

ANNUAL REPORT

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KANE COUNTY



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**KANE COUNTY
REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION
FISCAL YEAR 2017 ANNUAL REPORT**

As superintendent of the Kane County Regional Office of Education in Kane County, Illinois, I hereby submit the annual report of the activities of this office from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

This report is an overview and is not inclusive of all the services and collaborative partnerships the Regional Office of Education provides as an educational leader for the benefit of the schools and citizens of Kane County.

This report uses information from end-of-year reports of our programs and services and from end-of-year school reports from the Illinois State Board of Education website to make this Annual Report as comprehensive as possible.

We hope it will help you better understand the work our office and the educators of Kane County perform to ensure our schools are safe and nurturing places of learning where all people, young and old alike, are valued and respected.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patricia Dal Santo". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Patricia Dal Santo
Regional Superintendent of Schools
Kane County Regional Office of Education



THE MISSION

The mission of the Kane County Regional Office of Education is to advocate for education, provide leadership, perform regulatory functions, and coordinate state and local services for educators, school districts, and the community.



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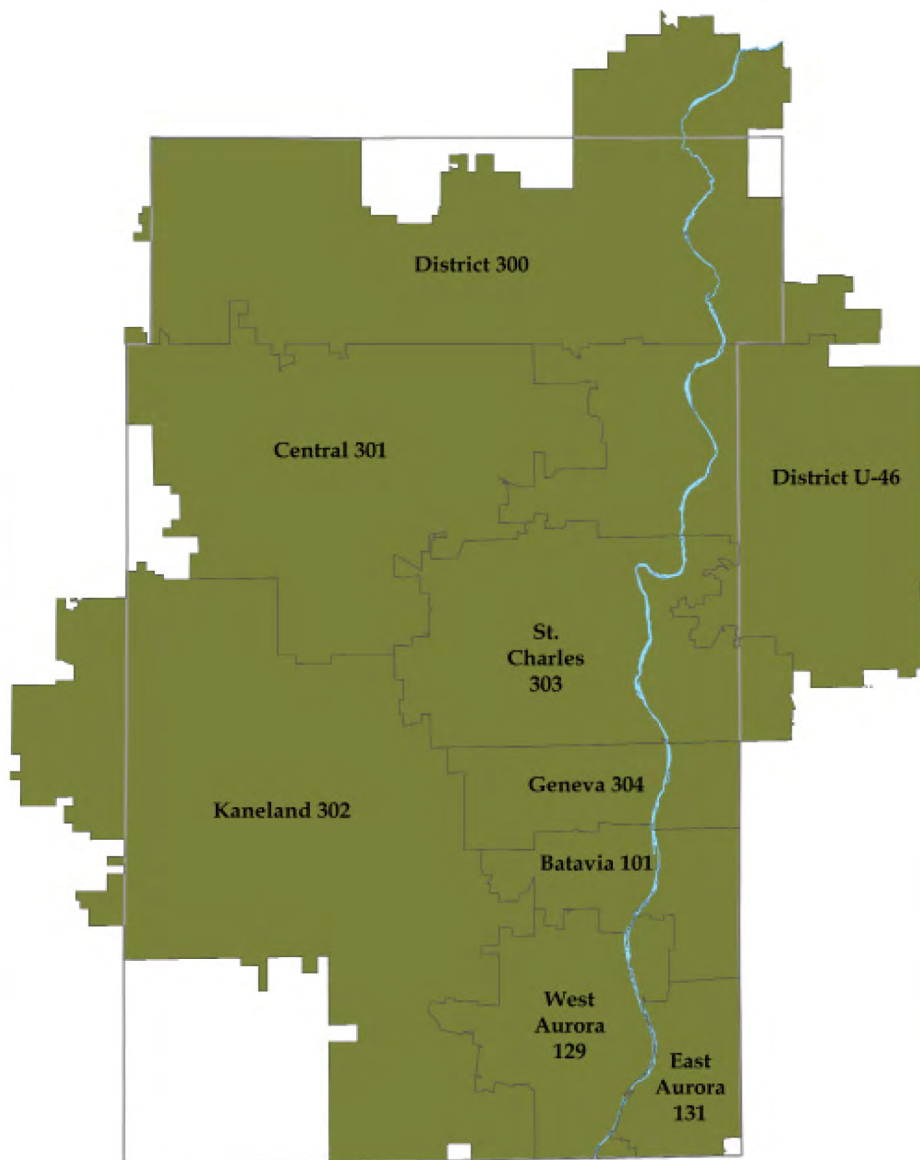


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Access the public school
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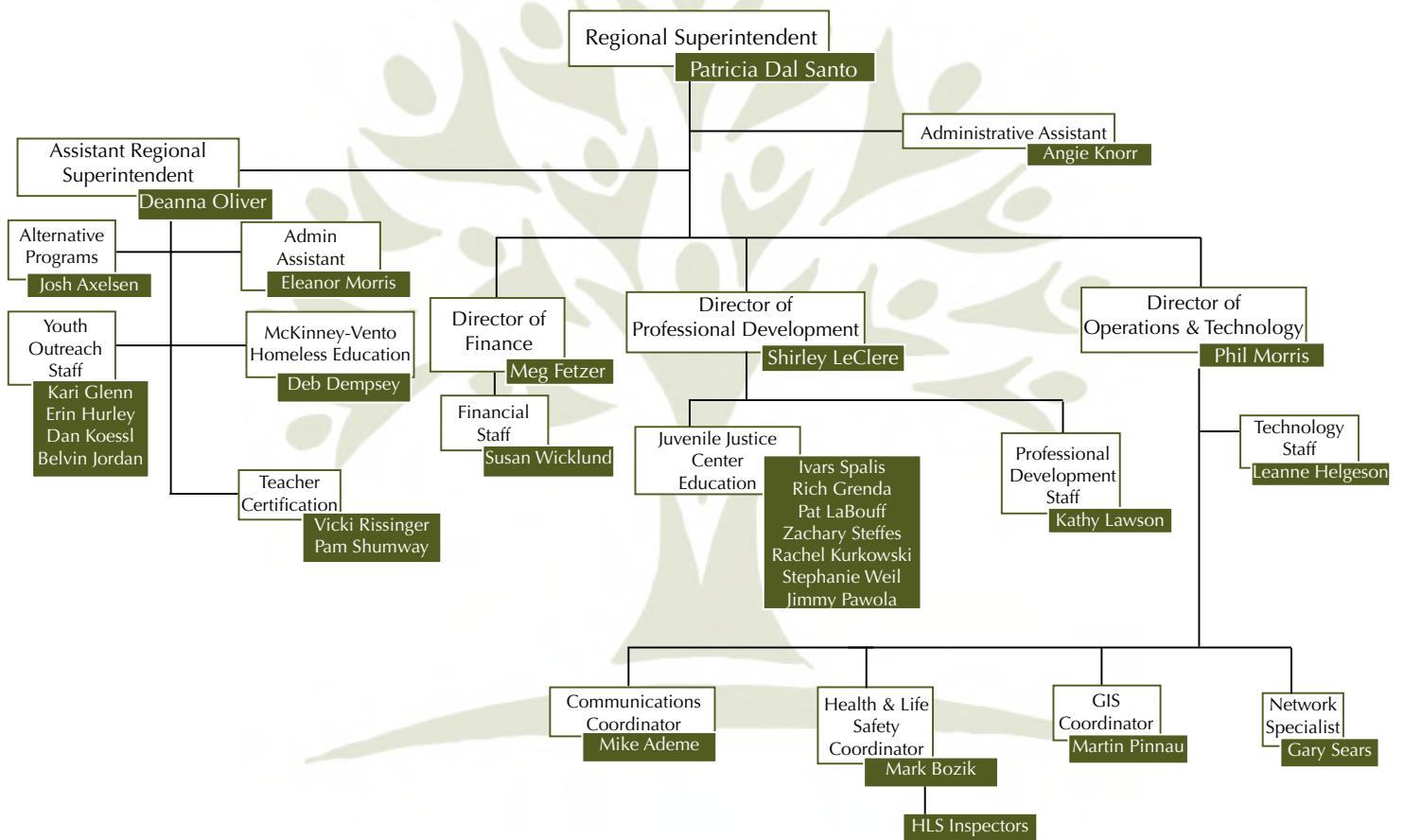


SCHOOL DISTRICT BOUNDARY MAP



The Regional Office of Education services nine school districts in Kane County. It includes District 300, Central 301, District U-46, St. Charles 303, Kaneland 302, Geneva 304, Batavia 101, West Aurora 129, and East Aurora 131.

REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION ORGANIZATIONAL CHART 2016-2017



Access the staff
directory here:
<https://goo.gl/4KqvBN>



ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS

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Our alternative programs assist with at-risk youth and their families facing atypical circumstances within the school system, whether it be homelessness, truancy, expulsion, or delinquency. As stated by the Illinois State Board of Education, regional offices of education are also responsible for investigating noncompliance within private and homeschool arrangements.

TRUANCY PREVENTION/INTERVENTION PROGRAM

In 2016-2017 the Regional Office of Education completed the 32nd year of the Kane County Truancy Prevention Program. Youth Outreach Workers (truancy officers) collaborate with schools to advocate for students and parents to ensure consistent school attendance. Kane County had 2,110 official referrals from our local schools requesting truancy assistance from our staff.

Services	2016-2017
School Visits	1,781
Home Visits	260
Student Contacts	3,012
Community Agency Contacts	85
School Conferences	163
Regional Conferences	3
Juvenile Court Cases	5
Adult Court Cases	1

Source of Referrals by District	2016-2017
U-46 Elgin	569
101 Batavia	31
129 West Aurora	231
131 East Aurora	728
300 Dundee/Carpentersville	451
301 Central	23
302 Kaneland	14
303 St. Charles	50
304 Geneva	13
Total	2,110
By Grade Level	
Elementary K-5	940
Middle School	423
High School	746
Other	1
By Gender	
Males	1,095
Females	1,015



DROPOUT INTERVENTION PROGRAM

The Kane County Dropout Intervention Program completed its 29th year in the 2016-2017 school year. This program reaches out to those individuals who have dropped out of school for a variety of reasons. Information is provided to them regarding continuing their education in some manner through returning to school, obtaining a GED or vocational programming.

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REGIONAL SAFE SCHOOLS PROGRAM (RSSP)

This is a cooperative effort between the Regional Office of Education and the local school districts. The programs within school districts are designed to meet local needs. The purpose of the RSSP is twofold: 1) to increase safety and promote the learning environment in schools and 2) to meet the particular educational needs of disruptive students more appropriately and individually in an alternative educational environment. In 2016-2017, 275 students were served through this program. Without this program, those students would not have received an education and most likely would have become dropouts.



ALTERNATIVE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAMS (ALOP)

The Alternative Learning Opportunities Program serves students that may need educational supports and other support services that are not currently provided by their regular school programs. In order to address these needs, school districts develop and implement Alternative Learning Opportunities Programs (ALOPs) that offer a broader range of academic, behavioral, and social/emotional interventions designed to increase the academic achievement levels of these students so that they are able to meet the Illinois Learning Standards and complete their education in a safe learning environment. The Kane County Regional Office of Education partnered with 4 school districts and 1 special education cooperative to support students within an ALOP. 616 students in grades 6-12 received supports in an ALOP environment during the 2016-2017 school year.





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JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER EDUCATION PROGRAM

To guarantee students in juvenile detention continue to be educated and make a successful transition back into their public school program, the Kane County Regional Office of Education administers the Kane County Juvenile Justice Center Education Program. An agreement between the St. Charles School District, the Chief Judge of the 16th Circuit Court, and the Kane County Regional Office of Education makes this possible. The over-arching goal is to broaden the mindset of students at the center. Students have access to online courses, GED preparation, dual credit courses, and explore college and careers. For more information on the Juvenile Justice Center, contact Shirley LeClere at sleclere@kaneroe.org.



HOMESCHOOLING

The Regional Office of Education serves as a resource to those parents who are interested in homeschooling their children. Information is shared with the parents to assist them. A request is made for parents to register with the Regional Office as a homeschooling parent and assure that education is being provided to their children. There are no fees collected for resource information.

GENERAL EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (GED)

The General Education Development (GED) Tests are completed at the ROE's Pearson VUE Testing Center. The test center offers computer-based tests to those who are 17 years of age or older in English or Spanish.



The HSE test takes about 7.25 hours and contains four sections:

Reasoning Through Language Arts (including a 10 minute break): 150 mins
 Mathematical Reasoning: 90 mins
 Science: 90 mins
 Social Studies: 90 mins

A passing score of 150 is required for each subject. A total score of 600 or higher is required to receive the HSA certificate. The final component of the HSE test is the passing of the US Constitution test. This test is offered for free at the ROE and is completed on a computer. The ROE's Pearson VUE Test Center also provides GED transcripts and GED certificates upon written or faxed request. For more information on this service, please visit: <http://www.kaneroe.org/gedhse/>

HOMELESS EDUCATION

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Homeless children and youth face numerous obstacles in obtaining an education. The goal of the Kane County Homeless Education Program is to assist the school districts to ensure equal educational access for all homeless children and youth, including preschoolers, so that each student will have the opportunity to succeed in school programs and meet the same challenging state standards to which all students are held.

EQUAL CHANCE PROGRAM

The federal McKinney-Vento Act requires school districts to be proactive in finding homeless children who are not attending school and identifying which children and youth are homeless. This program is administered by the ROE's Homeless Liaison and funded by a sub grant from the Area One Lead Program and Illinois State Board of Education through the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

For the 2016-2017 school year the ROE Equal Chance Program provided:

- Technical assistance to all 9 Kane County School District Liaisons
- 15 trainings to all school staffs including 3 social service agencies
- 10 Administrator Academies
- Created unaccompanied McKinney/Vento panel and presented at 2 conferences
- Facilitated 50 parent meetings
- Met with 45 students several times throughout the year to offer supportive services
- Assisted 12 students to complete the FAFSA
- Weekly meetings/workshops with Community Crisis Center Clients
- Collaborated with ECC, U-46, D300, Community Crisis Center for the 4th Annual Project Backpack Back To School Fair in distributing 1,300 backpacks filled with school supplies
- Distributed Christmas Gifts donate by churches, Renaissance Foundation, and Kane ROE to 252 children
- Distributed 50 Thanksgiving and Easter food baskets to Kane County families
- Facilitated tutoring for 18 homeless students in Kane County
- Assist unaccompanied homeless youth to obtain health benefits, physicals and other benefits they may be entitled to
- Partnered with U-46, D300, and Elgin YWCA for 6th annual Cinderella's Closet to provide prom dresses for Kane County students in need
- For the 2016-2017 school year, school districts in Kane County identified, served and reported 2,121 homeless students.

Affiliations 2016-2017 School Year

- Attends and is on the Board, Steering Committee, and Ranking Committee of the Kane County Continuum of Care
- Area Planning Meeting Committee member
- Participating in U-46 alignment process for Trauma Informed care.
- Belong to the Elgin Partnership for Early Learning (EPEL) group and on the communications taskforce (newly awarded innovation zone)
- Collaborate and participate in planning for Aurora SPARK (Strong, Prepared, And Ready For Kindergarten) (Innovation Zone program)
- United Way of Elgin grant ranking committee



BUSINESS OFFICE

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A portion of the funds for the operating budget of the Kane County Regional Office of Education is provided by the Kane County Government. The salaries for the Regional Superintendent and the Assistant Regional Superintendent are paid by the State of Illinois. The majority of funding for the operating budget for the office comes from competitive private, state, and federal grants. The following budget figures are based on the county's fiscal year, which runs from December 1st through November 30th.

KANE COUNTY BUDGET FY 2016-2017

Line Item	Budgeted Amount FY16	Budgeted Amount FY17	Percent of Change
Personnel Services			
Full Time Salaries	\$252,532.00	\$258,176.00	2.23%
Benefits	\$32,027.00	\$33,420.00	4.35%
Consulting	\$5,575.00	\$4,575.00	-17.94%
Software - licensing	\$12,000.00	\$13,000.00	8.33%
Totals	\$302,134.00	\$309,171.00	2.33%

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INSTITUTE FUND FINANCIAL REPORT

All certificate registration fees and a portion of renewal and duplicate fees are to be kept by the Regional Superintendent and deposited into the Institute Fund. The expenditure of these funds is very restricted and is used to defray expenses incidental to teachers' institutes, workshops, or meetings of a professional nature that are designed to promote the professional growth of teachers, which has been approved by the Regional Superintendent.

Institute Fund Financial Report July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017 Unaudited

Beginning Fund Balance, July 1, 2016		1,088,663.00
Receipts		
Certificate Registration	192,742.00	
Interest	3,739.42	
Educator of the Year	19,501.00	
Total Receipts	215,982.42	
Disbursements		
Educational Purchased Services	119,424.05	
Operating Expense	17,337.83	
Professional & Technical Services	127.50	
Total Disbursements	136,889.38	79,093.04
Ending Fund Balance, June 30, 2017		1,167,756.04



PARTNERSHIPS

The Regional Office of Education is active in establishing partnerships with schools, networks with districts, and investments in local & statewide nonprofit organizations.

NETWORKS

Networks provide mutual assistance and support which facilitates sharing of information and services among individuals and groups. Constant feedback and strong participation indicate that networks are serving the nine Kane County school districts and their staff. The networks share best practices, common problems, and collaborate on professional development. Collaborative professional development opportunities are regularly developed, like the annual countywide institute day. The networks are prominently mentioned as a benefit for new members as they gain expertise from experienced colleagues throughout the region.

The ROE has established the following networks with the nine K-12 school districts:

- Superintendents
- High School Principals
- Kane County Learning Leaders (directors of curriculum and instruction)
- Kane County Human Resources Consortium (human resources directors)
- Facilities Managers
- Gifted Education Directors
- Northern Illinois Association w/ Special Education Directors
- Reading Leaders
- School Safety/Security Team
- School Health/Wellness Team
- Special Education Directors
- Technology Directors
- Transportation Directors
- Transportation Routers

KANE COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCE CONSORTIUM (KCHRC)

The Kane County Human Resource Consortium (KCHRC), formed in 2002, is a cooperative effort among the nine public K-12 school districts and the Regional Office of Education in Kane County, Illinois. The

KCHRC is dedicated to the recruitment, selection, and professional growth of quality educators. The consortium has created a single online application process allowing applicants to submit a teaching application to all nine districts simultaneously. Kane County school administrators are trained to utilize the system in the hiring of all certified teachers. District human resources directors meet twice a month with the ROE for planning and professional development.

More information can be found at www.teachinkane.org.

PARTNERSHIPS

OPERATION SNOWBALL

Greater Fox River Valley Operation Snowball (GFRVOS) is a community-based alcohol, tobacco, and drug use prevention program focusing on leadership development to empower youth to lead drug-free lives. Operation Snowball seeks to bring together high school youth and caring adults to develop trusting relationships. It is founded on the belief that youth and adults can make responsible decisions when provided with factual information and an opportunity to develop an understanding of one's self and others.

Currently there are 12 participating high schools within Kane County. The group meets at the ROE weekly during the evening. Twice during the year they hold a weekend event which draws 150 student attendees.



SPELLING BEE

In cooperation with the Scripps National Spelling Bee, the Kane County ROE hosts two area semi-final spelling bees, and a Regional Spelling Bee Final. The ROE is proud to coordinate the spelling bee for our Kane County public and non-public schools.

At the beginning of each school year, all schools that register with Scripps to participate have individual school spelling bees.

The winners' names are reported to the Kane County Regional Office of Education. The regional Spelling Bee semi-finals are scheduled to take place in February. The top four winners from the semi-final bees participate in the final competition in March

before one winner from Kane County proceeds to the Scripps

National Spelling Bee in Washington D.C. in May. The local and regional spelling bees are coordinated and funded by the

Regional Office of Education.





PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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The Regional Office of Education facilitates and works collaboratively with teachers and leaders to guide their continuous instructional improvements through professional development opportunities. We support a wide variety of activities including institutes, workshops, conferences, networking, technical assistance, information dissemination, and consulting to meet the needs of our schools.

INSTITUTE DAY 2017

The Kane County Regional Office of Education coordinates and sponsors a countywide institute day of learning for all educators throughout the county on the first Friday in March. Teachers, paraprofessionals, health professionals and other support staff are able to select workshops of interest to attend. Participants have access to the latest research-based practices and acquire new ideas and knowledge to help facilitate their work in teaching and learning.

INSTITUTE DAY OFFERINGS INCLUDED:

- Exploration of Inquiry Based Learning
- In Defense of Read Aloud
- Exciting Energy
- Content Area Writing
- Co-Teaching: Practical Strategies
- Demonstrating Understanding - EdTech Teacher
- STEM Retreat
- 21st Century Ed Camp
- Implementation of Math Standards 6-12
- Create Yourself @ Fine Line
- Foundational Services-Family Engagement
- Using Classroom Formative Assessment Effectively to Improve Student Achievement
- The Learning Workshop: Blending the Best of Reading/Writing
- Understanding Social Emotional Learning: Vital to Kids-Essential for You
- Nonfiction Rocks: Getting Kids & Us Excited about "True Books"!
- Appmazing Race: A Journey through Instructional Tech
- AA#1506 - Avoiding Due Process: Tips from the Trench
- The Science Behind Food & Flavors
- Embracing Dyslexia for Educators
- Pollinators, Hydro and Aqua Phonics
- Cake Decorating & FCS Pathways
- Making Wonders Work for You!
- Building, Bonding and Brain Breaks
- Reading Strategies for SLD Students
- Danielson in Physical Education
- Design Thinking for Educators
- Tools and Strategies for AAC and Oral-Motor
- A Culture of Restorative Practices Aligned with Behavior Management
- AA#1709-Promoting Parental Engagement
- Making It Meaningful: Planning for Learning in Foreign Languages
- How to Design Instruction for the Co-Taught Classroom
- Transforming the Difficult Child: The Nurtured Heart Approach
- Introduction of Creative Curriculum for Early Childhood
- HS Counselor Workshop-Early College Credit/Assisting Students w/Disabilities

Visit our website here to learn more about Institute Day:
<http://www.kaneroe.org/institute-day/>



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OTHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OFFERINGS



Illinois Online Academy

ILLINOIS ONLINE ACADEMY

The Kane County Regional Office of Education provides online professional development courses for teachers. These classes are intentionally structured so the skills and knowledge the teachers learn can immediately be applied to the classrooms. Online classes are offered for graduate credits or professional development clock hours. For more information, contact Katie Algrim at kalgrim@kaneroe.org.

ILLINOIS ADMINISTRATORS' ACADEMY

The purpose of the academy is to maintain a statewide, regionally-based network that provides opportunities for mandated professional development for school administrators. By statute, every administrator must complete a minimum of one approved academy annually and a minimum of five in each administrator certificate renewal period. The Performance Evaluation Reform Act (PERA) requires administrators who evaluate teachers and/or principals to participate in retraining during their license renewal cycle. This entails the completion of a combination of two of the following:

Recalibration Academy Listing:

- AA# 1448-Teacher Evaluator Competency Skill Building for Pre-Qualified Teacher Evaluators (Part 1 of 3)
- AA# 1451- Teacher Evaluator Competency Skill Building for Pre-Qualified Teacher Evaluators (Part 2 of 3)
- AA# 1452- Teacher Evaluator Competency Skill Building for Pre-Qualified Teacher Evaluators (Part 3 of 3)
- AA# 1801-Gathering Evidence During Observations and Conferencing Using the Danielson Model
- AA # 3000,3001,3002 – Teacher Evaluator Retraining: Student Growth
- AA# 1865 – Principal Evaluator Competency Skill Building for Pre-Qualified Principal Evaluators

GIFTED EDUCATION SEMINAR

The Kane County Regional Office of Education continues to investigate and support ongoing gifted networking resources. The Regional Office of Education provides trained gifted presenters to conduct gifted workshops for all 9 school districts.

**Register for upcoming
workshops and events:**
<https://register.kaneroe.org>





EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

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EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

The 42nd Annual Educator of the Year Awards Banquet was held at the Q Center in St. Charles on April 28, 2017. This awards banquet provides an opportunity to honor outstanding members of the education profession in Kane County and promote awareness of the quality education being provided in our schools. Special recognition is also given to those retiring from education.

Local nominating committees consisting of teachers and administrators nominate educators throughout the county. Those nominated are seen as having the respect and admiration of students, parents, and co-workers. They play active and useful roles in their communities and schools, often distinguishing themselves as leaders.

Those honored represent the dedicated service found in all of the staff throughout Kane County. This program has received enthusiastic support from regional educators, and several Kane County award recipients have been selected by the Illinois State Board of Education as outstanding teachers in Illinois.

The dinner honored 44 distinguished educators with plaques of recognition. Those who received awards of distinction were:

Educator of the Year

Matthew Gain, District 304

Elementary Educator of the Year

Mary Jensen, District 101

Middle School Educator of the Year

Amy O'Herron, District 300

High School Educator of the Year

Michael Schmidt, District 301

Regional Superintendent Award

Alice Froemling, District 303

Regional Superintendent Award

Cindy Miller, District 302

Administrator of the Year

Dr. Suzanne Johnson, District U-46

Early Career Educator Award

Angellica Klasinski-Ahng, District 131

Pre-School Teacher of the Year

Ivonne Serrano, District 131



Student Support Personnel Award

Bruce Fraser, District 129

Educational Service Personnel Award

Debra Brannon, District 303

EDUCATOR LICENSURE

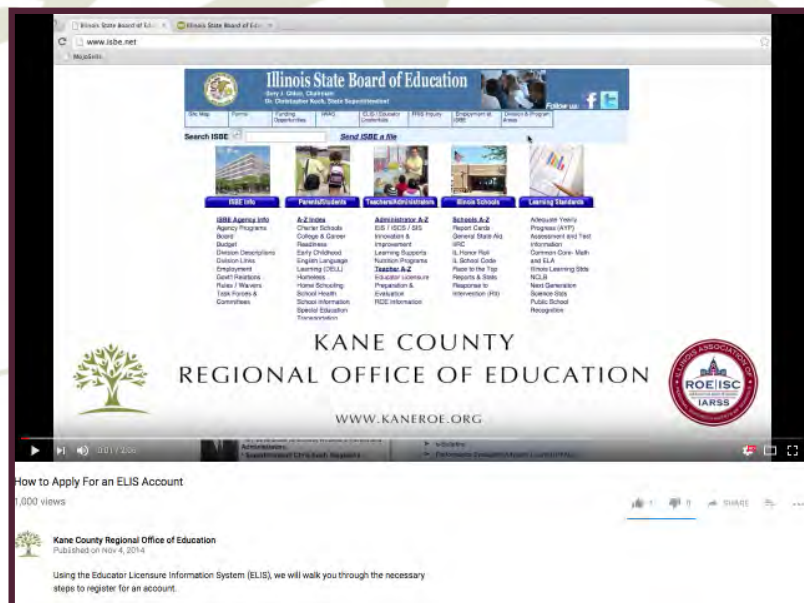
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The Kane County Regional Office of Education Licensure Department serves teachers and administrators with all aspects of their credential needs. The office provides instructions on how to access the Educator Licensure Information System (ELIS).

The office gives information on how to apply for licenses, endorsements, approvals; how to register and renew licenses; and how to enter professional development credit hours using ELIS. The Licensure Department also answers many questions via email and phone.

The Kane County ROE tested 115 paraprofessionals so they can obtain their NCLB Paraprofessional Approval.

The Kane County ROE hosts and maintains the Kane County Human Resource Consortium online teacher application and vacancy system for all Kane County public school districts. There were more than 9,000 active applications in the KCHRC system in 2016-2017.



**Watch more videos on the
ROE YouTube channel
<https://goo.gl/sJDBWa>**



TRANSPORTATION

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The Regional Office of Education is responsible for conducting the initial training that is required for all new school bus drivers prior to getting a bus permit, and the annual refresher workshop that is required in the 12-month period prior to renewing a school bus permit.

Experienced drivers must take a two-hour refresher course annually, and all new drivers must take an eight-hour course in school bus driver safety and first aid, as prescribed by the Illinois State Board of Education and administered by the Kane County ROE.

The Kane County ROE provided 6 Initial Bus Driver Training courses and 26 Refresher Trainings for 1,299 participants.

SCHOOL SAFETY & SECURITY

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HEALTH & LIFE SAFETY

All public school buildings and school-related buildings, including temporary/mobile classrooms, in the Kane County Regional Office of Education jurisdiction are inspected annually to assure compliance with the standards necessary to ensure the health and safety of public school students in Illinois, according to "Building Specifications for Health and Safety in Public Schools." Annual inspection results from each building are available at the ROE. As required by law, a record of the annual inspection is sent to the president of the school board and a summary is filed annually with the State Board of Education. In addition, results from required State Fire Marshall inspections are reported through the ROE to the school districts and the state.

Every 10 years, each public building must be resurveyed for continued compliance by an architect or engineer licensed in the State of Illinois. The "Safety Survey Report" lists any items necessary to bring the building into full and continual compliance. Upon completion of outlined work, compliance is verified by the district and a licensed architect or engineer in a report filed with the ROE, and the building is awarded a certificate of compliance.

The ROE is also responsible, through the Regional Superintendent of Schools, for statutory compliance with established standards in the construction, remodeling and demolition of public school buildings. The Regional Superintendent assures school board approval of construction plans, review of construction plans for code compliance, issuance of the building permit, and upon review, issuance of school occupancy permits. Furthermore, the Regional Superintendent assures code compliance for temporary/mobile classroom units throughout the region in cooperation with licensed architects or engineers retained by local school districts. Records of all amendments and construction information are kept on file at the ROE.

SCHOOL SAFETY & SECURITY

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SCHOOL/HEALTH WELLNESS NETWORK

Since early 2009, the school health/wellness team network, with representation from the nine public school districts, the ROE and guests from the Kane County Health Department has met monthly during the school year to review health and wellness issues. Representatives share problems, possible solutions and resources, as well as successes. Initially the network focused on identifying and listing the many different programs in the districts that impact the health and wellness of students and staff. The existence of the health/wellness team network was very helpful when concern about the H1N1 Virus, commonly known as the “Swine Flu” emerged. The network also spent time discussing and brainstorming about involvement in the Kane County “Fit Kids 2020” program.

SCHOOL SAFETY/SECURITY TEAM

The school safety/security team network, with representation from the nine public school districts and the ROE have met monthly during the school year to review school safety and security issues, plans, procedures and practices. Representatives share successes, problems, possible solutions and resources.

Outside resources, including IMSA, County Emergency & Management Association County Sherriff’s Department, local police, local fire, the FBI, and security consulting firms have been utilized to foster knowledge and understanding of safety issues. The network focuses on making sure all students and staff members are prepared for emergency situations. The safety/security network stresses that law enforcement first responders and the administration of all schools must collaborate to prepare and practice for emergency situations. Training has been provided to address awareness and prevention practices of school safety issues.



FACILITY MANAGERS NETWORK

The Kane County Facility Managers Network fosters communication, cooperation and collaboration among the nine school districts and the Regional Office of Education. Attendees include school district facility managers, school district construction projects managers, architects, consultants and ROE staff.

Meetings assist participants to be prepared to assure that construction projects meet all relevant codes prior to application for occupancy. The ROE conducts annual HLS inspections with facility managers and principals to assure that the maintenance of all school buildings and facilities meets code and provides a safe and secure surrounding for children and staff. All have an opportunity to learn what others are doing and participants may share procedures, resources, and successes in their districts.



TECHNOLOGY

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AREA ONE WEST LEARNING TECHNOLOGY CENTER

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) established the Learning Technology Center program for the purpose of providing coordinated, statewide support and infrastructure that assists school districts in planning for, implementing, assessing results and educating school staff in the use of technology and telecommunications in curricular, instructional and administrative functions. [More information on the Learning Technology Center program can be found here.](#) The Kane County Learning Technology Center has provided the following services using funding from the ISBE.

- Acted as Area One Lead representing Lake, Cook, DuPage, Kane, Will, Grundy, and Kendall Counties
- Attending statewide meetings
- Facilitated or assisted schools with Technology Planning
- Acted as a support layer for implementation of computer based PARCC testing
- Communicated information to districts about Education Superhighway partnership with the ISBE
- Help schools with the monitoring, management, and troubleshooting of their WANs
- Assist schools with [E-Rate applications to the federal government.](#)
- Provide support and training for online resources available to all Kane County schools.

FINGERPRINTING

The Regional Office of Education provides fingerprinting services for all our public school districts. The Illinois School Code requires all new employees to have both a State and FBI criminal background check. Last year, approximately 4,120 people were fingerprinted. The electronic submission of fingerprints allows the ROE to typically receive results within 24 hours, so a school district can begin employment immediately.

The ROE also partners with Kane County government to fingerprint their new employees throughout the year.



GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM

The Kane County Regional Office of Education offers school districts the opportunity to request the assistance of its geographic information system (GIS). The GIS allows for the creation of custom maps and geographic analyses for school districts. GIS has proven to be a useful tool for Kane County school districts in the matter of attendance boundaries. GIS allows school districts to create and take advantage of updatable maps to address geographic concerns. Some transportation concerns such as bus routes, bus stops, and hazardous roads can be represented in the GIS.



TECHNOLOGY

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LEARNING TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

In addition to being the Area One West Learning Technology Center, the Regional Office of Education integrates support and training in many areas of technology. A needs assessment is given during the year at monthly technology coordinator meetings. Monthly technology coordinator meetings are used to communicate information from the Illinois State Board of Education, and also allow dialogue between districts.

Learning Technology Services also provides technical support within the Regional Office of Education to maintain connectivity to the Illinois State Board of Education electronic systems including Teacher Certification, Administrators' Academy, and GED. Learning Technology Services supports the technology implementation at the Kane County Juvenile Justice Center (JJC).

During this past year the following services have been provided:

- Online registration for workshops with digital encryption
- Consultation for KCHRC Online Application
- Maintenance of LiveScan fingerprint equipment for fingerprinting of new teachers and bus drivers in Kane County
- Hosting specialized training for school districts
- Continuing support for Follett Destiny
- Maintaining the Kane County ROE website, Facebook fan page, and Twitter pages.
- Support HLS system for school inspections as well as further statewide development
- Provide support for IARSS (Website, Listservs, technical questions)
- Supported online compliance system for all ROE's to use
- Facilitate meetings of Technology Directors, Instructional Technology, and System Administrators
- Updated HLS iPad system and Compliance system used by all ROE's in Illinois
- Provided training on Coding for teachers
- Provided training on Follett Destiny Library for consortium members
- Facilitated training for Online Application System for partner school districts

Phil Morris, Director is also on Illinois Learning Technology Purchase Program Advisory Board, IlliniCloud Advisory Board, as well as **President of the Illinois Educational Technology Leaders (IETL)**.

PEARSON VUE TESTING CENTER

The ROE is an official Pearson VUE Testing Center that is a temperature-controlled environment equipped with modern technology for maximum concentration during the testing process. The ROE offers a variety of tests include the GED, ATP, and TAP along with a variety of other professional certification tests. The ROE offers weekend and evening testing hours.





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CERTIFIED PERSONNEL

DISTRICT	TOTAL CERTIFIED (INCLUDE PART TIME)	DOCTORS & ED SPEC/ CAS DEGREE	MASTERS DEGREE	BACHELORS DEGREE	TEACHERS (INCLUDE PART TIME)	AVG. SAL FULL-TIME CERTIFIED TEACHERS	AVG. SAL FULL-TIME CERTIFIED ADMIN
U -46 ELGIN	2621	33	2002	586	558	\$66,785	\$102,600
101 BATAVIA	449	13	398	38	86	\$75,393	\$102,569
129 AURORA WEST	961	18	724	219	223	\$68,013	\$87,877
131 AURORA EAST	1035	16	623	396	199	\$57,691	\$89,000
300 DUNDEE	1630	63	1066	501	387	\$58,203	\$102,465
301 CENTRAL	303	15	177	111	46	\$55,975	\$97,493
302 KANELAND	364	4	262	98	80	\$66,426	\$102,592
303 ST CHARLES	1059	36	867	156	190	\$71,254	\$115,871
304 GENEVA	487	13	337	137	137	\$67,555	\$109,587
TOTAL FY2016	8,909	211	6,456	2,242	1,906	\$65,255	\$100,888
		2.37%	72.47%	25.17%	21.39%		
TOTAL FY2015	8,758	198	6,374	2,186	1,849	\$64,094	\$101,117
		2.26%	72.78%	24.96%	21.11%		

Source: Kane County School Districts, Compiled by Meg Fetzer, CPA, mfetzer@kaneroe.org

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CERTIFIED PERSONNEL (CONT.)

DISTRICT	AVG. YRS. EXPERIENCE TEACHING IN ILLINOIS	ENROLLMENT PER CERTIFIED STAFF MEMBER FY2017	ENROLLMENT PER CERTIFIED STAFF MEMBER FY2016	TEACHER TO ADMIN STAFF RATIO	SUPPORT STAFF	ENROLLMENT TO SUPPORT STAFF RATIO	ENROLLMENT PER FALL HOUSING RPT FY2017
U -46 ELGIN	13.0	15.0	15.7	16.4	1,958	20.1	39,365
101 BATAVIA	12.5	13.0	11.8	12.8	137	42.6	5,840
129 AURORA WEST	9.0	12.9	13.0	10.2	341	36.3	12,378
131 AURORA EAST	9.0	13.8	14.5	7.1	130	110.2	14,322
300 DUNDEE	10.5	12.7	13.5	14.2	467	44.3	20,688
301 CENTRAL	8.8	13.3	12.8	18.9	238	16.9	4,025
302 KANELAND	9.3	12.3	11.8	15.8	217	20.6	4,478
303 ST CHARLES	12.6	11.9	12.0	8.7	430	29.2	12,561
304 GENEVA	10.2	11.9	12.1	17.4	250	23.1	5,774
AVERAGE	10.5	13.0	13.0	13.5	4,168	28.7	119,431
PRIOR YEAR	11.1	13.0	13.2	13.3	3,807	31.6	120,365

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CLASSROOM BUILDINGS IN USE JULY 1, 2016 - JUNE 30, 2017

DISTRICT	ELEMENTARY SCHOOL		MIDDLE OR JR HIGH SCHOOL		SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL		MOBILE CLASSROOMS		OTHER SPECIAL ED, VOC. ED ETC.	
	FY 17	FY 16	FY 17	FY 16	FY 17	FY 16	FY 17	FY 16	FY 17	FY 16
U-46 ELGIN	40	40	8	8	5	5	20	21	6	5
101 BATAVIA	6	6	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
129 AURORA WEST	11	11	4	4	1	1	0	22	2	2
131 AURORA EAST	13	12	4	4	1	1	0	0	2	2
300 DUNDEE	16	17	4	5	3	3	0	0	4	3
301 CENTRAL	4	4	2	2	1	1	1	1	0	0
302 KANELAND	4	4	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1
303 ST CHARLES	12	12	3	3	2	2	6	6	0	0
304 GENEVA	6	6	2	2	1	1	1	1	0	0
TOTAL	112	112	29	30	16	16	28	51	15	12

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PUBLIC SCHOOL ENROLLMENT - SEPTEMBER 2016

FY17 Enrollment

School	FY16	FY17	Pre-K	K-5	6-8	9-12
U46 Elgin	39,788	39,365	1,268	17,210	8,931	11,956
101 Batavia	5,883	5,840	113	2,320	1,478	1,929
129 West Aurora	12,421	12,378	547	5,266	2,777	3,788
131 East Aurora	14,387	14,322	718	6,562	3,188	3,854
300 Dundee	20,831	20,688	708	9,095	4,652	6,233
301 Central	3,810	4,025	93	1,945	938	1,049
302 Kaneland	4,508	4,478	60	1,993	1,082	1,343
303 St. Charles	12,926	12,561	257	4,684	3,150	4,470
304 Geneva	5,811	5,774	77	2,363	1,396	1,938
TOTAL FY17		119,431	3,841	51,438	27,592	36,560
TOTAL FY16	120,365		3,661	52,255	27,689	36,760

Source from Fall Enrollment Counts

<https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Fall-Enrollment-Counts.aspx>



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ISBE FEDERAL & STATE REVENUE - FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2017

	\$ STATE AID *	\$ STATE - OTHER	\$ FEDERAL	\$ TOTAL	\$ PER ADA	\$ ADA
U-46 ELGIN	120,158,179	37,801,121	31,135,345	189,094,645	5,440	34,759
101 BATAVIA	3,098,194	4,299,486	990,404	8,388,084	1,498	5,601
129 AURORA WEST	39,978,971	13,537,464	12,936,102	66,452,537	5,925	11,216
131 AURORA EAST	100,477,282	17,981,019	15,033,886	133,492,187	10,486	12,731
300 DUNDEE	41,684,989	18,566,004	12,740,551	72,991,544	3,840	19,010
301 CENTRAL	5,664,619	2,890,849	477,836	9,033,304	2,492	3,625
302 KANELAND	5,329,933	4,864,539	506,471	10,700,943	2,568	4,167
303 ST CHARLES	5,554,859	9,313,629	1,639,079	16,507,567	1,430	11,544
304 GENEVA	2,409,888	4,073,539	275,530	6,758,957	1,237	5,466
						108,119
TOTAL FY2017	324,356,914	113,327,650	75,735,204	513,419,768	4,749	
TOTAL FY2016	303,963,458	113,306,399	82,035,547	499,305,404	4,517	
CHANGE	6.29%	0.02%	-8.32%	2.75%	4.89%	

Source: FRIS Report

Additional Financial and District information may be obtained at www.isbe.net



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