taxing Authority



Supporting Washtenaw's Public Schools



Taxing Authority

- Funds generated by millages always stay local.
- \$50 million for Special Education in AAPS.
- WISD's special education millage generates 61% of funding for local special education services.



Backbone Infrastructure

- Providing support behind the scenes:
 - Technology
 - Finance
 - Communications
 - Competitive bids
 - Consortium agreements
 - REMC



Innovation in Education

- Inclusive Practices
- Culturally Responsive Instruction
- WEOC Programs:
 - Washtenaw International High School
 - ECA @ EMU
 - Washtenaw Alliance for Virtual Education



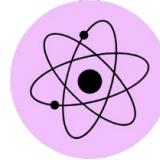
Service to AAPS



Special Education

From birth to age 26

- **Center-based programs**
(High Point & Progress Park)
- **Young Adult programs**
(Ann Arbor locations at Red Oak, downtown A2, Carpenter & Washtenaw News)



Career Technical Education



Professional Learning Networks & Coaching

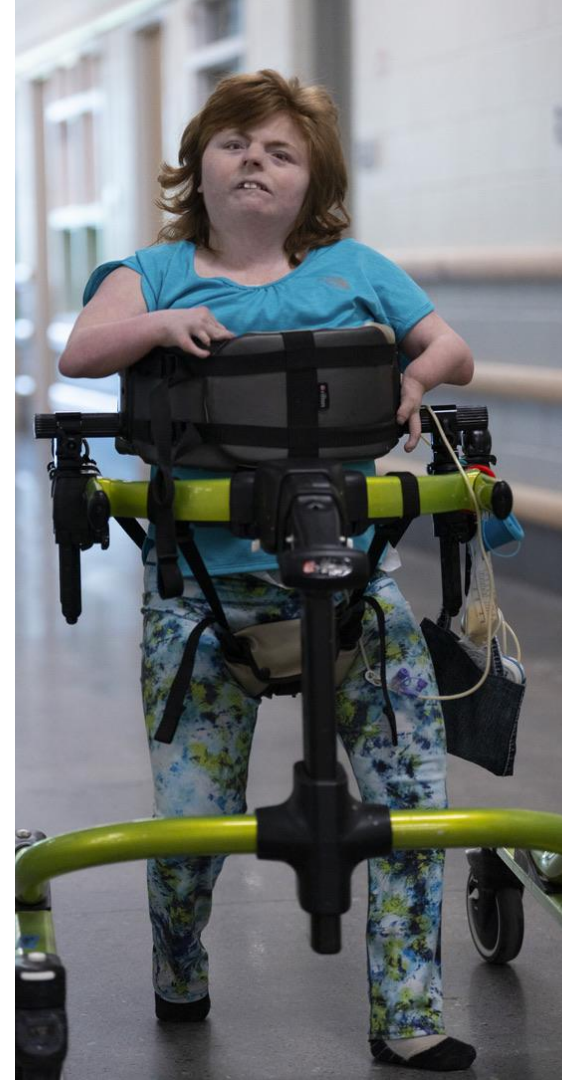


Early Childhood

Head Start, and the Great Start Readiness Program/PreK for All

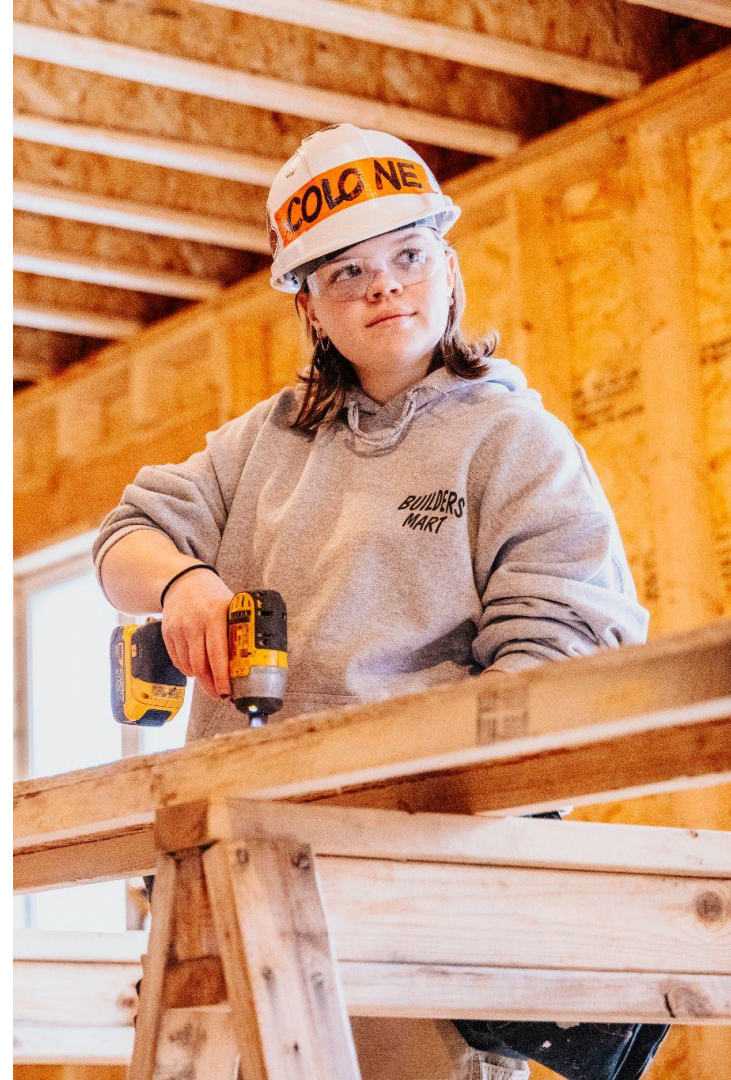


Mental Health





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Washtenaw ISD's Mission

Washtenaw ISD educates, serves, and advocates with students, families, schools and the community.

We disrupt racial inequities, build just educational systems, and expand access for all learners.

We value human potential while striving to support current and future generations of Washtenaw County to enrich as many lives as we possibly can.





The WISD Board's Commitment to *All* Students

“We will hold ourselves accountable for the ways in which we are able to address the challenges of underperformance for groups of students who have been traditionally marginalized and denied access and opportunity.

Resource allocation, policy, and practice is designed to close the opportunity gap to ensure equitable educational access for all students, with a specific focus on achieving an equitable system for **students in poverty, students with disabilities, and students of color.**”

*-WISD Educational Equity Policy
Adopted by the WISD Board in 2018*



Advocacy Efforts



Local

- Washtenaw Superintendents Association
- Washtenaw Association of School Boards
- Joint Chiefs Meeting with the local Superintendents
- Paraprofessional-to-Teacher Certification Program



State

- Talent Together
- Seclusion & Restraint
- Literacy
- Midwest Forum for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusive Practices



National

- School Meals
- Special Education & IDEA
- E-Rate Funding
- Head Start





**LET'S TALK ABOUT
PUBLIC EDUCATION**

*and the impact of shifts in federal funding
& policy on Washtenaw County schools*



**Education
Town Hall**

Wednesday, April 30,

7:00 - 8:30 PM

Morris Lawrence Building @ WCC

**Free &
Open to
the Public**

**Registration
Preferred**

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Featuring:

- State Senator Jeff Irwin
- State Rep. Jimmie Wilson Jr.
- State Board of Education President
Dr. Pamela Pugh
- **AAPS Superintendent Jazz Parks**
- YCS Superintendent Dr. Alena
Zachery-Ross
- WISD Superintendent Naomi
Norman
- WASB President & YCS Board
Trustee Jeanice Townsend

**Register &
Ask Questions
in Advance:**



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Responsibilities of Constituent School Boards



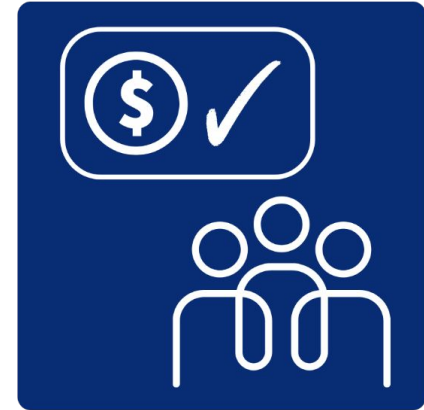
WISD Board Elections

Constituent school boards elect WISD board trustees



Board Resolutions

Call on the WISD board to take action



Budget Hearing Process

Annually review & approve WISD's budget



Next Steps

Expanding access to Career Technical Education (CTE)





Questions?

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