

**PORTAGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL RM #1136, 8135 S. WESTNEDGE, PORTAGE, MI 49002
MAY 18, 2026, 6:30 PM
AGENDA**

VISION STATEMENT

We are inspired to be an exceptional community grounded in fostering strengths, growth, and lifelong learning. Every student. Every future.

MISSION STATEMENT

Portage Public Schools will educate all students to achieve their potential.

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II. Revisions/Approval of Agenda

Recommended Motion:

Motion offered by _____, seconded by _____, that the Board of Education approve the Agenda as printed (or as amended).

Office of Educational Supports & Intervention

KRESA Southern Service Area

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April 22, 2026

TO: Superintendent Johnny Edwards & the PPS Board of Education

FROM: Dr. Anne Gordon, Director of Educational Supports & Intervention RE: KRESA

Parent Advisory Committee's Excellence in Special Education Awards

The *Excellence in Special Education Award* is sponsored by the Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) of Kalamazoo County to honor those who have gone above and beyond in their roles in educating and supporting students with an Individualized Education Program (IEP).

It is my pleasure to celebrate three Parent Advisory Committee Excellence in Special Education Award winners this year.

- Lisa Morris - teacher in our Early Childhood Special Education program
- Mary Kay Allbee - paraprofessional at Central Elementary
- Reilly Kristin - teacher at North Middle School

**Portage Public Schools
General Fund Budget Progress Report by Function
2025-2026 Fiscal Year**

	Ten months ended April 30, 2026				Ten months ended April 30, 2025			
	Revised Budget 2025-2026	% of total	Year-to-date activity	% of budget	Revised Budget 2024-2025	% of total	Year-to-date activity	% of budget
Revenue:								
Local	20,782,072	17%	20,773,345	100%	20,944,686	17%	20,399,892	97%
State	90,581,200	73%	60,815,700	67%	87,689,780	72%	61,051,571	70%
Federal	1,227,286	1%	371,117	30%	1,902,758	2%	1,051,583	55%
Local payments-other districts	12,021,210	10%	11,971,612	100%	11,021,273	9%	11,022,149	100%
Other/Transfers in	120,000	0%	-	0%	120,000	0%	-	0%
Total Revenue	124,731,768	100%	93,931,773	75%	121,678,497	100%	93,525,196	77%
Expenditures:								
Instruction								
Basic Programs	63,414,828	49%	43,973,303	69%	61,421,605	49%	42,961,181	70%
Added Needs	12,325,149	10%	9,150,615	74%	11,611,102	9%	8,515,642	73%
Total Instruction	75,739,977	59%	53,123,918	70%	73,032,707	59%	51,476,822	70%
Supporting Services								
Pupil Support	11,779,759	9%	8,081,491	69%	11,229,316	9%	7,749,716	69%
Instructional Staff	8,622,201	7%	6,247,914	72%	8,613,308	7%	5,944,194	69%
General Administration	895,398	1%	718,604	80%	863,210	1%	689,877	80%
School Administration	6,675,446	5%	5,057,309	76%	6,447,765	5%	4,842,490	75%
Business	1,288,671	1%	1,053,457	82%	1,279,393	1%	1,025,998	80%
Operations and Maintenance	12,401,424	10%	9,655,611	78%	11,494,921	9%	8,670,077	75%
Transportation	4,777,826	4%	3,521,505	74%	4,980,697	4%	3,738,052	75%
Central Support Services	3,639,105	3%	3,364,502	92%	3,271,027	3%	2,820,648	86%
Other Support Services	2,435,762	2%	1,829,442	75%	2,172,247	2%	1,657,521	76%
Community Services	61,544	0%	22,026	36%	149,310	0%	85,752	57%
Childcare Services	202,867	0%	128,285	63%	1,117,967	1%	953,691	85%
Total Supporting Services	52,780,003	41%	39,680,147	75%	51,619,161	41%	38,178,016	74%
Other Financing Uses/Capital Outlay	142,888	0%	121,928	85%	20,957	0%	20,956	100%
Total Expenditures	128,662,868	100%	92,925,993	72%	124,672,825	100%	89,675,794	72%
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	128,662,868 (3,931,100)		1,005,781		(2,994,328)		3,849,401	

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	Ten months ended April 30, 2026				Ten months ended April 30, 2025			
	Revised Budget 2025- 2026	% of total	Year-to-date activity	% of budget	Revised Budget 2024-2025	% of total	Year-to-date activity	% of budget
Salaries	61,807,250	48%	44,499,621	72%	58,312,950	47%	42,135,385	72%
Benefits	43,248,099	34%	30,455,834	70%	43,323,562	35%	30,197,856	70%
Total Salaries and Benefits	105,055,349	82%	74,955,455	71%	101,636,512	82%	72,333,241	71%
Purchased Services	14,132,710	11%	10,716,471	76%	14,714,600	12%	9,904,311	67%
Supplies	8,507,061	7%	5,990,106	70%	7,230,940	6%	5,200,788	72%
Capital outlay/Other	967,748	1%	1,263,961	131%	1,090,773	1%	2,237,454	205%
Total Expenditures	128,662,868	100%	92,925,993	72%	124,672,825	100%	89,675,794	72%

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VI. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. May 4, 2026 Committee of the Whole Work Session & Closed Session

2. Chartwell Contract Renewal

That the Board of Education approve, as presented, the renewal of Chartwells Food Service Management contract for the 2026/27 school year and authorize the Director of Finance to execute the contract renewal agreement.

**PORTAGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE WORK SESSION
MAY 4, 2026**

The Committee of the Whole Work Session of the Board of Education of Portage Public Schools held on Monday, May 4, 2026, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Van Antwerp. The meeting was held in Room #1136 of Portage Central High School. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board Trustees Present: Emily Crawford, Kimberly Larson, Terri Novaria, Mary Lou Rohwer, Bo Snyder, Mark Stevenson, Randy Van Antwerp

Board Trustees Absent: None

REVISIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion offered by Mrs. Crawford, seconded by Mrs. Novaria, that the Board of Education approve the agenda as printed.

The motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Superintendent's Report

Bond Project Update

Superintendent Edwards provided a brief update on construction progress and showed images of dedication plaques for Haverhill and Central Elementary Schools. He also reminded everyone that May 5, 2026 is the KRESA special education millage election.

COMMENTS OR COMMUNICATIONS

President Van Antwerp opened the floor to public comment.

Saran Nott, on behalf of the PEA, shared the good things staff and students are doing across the district.

Ethan Winter addressed the Board regarding transparency, community relations, and acting in good faith.

President Van Antwerp thanked each of the public commenters and opened the floor to Trustee comments.

Mrs. Novaria reported on attending the Central High IB Ceremony and shared positive feedback about the event. She also provided Trustees with a copy of an interesting article she read.

Mr. Snyder also shared positive feedback regarding the CHS IB Ceremony he attended. He also expressed his appreciation to administration for the Haverhill and Central Elementary dedication plaques. He added he and two other board members would be attending a Policy Governance training later this week.

Mr. Van Antwerp attended the 40th Annual KRESA Outstanding Achievement Awards at which 93 students from Kalamazoo County were honored, 22 of the honorees were from Portage Public Schools. Mr. Van Antwerp also reminded board members of their Policy Governance Retreat on May 18.

Ms. Larson reported on attending the KRESA Outstanding Achievement Awards and shared positive comments about the event.

President Van Antwerp thanked his colleagues for their remarks.

CONSENT AGENDA

President Van Antwerp presented the following Consent Agenda items for approval by the Board of Education: (1) minutes from the April 13, 2026 Special Meeting & Regular Business Meeting; approve the purchase of sixty-six Smart RX Interactive Flat Panels from Forte, Inc. for \$372,932.00 for Lake Center, 12th Street, and Woodland Elementary Schools with funding coming from the 2025 Bond Fund (the third series from the 2021 vote); (2) approve the purchase of Lightspeed Instructional Audio Systems from Lightspeed Technologies in the amount of \$149,240.00, the funds for which will come from the 2025 Bond Fund (the third series from the 2021 vote); and (3) approve the policy revisions, as presented for Policies 1410-Staff Ethics, 2370.01-Online/Blended Learning Program, 2417-Comprehensive School Health Education, 2418-Sex Education, 3120.09-Volunteers, 4120.09-Volunteers, 8120.09-Volunteers, 4210-Staff Ethics, 5336-Care of Students with Diabetes, 6325-Procurement, 8402-Emergency Operations, and 8655-Specialized Transportation for Students with IEPs.

As there were no objections, the consent agenda was adopted as presented.

ASSURANCE OF DISTRICT PERFORMANCE

Monitoring Report 1.4, Ends

The Superintendent presented key highlights from his report and responded to questions from the Trustees. Trustees provided comments and feedback on the report.

Motion offered by Dr. Stevenson, seconded by Mrs. Rohwer, that the Board of Education accept Monitoring Report 1.4 Ends, as a reasonable interpretation and evidence of compliance with policy.

The motion carried unanimously.

Monitoring Report 2.11, Long-Term Asset Planning

Superintendent Edwards praised the Board, as well as prior Boards, for their careful attention to long-term asset planning. Mr. Edwards then presented a summary of the key highlights from his report.

Trustees shared positive remarks regarding the bond project process they have followed over the course of time.

Motion offered by Mrs. Rohwer, seconded by Dr. Stevenson, that the Board of Education accept Monitoring Report 2.11 Long-Term Asset Planning, as a reasonable interpretation and evidence of compliance with policy.

The motion carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

AMB Bond Project Approvals-Structural Package

Ms. Anastasia Wojcik, Project Manager with Owen Ames Kimball, detailed the recommendation and addressed Trustee questions.

Motion offered by Mrs. Novaria, seconded by Dr. Stevenson, that the Board of Education award a contract to FCC Construction in the amount of \$1,140,000.00 for the provision and installation of structural steel at the new Amberly Elementary, the funding for which will come from the 2026 Bond Fund (the fourth series from the 2021 vote).

The motion carried unanimously.

TWL Monument Sign

Ms. Wojcik also reviewed the recommendation for construction of monument signs at 12th Street Elementary.

Motion offered by Dr. Stevenson, seconded by Mrs. Novaria, that the Board of Education award a contract to Postema Signs & Graphics of Grand Rapids, MI in the amount of \$46,645.00 for construction of the new monument sign at 12th Street Elementary, the funding for which will come from the 2019 Building and Site Sinking Fund.

The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

KRESA 2026-2027 General Fund Budget

Per Ms. Paula Johnson, Director of Finance, this is a routine, annual item. Constituent school boards are required to adopt a resolution related to their ISD general fund budget for the following school year. KRESA's proposed budget was reviewed with local school finance administrators earlier this spring. There are no irregularities to report.

Chartwell Contract Renewal

Ms. Johnson also reviewed the recommendation for renewal of our contract with Chartwells for another year.

Commercial Credit Card Resolution

Ms. Johnson along with Ms. Samantha Stevenson, Business Manager, shared background information and reviewed the recommendation to change credit card vendors.

The Board opted to move this item to action.

Motion offered by Mrs. Crawford, seconded by Ms. Larson, to move the credit card discussion item to action.

The motion carried unanimously.

Motion offered by Mr. Snyder, seconded by Mrs. Crawford, to authorize the District to enter into an agreement with Huntington Bank to serve as the District's commercial card provider.

The motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

Discuss Collective Bargaining Strategy

Motion offered by Mrs. Rohwer, seconded by Mrs. Novaria, that the Board of Education move into closed session to discuss collective bargaining strategy, as allowed under the Open Meetings Act 15.268, Section 8(c).

Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The Board entered into closed session at 7:25 p.m. and returned to open session at 7:44 p.m.

POST-CLOSED ACTION

In open session, the Board took the following action.

Motion offered by Mrs. Crawford, seconded by Ms. Larson, that the Board of Education approve the Letter of Agreement regarding 27L Funds.

The motion carried unanimously.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Atkinson
Recording Secretary

**PORTAGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
COUNTY OF KALAMAZOO, STATE OF MICHIGAN**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COMMERCIAL CARD AGREEMENT
WITH HUNTINGTON BANK**

At a regular meeting of the Board of Education (the "Board") of the Portage Public Schools, County of Kalamazoo, State of Michigan (the "School District"), held in the School District on May 4, 2026 at 6:30 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time.

PRESENT: Members: Emily Crawford, Kimberly Larson, Terri Novaria, Mary Lou Rohwer, Bo Snyder, Mark Stevenson, Randy Van Antwerp

ABSENT: Members: None

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Snyder and supported by Member Crawford.

WHEREAS, Portage Public Schools (the "District") is authorized by Act 266 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1995, as amended ("Act 266") to authorize and regulate credit card transactions including the use of credit cards by administrators and employees of the District; and

WHEREAS, the District and Huntington National Bank (the "Bank") wish to enter into the Commercial Card Account Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit 1; and

WHEREAS, use of credit cards by administrators and employees of the District will be subject to and will comply with the Credit Card Policy po6423 adopted by the District on September 14, 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Board determines that it is necessary and in the best interest of the District to enter into the Commercial Card Account Agreement with Huntington National Bank for the use of credit cards by officers and employees of the District.
2. The Superintendent, Director of Finance, Business Manager or their successors, are hereby authorized to execute and file all documents, instruments and certificates, including the Commercial Card Account Agreement, necessary or required to effectuate the execution of the Commercial Card Account Agreement.
3. The execution and issuance of the Commercial Card Account Agreement shall be subject to the District Credit Card Policy po6423.
4. All resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict herewith shall be and the same are hereby rescinded.

AYES: Crawford, Larson, Novaria, Rohwer, Snyder, Stevenson, Van Antwerp

NAYS:None

Motion declared adopted.

TO: Johnny Edwards, Superintendent
FROM: Paula Johnson, Director of Finance
DATE: April 29, 2026
SUBJ: Renewal of the Chartwells Food Service Management Contract for the 2026/27 School Year

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Education approve the renewal of Chartwells Food Service Management contract for the 2026/27 school year and authorize the Director of Finance to execute the contract renewal agreement.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In June, 2025, in a formal RFP process, the District selected Chartwells to continue to be its food service management company. The contract is a one-year contract with four optional one-year renewals. This is the second contract renewal, running from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2030. The Michigan Department of Education has approved the renewal and requires that the Board of Education approve the renewal of the contract as well.

Our contract calls for an increase in the management fee and the administration fee by the consumer price index (4.0% verified by the Michigan Department of Education) or 2%, whichever is less. The details of the renewal include the following Here are the details of the contract for approval:

- An increase in the management fee of 2.00% from .0522 cents per meal to .0532 cents per meal.
- An increase in the annual administration fee of 2.00% from \$11,300 per month to \$11,526 per month.
- The meal equivalent factor will be increased from \$4.97 to \$ 5.14 per USDA/Michigan Department of Education guidelines. This factor is used for calculation of the management fee on ala carte sales and therefore serves to limit the fee paid to Chartwells.

The District has been very pleased with Chartwells this year. New USDA and MDE regulations continue in a variety of areas, and Chartwells has been a leader in understanding and implementing those requirements.

Other highlights include the following:

- Provided 331,535 breakfasts and 810,906 lunches throughout the 2024 – 2025 school year when all meals were provided at no charge to students/families.

- Provided 3,046 breakfasts and 6,632 lunches to summer school students and SFSP participants during July and August.
- Increased the Food Service fund balance by 16.23% over prior year due to the USDA's free meals for all students during the school year.
- Hosted a WMU Dietetic Interns in November 2025 and March 2026.
- Implemented an Excess Fund Balance Spend Down Plan with the MDE. Enhancements to the program through this plan were:
 - Purchase of kitchen equipment for the new CEL and HAV
 - Purchase of a new Food Service Truck to continue to service the satellite elementary schools
 - Converted Elementary and Secondary to sustainable fiber dinnerware (plates, bowls, and elementary lunch trays
 - Purchase of backup generator for West Middle Walk-in Freezers/Coolers
 - Refresh to Central High School Servery with bold new design
- Upgraded additional equipment throughout the district with additional revenues received from the free meals for all.

I would be happy to answer any questions that you or Board members may have on this recommendation.

Contract Renewal Approval - Portage

1 message

MDE-GEMS <noreply-mde-gems@notifications.michigan.gov>

Fri, Mar 6, 2026 at 2:54 PM

Reply-To: MDE-GEMS <MDE-GEMS@michigan.gov>

To: jedwards@portageps.org

Cc: sstevens@portageps.org, pjohnson@portageps.org, SaulT1@michigan.gov, ZavalaR1@michigan.gov

03/06/2026

Johnny Edwards
Portage Public Schools Agreement #39140
8107 MUSTANG DR
PORTAGE MI 49002

Dear Johnny Edwards:

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) has received your request for renewing the food service management company contract with Chartwells for the 2026-2027 school year and has approved the following:

1. The current management fee of \$0.0522 per meal will increase by 2% to the new management fee of \$0.0532 per meal.
2. The current administrative fee of \$11,300.00 per month will increase by 2% to the new administrative fee of \$11,526.00 per month for 10 months.
3. The advance payment will be \$200,000.
4. There are no guarantees for the 2026-2027 school year.
5. There is no client investment planned for the 2026-2027 school year.

MDE agrees with the recommendation that the contract be renewed with Chartwells for the 2026-2027 school year. It is ready for approval by the sponsor's Board of Education. After it is approved, signed copies of the Contract Renewal Agreement must be uploaded to MDE in GEMS/MARS. Upload the document in the **Final Signed Documents section of the Food Service Contract Renewals (26-27)**. If the board makes any changes to the contract, these changes must be sent to MDE for approval before the contract renewal can be signed by the sponsor.

This renewed contract is in effect from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027.

If you have any questions or have contract changes, please send an email to MDE-FSMC-Vended@michigan.gov with "Contract Renewal" in the subject line.

Sincerely,

Emily Ross, RDN
Procurement Compliance Manager
Food Distribution Unit
Office of Nutrition Services
Michigan Department of Education
RossE@michigan.gov

Dr. Deanne K. Kelleher, RDN
Director, Office of Nutrition Services
State Child Nutrition Director
Michigan Department of Education

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VIII. Required Action

1. KRESA 2026-27 General Education Fund Budget (MCL 380.624)

Recommended Motion:

Motion offered by _____, seconded by _____, that the Board of Education adopt the resolution provided, indicating support of the KRESA General Education Fund Budget for the 2026-27 school year.

To : Johnny Edwards, Superintendent
From : Paula Johnson, Director of Finance
Date : April 29, 2026
Subj: Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency (KRESA) General Education Fund Budget Resolution

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Education adopt the attached resolution indicating support of the KRESA General Education Fund budget for the 2026/27 school year.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Twenty-two years ago the legislature adopted a package of bills related to controls over Intermediate School Districts. One bill requires that local Boards of Education adopt a resolution related to their ISD general education fund budget. It is not a requirement that local Boards take action on the ISD special education fund budget. This package of bills was connected with oversight concerns that surfaced at Oakland ISD.

On April 24th, KRESA distributed a copy of their 2026/27 General Education Fund budget to the County business managers. We had the opportunity to ask questions on the information that was provided. In previous years, it was determined that this level of review was considered adequate for the required Board resolution. Included is a memo from KRESA of the budget assumptions used as well as major fluctuations in both the revenue and expenditure categories.

As has been the case for the past decade, the resolution provided by KRESA has been modified by including the following language:

“Based upon the information received from Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency and recognizing that a limited review of a budget document provides limited oversight of the financial affairs of an organization,”

The intent of this additional language is not to raise concerns but rather to acknowledge that a limited review of a budget document doesn't address internal controls or other important financial controls.

I would be happy to answer any questions that you or Board members may have on this recommendation.



To: Local District Boards of Education, Superintendents, and Business Officials

From: Scott Thomas, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services

Date: April 24, 2026

Subject: Kalamazoo RESA 2026-2027 Original General Education Fund Budget Narrative and Resolution

Kalamazoo RESA (KRESA) is an intermediate school district whose mission is to deliver transformative, equitable, and innovative programs, and specialized services that empower learners, families, and schools to thrive in a rapidly changing world. We carry out our mission through each of KRESA's Centers of Excellence, which represents a distinct category—or pillar—of our work, encompassing a wide range of supports tailored to meet the needs of learners, families, and educators. KRESA's five Centers of Excellence are Special Education, Early Childhood, Career Connect, Educator Supports, and Operational Supports. KRESA's General Fund budget supports the work of these Centers of Excellence.

KRESA's 2026-2027 Original General Fund budget shows an overall decrease in revenues of approximately 12.6% and an overall decrease in expenditures of approximately 12.5% compared to the 2025-2026 revised budget. These decreases are primarily due to the reduction of various grant revenues and their related expenditures, moving the Education for the Arts program to the Career Connect Fund, as well as other changes in the various General Fund departments discussed in more detail below. The budget anticipates an overall surplus of \$10,323. This will leave the General Fund with an estimated fund balance at June 30, 2027 of \$13,714,417.

KRESA's sources of General Fund revenues include an operating tax levy of 0.1420 mills on all property in the KRESA area. We are anticipating that property taxable values will increase by 4.0% and that property tax revenue will increase by \$60,617. State aid is received through Section 81 of the State Aid Act and this budget assumes Section 81 State Aid will remain the same. Local, state, and federal grants make up a large portion of the revenue received by KRESA, as well as revenues from departments that provide services on a fee for service basis or through shared service agreements.

KRESA's expenditures include the following assumptions: 3.0% increase in health insurance costs, retirement costs based on ORS published rates effective 10-1-2026, and a compensation adjustment for staff that includes a 3% increase on pay schedules and step advancements for eligible staff.

KRESA's General Fund revenues and expenditures are categorized in the following departments, which are supported by the attached proposed budget resolution:

General Administration and Operations: These expenses include the Board of Education, Superintendent's Office, Communications, Human Resources, Business Office, and Maintenance and Operations departments. These departments are primarily funded through a portion of property tax revenue and Section 81 State Aid revenue.

Southwest MiTech Technology Services: The Southwest MiTech Technology Services department supports the technology needs of KRESA programs, state reporting compliance, on-site technology support staff to schools, the Michigan Data Hub and MiCloud statewide grants, internet bandwidth and phone service to local schools, network engineering, and customer service support personnel. Many of the services provided are on a fee for service model and direct support is charged back to the various KRESA departments. The Michigan Data Hub and MiCloud are statewide activities funded by state grants. KRESA's General Fund budget is projected to contribute an additional \$516,135 to support this department.

Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP): This budget includes early childhood preschool services and programming county-wide. The GSRP program is funded through Section 32d State Aid funding. The budget includes \$15,657,771 in grant revenues and expenditures, and provides funding for 1,350 GSRP preschool children. Funding for 1,078 children is provided to local districts and private providers.

Print Center: The Print Center is funded with fee for service in the areas of our full print shop, graphic arts services, county-wide delivery services, and shredding services. Schools who participate in the program pay a fee for the services they purchase. The Print Center is showing a deficit of \$21,438.

Educator Supports: The Educator Supports department is funded with state and federal grants, local district professional development consortium contributions, fee for service coaching and consulting billings, and a direct contribution from the KRESA General Fund budget of \$496,921. The expenditures include the following grants: Title I Regional Assistance, Sec 35a Early Literacy, Sec 31n Mental Health, and a few other small local grants. Educator Supports leads workshops through the professional development consortium, and provides instructional coaching and consulting services to local school districts.

Regional Transportation Safety Institute (RTSI): RTSI provides training of transportation staff for a nine-county consortium. This includes required training for beginning school bus drivers, continuing education for all bus drivers, and training for transportation supervisor staff. RTSI is a provider for CDL/GDL for the State of Michigan, handles the mandatory drug testing program, and runs the Eaton Proving Grounds program to teach defensive driving classes to school bus drivers. This program is funded through a fee for service model and Section 74 State Aid funding.

Head Start Grant: The budget includes \$7,046,752 in grant revenues and expenses to operate KRESA's Head Start program, which serves 485 three and four year olds within Kalamazoo County with preschool, family, and health support services.

Enhancement Millage: This budget includes \$17,609,610 in revenue for the enhancement millage that was approved by voters in May of 2023. Enhancement millage revenue is distributed back to the local districts and public school academies to support their operations, which equates to approximately \$515 per student.

Attached to this budget narrative please find the Resolution for Local District Vote on ISD General Fund Budget and KRESA's proposed 2026-2027 General Fund Budget Resolution. Local district Boards of Education are required to adopt a resolution expressing its support or disapproval of KRESA's General Fund proposed budget during its May meeting, and submit to KRESA's Board of Education any specific objections and/or proposed changes prior to June 1, 2026.

More information on KRESA's Centers of Excellence, and additional details on KRESA's programs and services, can be found in our annual report. KRESA's most recent annual report can be found on our website.

Please contact me at 269.250.9363 or scott.thomas@kresa.org for any questions related to KRESA's 2026-2027 Original General Fund budget. Thank you.

**RESOLUTION FOR ADOPTION BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
KALAMAZOO REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AGENCY
2026-2027 ORIGINAL GENERAL EDUCATION FUND BUDGET**

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be the appropriations of Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency for the 2026-2027 fiscal year; a resolution to make appropriations; to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations; and to provide for the disposition of all revenues received by Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the total revenues and unappropriated fund balance estimated to be available for appropriation in the GENERAL EDUCATION FUND of the Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency for fiscal year 2026-2027 is as follows:

	ACTUAL 2024-25	ORIGINAL 2025-26	REVISED 2025-26	ORIGINAL 2026-27
REVENUES:				
Local	24,946,204	20,866,075	21,327,524	20,546,384
State	29,011,035	36,038,318	39,423,172	31,083,408
Federal	11,478,867	9,085,051	8,758,290	8,536,113
Other Sources	8,504,947	8,051,733	8,146,452	7,725,790
Total Revenue	73,941,053	74,041,177	77,655,438	67,891,695

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that \$67,881,372 of the total available to appropriate in the GENERAL EDUCATION FUND is hereby appropriated in the amounts and for the purpose set forth below:

Instruction:				
Basic Programs	5,939,627	6,133,047	6,090,272	5,168,691
Added Needs	1,036,089	-	-	-
Support Services:				
Pupil	1,885,216	1,505,437	1,291,846	1,318,507
Instructional staff	8,442,473	6,715,418	5,609,159	4,797,026
General Administration	928,554	670,091	662,852	669,729
School Administration	609,591	609,723	637,163	669,659
Business	1,745,409	1,588,561	1,662,213	1,577,945
Operations and Maintenance	1,233,200	1,258,225	1,241,557	1,268,784
Transportation	897,444	1,020,271	883,648	1,034,359
Central	12,347,907	21,195,576	23,029,192	18,230,472
Other Support Services	860,225	-	-	-
Community Services	4,948,555	1,443,267	1,291,457	17,970
Other Financing Uses	31,530,482	31,915,121	35,202,911	33,128,230
Total Expenditures	72,404,772	74,054,737	77,602,270	67,881,372
Revenues over Expenses	1,536,281	(13,560)	53,168	10,323
FUND BALANCE - July 1	12,114,645	12,174,445	13,650,926	13,704,094
FUND BALANCE - JUNE 30	13,650,926	12,160,885	13,704,094	13,714,417

FURTHER RESOLVED, that no board of education member or employee of the school district shall expend any funds or obligate the expenditure of any funds, except pursuant to appropriations made by the board of education and in keeping with the budgetary policy statement hitherto adopted by the board. Changes in the amount appropriated by the board shall require approval by the board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent is hereby charged with general supervision on the execution of the budgets adopted by the board and shall hold the department heads responsible for performance of their responsibilities within the amounts appropriated by the board of education and in keeping with the budgetary policy statement hitherto adopted by the board. (Resolution effective 6/16/2026)

Note: The General Education tax levy for 2026 is proposed to be 0.1420 mills and the Regional Enhancement tax levy for 2026 is proposed to be 1.4921 mills. These millages will be levied on all properties to be used for operating purposes as described above.

RESOLUTION FOR LOCAL DISTRICT VOTE ON ISD GENERAL FUND BUDGET

Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency (“ISD”)
GENERAL EDUCATION FUND BUDGET
RESOLUTION

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Portage Public School District was held at Portage Central High School, 8135 S. Westnedge Avenue, Portage, MI, on May 18, 2026, at 6:30 o'clock in the evening.

Members present were: _____

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member _____ and seconded by Member _____.

WHEREAS:

This Board received the Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency General Education Fund Budget on or before May 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS:

In accordance with Section 380.624 of the Revised School Code, this Board must now adopt a resolution expressing its support or disapproval of the proposed ISD budget, and must submit to the ISD Board any specific objections and/or proposed changes the Board may have to the budget prior to June 1, 2026.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Based upon the information received from Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency and recognizing that a limited review of a budget document provides limited oversight of the financial affairs of an organization, the ISD General Education Fund Budget for the 2026-2027 school year be (“supported” or “disapproved for the reasons attached hereto”), and that the Secretary of the Board is hereby directed to submit a copy of this Resolution to the Secretary of the ISD Board of Education, along with any specific objections or proposed changes to the budget.

Ayes: Members _____

Nays: Members _____

Motion declared _____.

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1. MASB Membership Renewal for 2026-27



Johnny Edwards
Superintendent
Phone: 269.323.5182
jedwards@portageps.org

To: Board of Education
From: Johnny Edwards, Superintendent *J.E.*
Date: May 13, 2026
Re: MASB Membership Renewal for 2026-27

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve membership renewal to the Michigan Association of School Boards for the 2026-27 school year in the amount of \$10,743.24.

Background

MASB has provided long-standing support for school districts, including Portage, for years through professional development, legislative support for education, and much more.

The renewal invoice is enclosed for your review.

Enclosure



Michigan Association of School Boards
 1001 Centennial Way, Suite 400
 Lansing, MI 48917
 517.327.5900
 EIN: 38-1323441

Invoice #	INV-136692
Date	4/16/2026
Amount Due	\$10,743.24
Customer #	39140

Sold To:

Remit To:

Portage Public Schools
 8107 Mustang Dr
 Portage, MI 49002-5577

MASB
 1001 Centennial Way Ste 400
 Lansing, MI 48917-8249

Customer ID	Customer Name	Purchase Order #	Due Date	
39140	Portage Public Schools		7/10/2026	
Item Number	Description	Ordered	Unit Price	Ext. Price
DUES-LTF_CONT	MASB Legal Trust Fund Membership - LSD - Portage Public Schools	1	\$437.00	\$437.00
DUES-DISTRICT	MASB Membership- LSD - Portage Public Schools	1	\$10306.24	\$10,306.24

Comments: 2026/2027 MASB Membership Dues: 7/1/26 - 6/30/27

Subtotal	\$10,743.24
Tax	\$0.00
Shipping	\$0.00
Payment(s)	\$0.00
Total	\$10,743.24

If Paid by Credit Card	
Total	\$11,065.54

If Paid by CHECK	
Total	\$10,743.24

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2. CHS Stairwell Renovation (OP 6320)

Should the Board opt to move this discussion item to action, the following recommendations are provided:

RECOMMENDED MOTION – move discussion item to action

Motion offered by _____, seconded by _____, that the Board of Education move the CHS Stairwell Renovation discussion item to action.

RECOMMENDED MOTION – action to approve

Motion offered by _____, seconded by _____, that the Board of Education approve, as presented, awarding a contract to Ritsema Associates of Grandville, MI in the amount of \$174,740.00 for stairwell carpet renovations at Central High School, the funding for which will come from the 2019 Building and Site Sinking Fund.

To: Johnny Edwards, Superintendent
From: Russ Gerbers, Assistant Superintendent of Operations
Cc: Paula Johnson, Director of Finance
Date: May 18, 2026
Re: Portage Central High School Stairwell Renovation

Recommendation

I recommend that the Board of Education award a contract to Ritsema Associates out of Grandville, MI in the amount of \$174,740 for stairwell carpet renovations at Central High School. The total project cost, inclusive of fees, contingency, and related expenses not-to-exceed \$249,280. Funding for this project will be provided through the 2019 Building and Site Sinking Fund.

Category 1	CHS Stairwell Flooring	Ritsema Associates	\$174,740.00
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Background Information

Portage Central High School, which opened in 2011, is in need of updates to the stair finishes due to deterioration of existing materials. Prolonged exposure to ultraviolet light has caused significant damage to the current floor surfaces, resulting in step treads and walk-off carpet loosening and separating from the substrate. This condition presents an ongoing safety concern for students, staff, and visitors.

The proposed project includes the replacement of stair treads, walk-off carpet, and repainting of railings to restore the integrity and safety of these high-traffic areas. In addition to addressing the immediate hazards, the selected materials will align with products currently being standardized in new construction across the district, ensuring consistency in performance, maintenance, and appearance across facilities. This renovation will improve safety, extend the lifespan of the stair systems, and support the district's broader efforts to maintain durable and uniform building materials.

Bidding Process

This project was competitively bid through the formal bidding process. Four total responses were received, and a copy of the bid tabulation has been included for reference. Ritsema Associates was the lowest qualified bidder and have confirmed their ability to complete the project in accordance with all bid requirements.

I am happy to answer any questions the board may have regarding this recommendation.

Portage Public Schools
 Central High School Stairwell Renovations
 Owen-Ames-Kimball Co. - Construction Manager
 May 14th, 2026 - 10:00 AM



Bid Category No. 01 - Flooring				
Contractor	Bid Bond	Addendum	Base Bid	Notes
Ritsema Assocaites (Grandville, MI)	Y	1	\$174,740	
Great Lakes Flooring Specialists (Galesburg, MI)	Y	1	\$202,839	
Sobie Company Inc. (Caledonia, MI)	Y	1	\$213,540	
Central Tile & Terrazzo (Kalamazoo, MI)	Y	1	\$314,734	Clarifications