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Berrien RESA returns \$4.2 million to local schools

BERRIEN SPRINGS.-During yesterday's Berrien Regional Education Service Agency's (Berrien RESA) Board of Education meeting, area public schools learned that they will be receiving \$4.2 million in special education reimbursement. The dollars are a result of excess fund equity and millage allocation from the organization's special education budget.

It has been Berrien RESA's policy to direct excess special education funding to area public schools to reimburse a portion of their special education expenditures from the prior year. The surplus derives from two sources, Fund Equity and Act 18 dollars levied through a county millage.

"Berrien RESA strives to provide the best educational services to area students while at the same time being fiscally responsible," said Berrien RESA Superintendent Jeff Siegel. "Schools are experiencing difficult financial times as a result of increased costs. However, during this economic downturn, Berrien RESA is still able to provide \$4.2 million in supplemental revenue which will offset each district's cost of providing special education programs and services."

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