



# 2022-2023 LEGISLATIVE REPORT



# On the Cover

A collage of photos from Sarah Rypma's 10 Cents a Meal photo project that represent 10 Cents a Meal from across the spectrum and the state of Michigan—from growing, processing and preparing, eating, and educating about food!

*All photos appearing in this report are courtesy of Sarah Rypma.*

# Data Sources

*Michigan Department of Education, Grantee Invoice Data*

*MSU Center for Regional Food Systems, Preliminary Evaluation of Survey Results*

The data presented in this report are based on information reported by 218 different grantees who responded to electronic surveys (2) and 182 grantees who shared purchasing information through invoices.

# 10 Cents a Meal Implementation Team



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# Acknowledgements

10 Cents a Meal is a celebration of local, Michigan-grown food for our state's children, that would not be possible without the Michigan farms and food businesses who support the local food supply chain that is core to this program. The 10 Cents a Meal Implementation Team would also like to acknowledge the work of countless food program staff who work tirelessly to prepare and serve meals and snacks in schools, early care and education settings, and wherever in their communities children are fed with Child Nutrition Programs.

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*Photo at left: A delivery truck at ValleyHUB, Kalamazoo Valley Community College's food hub. ValleyHub works with local farmers and institutions, like schools, to make the local food procurement process streamlined.*

# INTRODUCTION

*10 Cents a Meal for Michigan's Kids & Farms (10 Cents a Meal) is a state-funded program that matches what schools and early care and education (ECE) sites spend on Michigan-grown fruits, vegetables, and dry beans with grants of up to 10 cents per meal.*

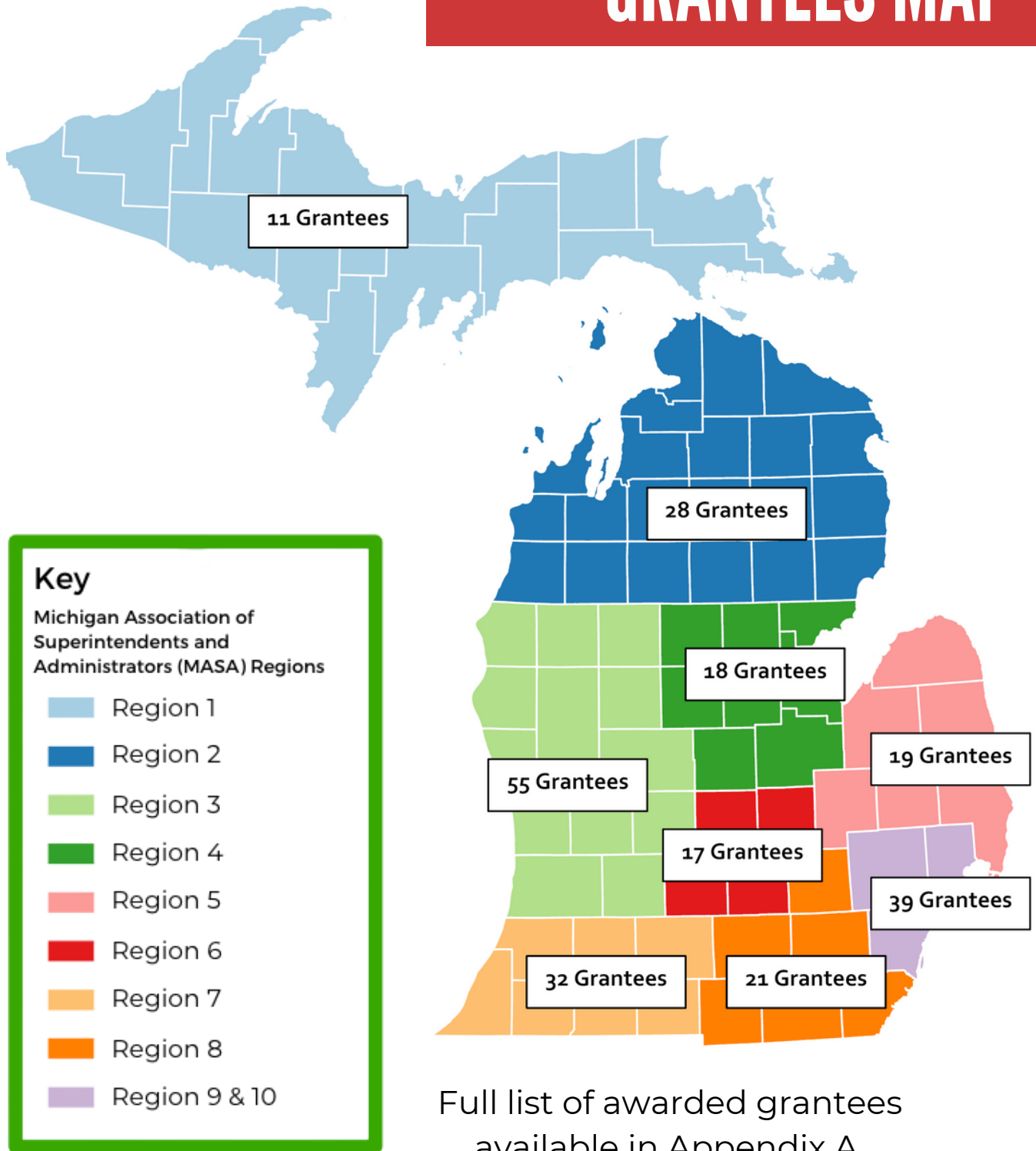
## Program Goals

- Improve daily nutrition and eating habits for children in school and early care and education settings.
- Invest in Michigan agriculture and related local food business economy.

## Program Year Overview

- In the 2022-2023 program, 240 school districts, early care and education sites (ECEs), and other childcare sponsors were awarded over \$5.6 million in funding.
- Throughout the year, 218 different grantees shared information through electronic evaluation surveys (2) and 182 shared purchasing information through invoices.
- Grantees were comprised of 214 public schools and districts, seven non-public schools, two residential child care institutions (RCCIs), 15 ECE sites, and two other non school recipient sponsors (ONSRs) across the state.
- Additionally, 59 childcare centers and family day care home providers participated in 10 Cents a Meal through a pilot program with their Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) sponsoring organization.
- Collectively, grantees served nearly 587,000 children in 65 of Michigan's 83 counties.
- Grantees reported differing levels of experience purchasing local foods for food programs: 26% indicated that they had 10 years or more of experience (31 out of 119 grantees) while 19% indicated that they were newer to purchasing local foods (23 grantees), with one year or less of experience before participating in 10 Cents a Meal.

# 10 CENTS A MEAL GRANTEES MAP



# IMPACTS FOR CHILDREN AND FOOD PROGRAMS

## Expanding Tastes

- Over three quarters of grantees (77%) reported that 10 Cents a Meal grants allowed them to try new products in their food program that they would not have otherwise tried.
- Grantees reported trying for the first time 42 types of vegetables and 18 types of fruits.
- The top ten new Michigan-grown foods reported by food program managers in evaluation surveys (in order) were apples, cherries, asparagus, dry beans, blueberries, lettuce, carrots, radishes, peaches, and cucumbers.
- Seventeen grantees reported purchasing Michigan-grown dry beans for the first time, the highest number reported in 10 Cents a Meal history.



Thanks to 10 Cents a Meal grants, Michigan kids tried wild ramps, honey berries, kohlrabi, romanesco, popcorn shoots, donut peaches, basil microgreens, mayocoba beans, leeks, rainbow carrots, balaton cherries, and more during the 2022-2023 program year.

*Photo above: Microgreens at Blue Mitten Farms in Okemos, Michigan.*

## Increasing Food Access and Consumption

Most grantees agreed that their food program or food service operation was positively impacted through participating in the program. Food program managers reported that 10 Cents a Meal:

- Allowed them to offer more local fruits to students and children (82%),
- Allowed them to offer more local vegetables (72%),
- Increased fruit consumption among students and children (73%), and
- Increased vegetable consumption among students and children (65%).

## Outcomes for Food Programs

Food program managers reported that the top five outcomes (in order) that 10 Cents a Meal helped food program operations achieve were:

- The variety of produce served in the food service program has increased (108 grantees),
- Food purchasing budget increased (91 grantees),
- Ability to plan local produce and dry bean purchasing with greater certainty (86 grantees),
- Purchasing power was enhanced (77 grantees), and
- Ability to meet school meal requirements (51 grantees).

## Engaging Students, Children, and Community

Nearly 70 grantees reported that taste tests were conducted during the grant year. Altogether, they reported 42 different Michigan-grown foods tried through taste tests. The top five Michigan-grown foods that were taste tested (in order) were apples, cherries, blueberries, asparagus, and carrots.

The top five activities to support local foods served through the 10 Cents a Meal as reported by grantees were:

- Promotional posters (18% of total activities reported),
- Nutrition education in the cafeteria (11%),
- Taste testing (10%),
- Social media (9%), and
- Harvest of the month menu feature (7%).

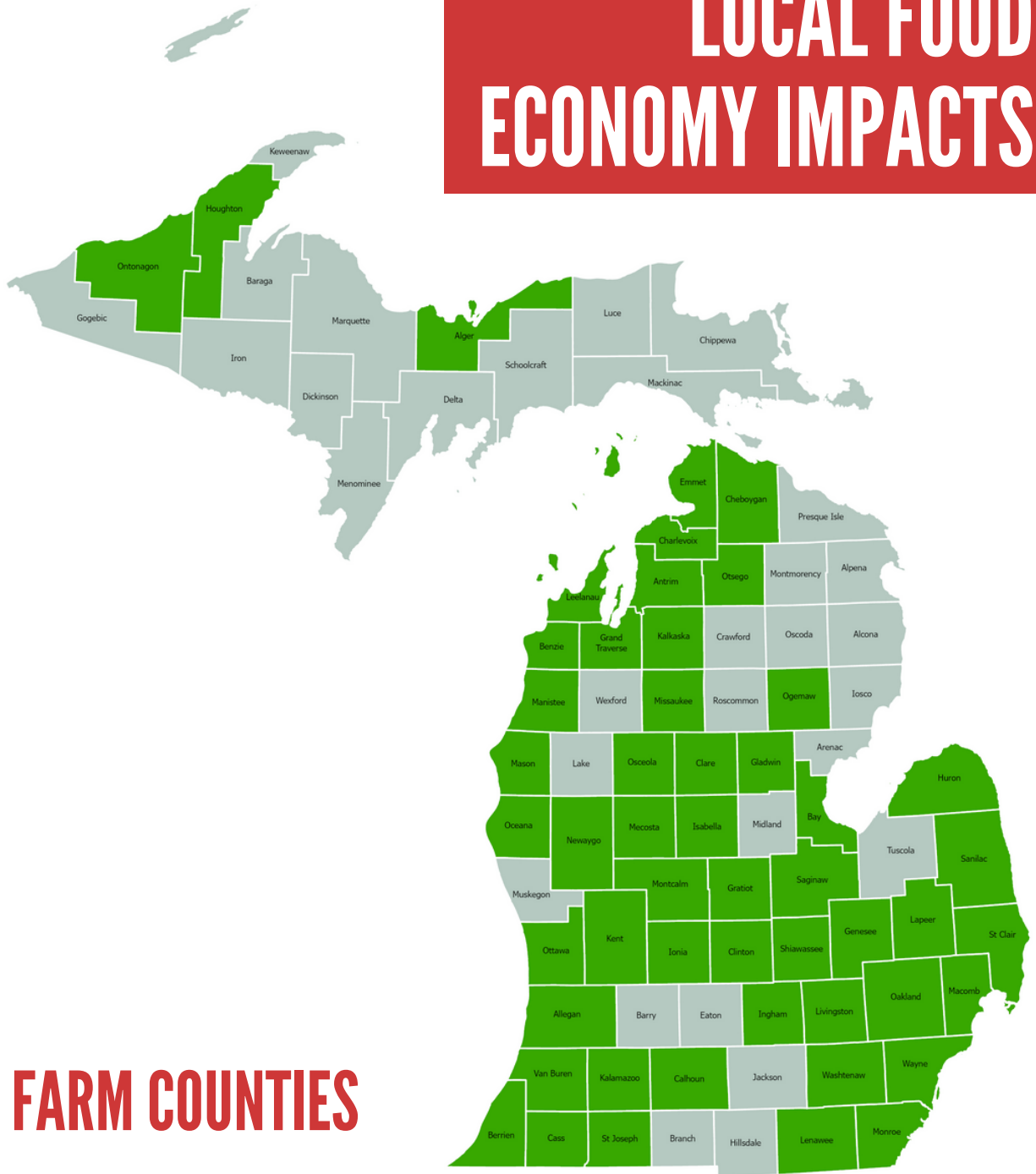


*Photo above: Nutrition education celebrating local apples at Comstock Public Schools in Kalamazoo, Michigan.*

## Early Care and Education Settings

- 15 grantees (about 6% of all grantees) were ECE sites.
- Of those, nine ECE grantees reported that they served new Michigan-grown fruits, vegetables, or dry beans for the first time. These included 15 new types of vegetables, seven types of fruits, and two varieties of dry beans.
- The top five types of activities (in order) that ECEs conducted to support local food purchasing were taste testing, promotional posters, on-site garden activities, nutrition education in the classroom, and social media.

# LOCAL FOOD ECONOMY IMPACTS



## 52 FARM COUNTIES

Grantees purchased more than **62 varieties** of fruits, vegetables, and dry beans grown by over **185 farms** in **52 counties** according to invoices.

*An additional 50 businesses such as distributors, processors, packers, and food hubs were impacted.*



## Market Opportunities

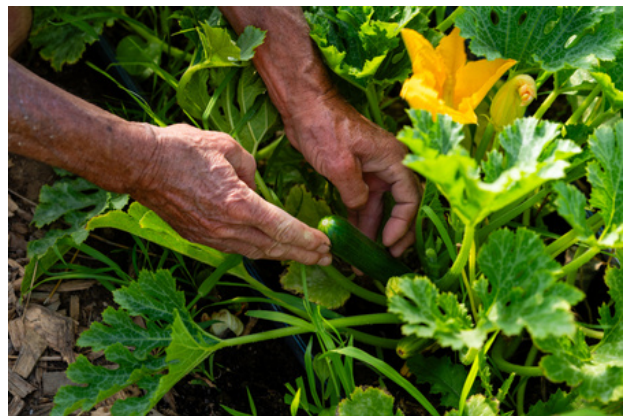


*Photo above: Tomatoes growing in the greenhouse at Detroit Public Schools Community District's on-site farm, Drew Farm.*

- Over 60 grantees (of 196 responding grantees) reported at least once throughout the year that there were Michigan-grown fruits, vegetables, or dry beans they wanted to use but have not been able to find or buy.
- The top ten Michigan-grown foods of interest among food program managers (in order) were peaches, tomatoes, cherries, asparagus, corn, green beans, blueberries, melons, strawberries, and celery.

## Farm Supply Chain Impacts

- Half of grantees reported that participation in 10 Cents a Meal allowed them to make connections with new farmers or food suppliers (52%) and to improve existing relationships with farmers or local food suppliers (52%).
- Five ECE grantees reported that 10 Cents a Meal allowed them to connect with new farmers or local food suppliers, and four said it allowed them to improve existing relationships.



*Photo above: Harvesting summer squash at Hillcrest Farms in Eaton Rapids, Michigan.*

# APPENDIX A: 10 CENTS A MEAL GRANTEES

## REGION 1

Big Bay De Noc School District  
Escanaba Area Public Schools  
Hancock Public Schools  
Hannahville Indian Community  
Holy Name School  
Houghton-Portage Township School  
District  
Ishpeming Public School District No. 1  
Negaunee Public Schools  
Sault Ste. Marie Area Schools  
Superior Central School District  
West Iron County Public Schools



## REGION 2

Alcona Community Schools  
Alpena Public Schools  
Benzie County Central Schools  
Boyne Falls Public School District  
Central Lake Public Schools  
Charlton Heston Academy  
Cheboygan Area Schools  
Elk Rapids Schools  
Frankfort-Elberta Area Schools  
Glen Lake Community Schools  
Harbor Springs School District  
Houghton Lake Community Schools  
Inland Lakes Schools  
Kingsley Area Schools  
Leland Public School District  
Mancelona Public Schools  
Manistee Area Public Schools  
Northport Public School District  
Pellston Public Schools  
Public Schools of Petoskey  
Rogers City Area Schools  
St. Francis High School  
Suttons Bay Public Schools  
Traverse City Area Public Schools  
Vanderbilt Area Schools  
West Branch-Rose City Area Schools  
Whittemore-Prescott Area Schools  
Wolverine Community School  
District

# REGION 3

Baxter Community Center  
Comstock Park Public Schools  
Coopersville Area Public School District  
Crossroads Charter Academy  
Delton Kellogg Schools  
Fremont Public School District  
Fruitport Community Schools  
Godfrey-Lee Public Schools  
Godwin Heights Public Schools  
Grand Rapids Metropolitan YMCA  
Grand Rapids Public Schools  
Greenville Public Schools  
Hart Public School District  
Hesperia Community Schools  
Holland City School District  
Holton Public Schools  
Hopkins Public Schools  
Ionia Public Schools  
Jenison Public Schools  
Kenowa Hills Public Schools  
Kent County Juvenile Detention  
Lakewood Public Schools  
Lowell Area Schools  
Mason County Eastern Schools  
Mona Shores Public School District  
Montague Area Public Schools  
Morley Stanwood Community Schools  
Muskegon Area ISD  
Muskegon Heights Public School  
Academy System  
Muskegon, Public Schools of the City of  
New Branches Charter Academy  
Newaygo Public School District  
North Muskegon Public Schools  
Orchard View Schools  
Otsego Public Schools  
Plainwell Community Schools  
Ravenna Public Schools

Reed City Area Public Schools  
Reeths-Puffer Schools  
Saugatuck Public Schools  
Shelby Public Schools  
South End Community Outreach  
Ministries  
Sparta Area Schools  
Spring Lake Public Schools  
Thornapple Kellogg School District  
Tri County Area Schools  
Walker Child Care  
Wayland Union Schools  
Wedgwood Christian Services  
West Catholic High School  
West Ottawa Public School District  
White Cloud Public Schools  
Whitehall District Schools  
Wyoming Public Schools  
Zeeland Public Schools



## **REGION 4**

Alma Public Schools  
Bay City Academy  
Beaverton Schools  
Bridgeport-Spaulding Community School District  
Clare Public Schools  
Clare United Methodist Preschool & Child Care Center  
Essexville-Hampton Public Schools  
Farwell Area Schools  
Harrison Community Schools  
Hemlock Public School District  
Ithaca Public Schools  
Meridian Public Schools  
Midland Public Schools  
Mt. Pleasant City School District  
Pinconning Area Schools  
Saginaw, School District of the City of  
Standish-Sterling Community Schools  
Swan Valley School District

## **REGION 6**

Association for Child Development  
Charlotte Public Schools  
Corunna Public Schools  
DeWitt Public Schools  
East Lansing School District  
Eaton Rapids Public Schools  
Haslett Public Schools  
Lansing Catholic High School  
Lansing Public School District  
Mason Public Schools (Ingham)

## **REGION 5**

Bendle Public Schools  
Carsonville-Port Sanilac School District  
Clio Area School District  
Crowell-Lexington Community Schools  
Fenton Area Public Schools  
Flint Cultural Center Academy  
Flint, School District of the City of  
Goodrich Area Schools  
Kingston Community School District  
Lake Fenton Community Schools  
Lapeer Community Schools  
Linden Community Schools  
Michigan School for the Deaf and Blind  
Millington Community Schools  
Montrose Community Schools  
Mt. Morris Consolidated Schools  
Reese Public Schools  
Richfield Public School Academy  
St. Clair County RESA

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services  
Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy  
Olivet Community Schools  
Our Savior Lutheran School  
Owosso Public Schools  
Stockbridge Community Schools  
Waverly Community Schools

## REGION 7

Battle Creek Public Schools  
Bloomington Public School District  
Bright Light Early Care & Education  
Coldwater Community Schools  
Coloma Community Schools  
Comstock Public Schools  
Constantine Public School District  
Countryside Academy  
Covert Public Schools  
Decatur Public Schools  
Edwardsburg Public Schools  
Gull Lake Community Schools  
Harper Creek Community Schools  
Kalamazoo Public Schools  
Kids Time Inc  
Mar Lee School District  
Marcellus Community Schools  
Mattawan Consolidated School  
Mildred C. Wells Preparatory Academy  
New Buffalo Area Schools  
Niles Community Schools  
Parchment School District  
Paw Paw Public School District  
Quincy Community Schools  
Schoolcraft Community Schools  
South Haven Public Schools  
St. Joseph Public Schools  
Sturgis Public Schools  
Tri County Council for Child Development  
Union City Community Schools  
Young Child Associates  
YWCA Children's Center

## REGION 8

Airport Community Schools  
Ann Arbor Public Schools  
Bedford Public Schools  
Chelsea School District  
Concord Community Schools  
Dexter Community School District  
Dundee Community Schools  
Grass Lake Community Schools  
Hanover-Horton School District  
Hillsdale Community Schools  
Jackson Public Schools  
Jefferson Schools (Monroe)  
Manchester Community Schools  
Michigan Center School District  
Milan Area Schools  
Napoleon Community Schools  
Saline Area Schools  
Summerfield Schools  
Washtenaw ISD  
Whitmore Lake Public School  
District  
Ypsilanti Community Schools



# REGIONS 9 AND 10

A & W Day Care Center  
A School for the Mind and Body GSRP Program  
Academy of Warren  
Allen Park Public Schools  
American International Academy  
Avondale School District  
Bloomfield Hills Schools  
Center Line Public Schools  
Clawson Public Schools  
Dearborn Heights School District #7  
Detroit Public Schools Community District  
Empowered Community Outreach Services  
Farmington Public School District  
Ferndale Public Schools  
George Washington Carver Academy  
Grosse Pointe Public Schools  
Harper Woods, The School District of the City of  
Hazel Park, School District of the City of  
Huron School District  
Keys Grace Academy  
Lake Shore Public Schools (Macomb)  
Lamphere Public Schools  
L'Anse Creuse Public Schools  
Lincoln Park, School District of the City of  
Oak Park, School District of the City of  
Old Redford Academy  
Redford Union Schools, District No. 1  
Richmond Community Schools  
Romulus Community Schools  
Royal Oak Schools  
Southfield Public School District  
Trinity Lutheran School  
Troy School District  
Utica Community Schools  
Van Buren Public Schools  
Van Dyke Public Schools  
Village of Shiny Stars Child Care  
Wayne-Westland Community School District  
West Bloomfield School District

