



REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION #21
 Franklin, Johnson, Massac & Williamson Counties
 www.roe21.org

Lorie LeQuatte
 Regional Superintendent of Schools

**Reports of Official Acts
 July 2022 – June 2023**

Pursuant to Article 3 of the Illinois School Code (105 ILCS 5/3-5)

	JULY – SEPT	OCT – DEC	JAN –MAR	APR -JUNE
Regional Office of Education General Operations				
# of ROE21 Employees	42 FTE / 9 PTE			
# of School Districts and Cooperatives	28			
# of School Buildings	58			
Square Mileage	1,410			
# of Students	19,443			
Administrators	119			
Professional Educators	Approx. 1300			
Grant Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • REACH Social Emotional Learning • Community Partnership Grant Pilot • Community Prevention Resources (CPR) • Elementary and Secondary School Education Relief I, II, III • ESSER Digital Grants • Franklin County Regional Delivery System of Support - CTE/Perkins Grants • Illinois Elevating Special Educators (IESE) • LEAD Ed – Principal Mentoring • McKinney Vento Homeless • Partners Against Chronic Truancy (PACT) • STARQuest Academy Regional Safe School Program 				
McKinney Vento Homeless Children Served – ROE 21 / Area VI	Not yet available	1074/4780		

Franklin County
 901 Public Square
 Benton, IL 62812
 Phone: 618.438.9711
 Fax: 618.435.2861

Johnson County
 111 S. 5th/P.O. Box 96
 Vienna, IL 62995
 Phone: 618.658.3381
By appointment only

Massac County
 1102 W. 10th St.
 Metropolis, IL 62960
 Phone: 618.524.3736
By appointment only

Williamson County
 502 W. Jackson
 Marion, IL 62959
 Phone: 618.998.1283
 Fax: 618.998.9226

	JULY - SEPT	OCT - DEC	JAN - MAR	APR - JUNE
Criminal Background and Fingerprinting	Total - 621	Total - 264		
• Franklin	164	55		
• Johnson	22	14		
• Massac	115	58		
• Williamson	320	137		
Regional Board of School Trustees (RBST) Reorganization Hearings/Meetings	1 Annexation/ Detachment Hearing	1 Annexation/ Dissolution Hearing		
RBST Annexation/Detachment Inquiries	49 Inquiries ¹	50 Inquiries		
State/Regional/Local Meetings	81	63		
ROE 21 Administrator's Back to School Meeting	1 with 125 attendees	n/a		
ROE 21 Director Meetings	3	3		
ROE 21 Licensure Staff Meetings	2	2		
ROE 21 Annual Staff Meeting	1	n/a		
Social Emotional Learning Staff Mtg	5	5		
LEAD Principal Mentoring Mtgs	10	9		
Illinois Elevating Special Educators Mtgs/Roundtables	10	10		
Superintendent Meetings	1	2		
Principal Roundtable	1	3		
School Social Worker/Guidance Counselor Roundtables	1	1		
Curriculum Director Roundtable	1	1		
District Compliance / ROE Recognition of Schools (Public and Nonpublic)	0	0		
Home School Registrations	0/0/10/12	1/0/13/5		
Student Work Permits - Illinois Dept. of Labor	1/0/0/3	2/0/0/4		
Coats for Kids, Inc.	-	ROE 21 70 students / \$4,641.24		
Kids' Foundation	19	46		
Licensure and Certification				
Educator License Registered	293	135		
Licenses Registered	302	136		
Licenses Issues	1142	94		
Substitute Teacher Licenses Registered	101	83		
Endorsements Issued	41	21		
Paraprofessional Licenses Issued	74	14		
Short Term Substitute Teacher Trainings	2	3		
Retired Teacher Return to Teaching Consultations / Approvals	2	5		
Substitute Teacher List	430	469		

	JULY – SEPT	OCT – DEC	JAN –MAR	APR -JUNE
Partners Against Chronic Truancy (PACT) Intervention Program				
	F/J/M/W	F/J/M/W	F/J/M/W	F/J/M/W
Student Monitoring (Referrals Received)	38/13/4/124	94/23/29/197		
School Visits / Student Intervention Meetings	18/20/15/46	41/26/36/81		
Home Visits	9/2/2/7	15/2/1/3		
Truancy Review Board (TRB) Meetings w/ State’s Attorneys, social service agencies, school personnel	0/1/0/2	11/1/1/16		
Court Hearings	0/2/1/19	0/5/3/38		
Student Intervention Correspondence (letters and phone calls)	71/25/8/230	188/46/58/394		
Project ECHO Junior High Program Referrals	3/0/0/8	1/0/0/2		
Students not progressing past Step 2	91.6%	90.3%		
PACT Team Meetings	4	5		
Statewide Presentation at Raising Student Achievement Conference in Chicago		1		
High School Equivalency Test (GED)				
GED Tests Administered	14	25		
Successful Completion of a portion of GED	11	20		
Successful Completion / GED Certificate earned	2	1		
GED Transcripts Processed	12/1/8/19	3/5/6/11		
GED Certifications Processed	8/0/0/16	5/5/2/16		
GED 3 rd Party Verifications	23/0/14/23	13/3/5/10		
Constitution Tests Administered	0	0		
Bus Driver Trainings				
Initial Training / # participants	1 / 17	3/37		
Refresher Training / # participants	3 / 181	1/5		
Health Life & Safety				
District Buildings inspected	15	25		
Building Permits Issued	7	0		
Occupancy Permits Issued	2	1		
Completion Permits Issued	4	3		
10-year Surveys Processed	0	0		
Maintenance Grants Processed	3	21		
Approved Health Life Safety Funds	4	1		
Demolition Permits	2	0		
Partial Occupancy Permits	2	0		
Project ECHO Alternative School				
Enrollment 9-12 Grade	71	88		
Enrollment 7/8 Grade	18	23		

STARQuest Academy Regional Safe School Program (RSSP)				
STARQuest Academy RSSP North Campus Enrollment - 6, 7, 8 grades	9	13		
STARQuest Academy South RSSP South Campus Enrollment - 6-12 grades	7	12		
Project ECHO Juvenile Detention Center Education Program				
Students Served	24	38		
Professional Learning				
Professional Learning Activities / # of Participants	15 / 906	39/375		
Administrator Academies / # of Participants	2 / 13	3/23		
ROE 21 Instructional Coaching Cohorts / # of Participants	4 / 120	3/34		
Needs Assessment / # of Participants	417	n/a		
Individual School Workshops / # of Participants	5 / 131	10/135		
Substitute Teacher Trainings / # of Participants	2	3/21		
PACT Trainings / Roundtables	2	3		
Community Partnerships				
SIU Care-A-Van Advisory Board				
SIU Aviation Technology Advisory Board		1		
Resilient Southern Illinois		1		
Professional Associations				
IARSS - Illinois Association of Regional School Superintendents – Association Secretary				
IASA – Illinois Association of School Administrators				
AASA – American Association of School Administrators				
IPA – Illinois Principal Associations				
IASBO- Illinois Association of School Business Officials				
ISBE – Illinois State Board of Education				

Date	Activities of the Regional Superintendent
10/3 – 10/7/2022	Regional Board of School Trustees Board Meeting - Annexation / Dissolution Hearing IASA – Shawnee Division meeting – JALC Director’s meeting at ECHO ISBE/IARSS Bi-Weekly Meeting Curriculum Roundtable Teacher of the Month Presentation Franklin County Board Mtg IARSS/ISBE Zoom Meeting
10/11 - 10/14/2022	Finance Meeting Community Partnership Grant Regional Meeting IT Meeting IARSS Legislative Meeting
10/17 – 10/21/2022	Open House – ROE 21 Williamson County Office ISBE / IARSS Bi-Weekly Meeting Meeting with Juvenile Detention Center IARSS/ISBE Zoom Meeting
10/24 – 10/28/2022	Filed Annexation/Dissolution Order in Massac County - RBST IARSS Legislative Meeting Truancy Review Board – Williamson County Johnson County Board Meeting ECHO Alternative School Curriculum Team Work Day GED Meeting Chamber of Commerce Regional Luncheon Conduct Interview Mt. Vernon Conference
10/31 – 11/4/2022	IARSS Legislative Meeting ROE #21 Monthly Director’s Meeting Threat Assessment Reviews Williamson County Budget Meeting Massac County Board Meeting IASA Shawnee Meeting – JALC IARSS General Membership and Executive Meeting in Springfield Presentation of Friends of Education to Brian House and Mike Stier at ISBE ROE 21 Superintendent Meeting IARSS/ISBE Zoom Meeting
11/7 – 1/11/2022	ROE 21 Staff meeting Johnson County Board Meeting Franklin County Board Meeting Interviews Area VI Meeting and Educator Misconduct Training w/ ISBE Teacher of the Month Presentation for Johnson County Franklin County Supt. Mtg SEL Hub Area Director Meeting Website Meeting
11/14 – 11/18/2022	IARSS Legislative Meeting Social Emotional Learning Cohort 2 Training Day Coats 4 Kids, Inc. purchasing with districts Work at Alternative School Technology Meeting Community Partnership Grant District Leadership Team Meeting Massac County Board Meeting Work at STARQuest South Williamson County Board Meeting Interviews IARSS/ISBE Zoom Meeting

	Meet with Juvenile Detention Center Staff
11/21 - 11/23/2022	Franklin County Board Meeting
11/28 – 12/2/2022	Teacher of the Month Drawing – Massac County Curriculum Team Meeting – ECHO Franklin County Supt. Breakfast Communications Meeting ECHO Training – Effective Body Language IARSS/ISBE Zoom Meeting
12/5 -12/9/2022	IT Meeting ROE 21 Staff Meeting IARSS Legislative Meeting IASA – Shawnee Meeting Truancy Roundtable for ROE 21 Salvation Army Ring the Bell Challenge – ROE 21 office staff IASA – Egyptian Legislative Meeting – Rend Lake College County Board Meeting IASA Shawnee Meeting @ JALC Community Partnership Grant Meeting Annexation Dissolution Alternative School Meeting
12/12 – 12/16/2022	Suicide Awareness & Prevention Policy Meeting ROE 21 Director Staff Meeting Technology Training Annexation Dissolution Hearing Preparation Subs for Subs Training Student Information System Training Johnson County Cabinet for Child and Youth IARSS/ISBE Zoom Meeting ROE #21 Staff Christmas Party
12/19 – 12/22	Office work

ROE #21 Staff–

FRANKLIN COUNTY OFFICE		
NAME	COUNTY	POSITION
Lorie LeQuatte	All	Regional Superintendent
Alison Cross	Franklin	Accounting/Internal Control
Michelle Sears	Franklin	Administrative Assistant
Heather Russell	Franklin	Administrative Assistant
Luke Saeger	Franklin	Partners Against Chronic Truancy Interventionist
Pam Walden	Franklin	LEAD Hub Coordinator
Jan Farkus	Franklin	Career and Technical Education Vocation System Director – PTE
Nancy Kinsey	Franklin	Career and Technical Education Assistant Director – PTE
Renee Lowe	Williamson	Administrative Assistant Grant Coordinator – LEAD Ed

JOHNSON COUNTY OFFICE		
NAME	COUNTY	POSITION
Emmalee McPheron	Johnson	Clerical PTE

MASSAC COUNTY OFFICE		
NAME	COUNTY	POSITION
Janice Barrett	Massac	Clerical PTE
Steve Karraker	Massac	Bus Driver Trainer PTE

WILLIAMSON COUNTY OFFICE		
NAME	COUNTY	POSITION
Lorie LeQuatte	Williamson	Regional Superintendent
Mandy Horn	Williamson	Assistant Regional Superintendent
Johna Schullian	Williamson	Comptroller / McKinney Vento Homeless Program Director
Lisa Drury	Williamson	McKinney Vento Homeless Regional Liaison
Jeff Bink	Williamson	Heath Life & Safety Coordinator / Partners Against Chronic Truancy Interventionist
John Cox	Williamson	Partners Against Chronic Truancy Interventionist
Crystal Newcomb	Franklin	School Social Worker
Brittany Grove	Williamson	Regional Communications Manager
Kenlee Smith	Franklin	Assistant Grant Coordinator
Dr. Christine Wiggs	Williamson	Professional Development Coordinator
Roxanna Alldredge	Franklin	Illinois Elevating Special Educators Program Advisor – Area V
Amanda Spannagel	Williamson	Illinois Elevating Special Educators Program Specialist – Area V
Dr. Terry Ryker	Williamson	LEAD Principal Coach
Dr. DeAnn Schnautz	Williamson	LEAD Principal Coach
Chad Milburn	Williamson	Network Specialist
Karen Wolfe	Perry	IT Coordinator
Kate West	Williamson	Community Prevention Resources Director
Samantha Lampley	Williamson	Community Prevention Resources Project Manager
Michaela Hesteness	Williamson	Administrative Assistant
Kinsey Vanwey	Williamson	Administrative Assistant
McKenzie Dorris	Massac	Marketing and Design Coordinator

Monica Schramm	Williamson	Regional Communications Manager
----------------	------------	---------------------------------

PROJECT ECHO ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL

NAME	POSITION
Cortney Hale	Principal
Jason Spannagel	Assistant Principal
Deanna Morris	Student Services Director
Michaela Stanley	School Social Worker
Lisa Stanton	Family and Community Engagement Specialist
Julie Hilliard	Administrative Assistant / Teacher's Aide
Donica Melvin	School Secretary
Jim Toms	High School Instructor
Gina Grant	High School Instructor
Sarah Dubach	High School Instructor
Brice Evans	High School Instructor
Tammy Atkins	Junior High Instructor
Caitlin Spiller	RTI Specialist
Cathy Gude	Teacher's Aide
Misty Bradley	Teacher's Aide
James Carlton	Substitute Teacher
Mario Allois	Custodian (PTE)
Don Eldridge	Custodian / Maintenance

STARQUEST ACADEMY REGIONAL SAFE SCHOOL

NAME	POSITION
Cortney Hale	Director
Deanna Hamilton	Instructor North Campus
Jeremy Holley	Assistant Director South Campus
Molly Stephens	Teacher's Aide South Campus

PROJECT ECHO JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER EDUCATION PROGRAM


NAME	POSITION
Jeff Hammonds	Lead Instructor
Ashley Overturf	Teacher's Aide

Have questions about anything in this report?


Contact Lorie LeQuatte, Regional Superintendent of Schools at llequatte@roe21.org or call any office.

Want more information about ROE21?

Visit us at www.roe21.org

Follow us on 

@ROE21_FJMW

Friend us on 

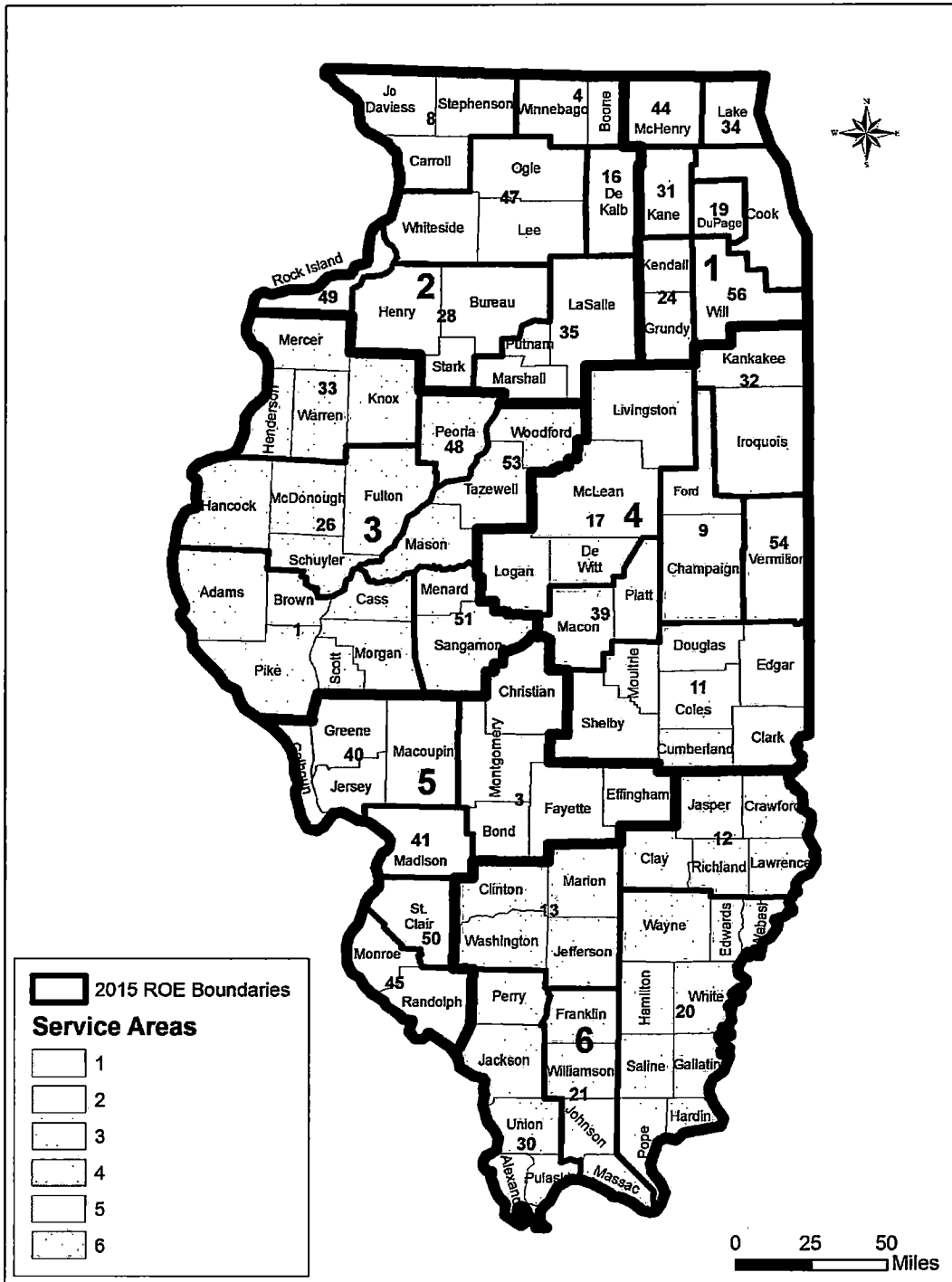
@RegionalOfficeofEducation21

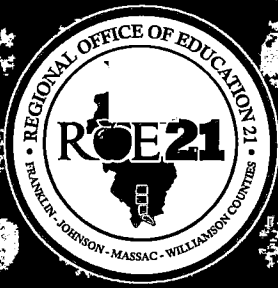
Check out our Newsletter!

Monthly Newsletters are shared with educators in our region every month. Want to receive our Newsletter?

Contact Brittany Grove @ bgrove@roe21.org .

**ROE #21 covers Area VI for grants as well as
ROE's 45 and 50 for the Elevating Special Educators Grant**





Connection

January 2023

Lorie LeQuatte Regional Superintendent • Safety Support Success • Mandy Horn Assistant Superintendent



Regional Office of Education #21
Serving Franklin, Johnson, Massac, and Williamson Counties

Franklin Co. Office
901 Public Square
Benton, IL. 62812
P: 618-438-9711
F: 618-435-2861

Johnson Co. Office
111 South 5th Street
P.O. Box 96
Vienna, IL. 62995
P: 618-800-3350

Massac Co. Office
1102 West 10th Street
Metropolis, IL. 62960
P: 618-524-3736
F: 618-524-778

Williamson Co. Office
502 West Jackson Street
Marion, IL. 62959
P: 618-998-1283
F: 618-998-9226

ROE #21 HOURS
Monday - Friday
8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Closed 12:00-1:00
for lunch



Visit us at www.roe21.org

TEACHER OF THE MONTH

CONGRATULATIONS

Whitney Houseworth

Congratulations to our December 2022 Teacher of the month from Williamson County, Mrs. Whitney Houseworth! Mrs. Houseworth is a 1st grade teacher at Northside Primary Center in Herrin. She will receive a gift basket-filled with various items donated by several Williamson County businesses as well as an engraved plaque donated by All Stars-N-Stitches of Benton, IL. Mrs. Houseworth's nomination stated that she has great ideas to keep her students motivated to learn. She shares ideas and strategies that help other teachers reach their students as well! She impacts numerous students by going above and beyond. You can find the entire list of Williamson County Nominees [HERE](#). During the month of January, we will spotlight teachers from our Franklin County schools! Click [HERE](#) to nominate a teacher from Franklin County for January's Teacher of the Month. Congrats to Mrs. Houseworth and all who were nominated!



Congratulations to the 2022 ROE #21 Exemplary Schools!

- Ewing Northern CCSD 115
- Franklin Elementary Massac UD 1
- Adams School Marion CUSD 2
- Longfellow Elementary Marion CUSD 2
- Washington Elementary Marion CUSD 2
- Goreville High School Goreville CUSD 1
- Carterville High School Carterville



Elevating Special Educators

Happy New Year from the IL Elevating Special Educators Network!

Our ROE #21 Special Education Cohort has been rolling right along, and we will be meeting virtually this month on *Individual Educational Plans (IEPs)*, *New Special Education Laws*, and *Family Matters*, our family support partner. Our Remote Professional Development (PD) Conversation session on January 10th, is *Co-Teaching: Working as a Team*. We would love for you to join us for this remote one-hour opportunity! To register, please visit www.iesenetwork.org. Illinois Elevating Special Educators (IESE) is debuting two new local supports this month. Our ROE #21 Regional Specialist, Amanda Spannagel, is offering a Paraprofessional Training. If you are a new paraprofessional, or you are an administrator seeking additional support for your paraprofessionals, we hope you will join us! Please watch for information regarding registration through ROE #21. Additionally, we will begin a virtual book study opportunity--*Shifting the Balance*. This text is based on the Science of Reading, and the book study is open for all educators! Registration will be open soon! Across our area, behavior support is a leading request. Watch for details soon as we finalize planning with Lani Lawson to bring her *Teach, Train, Thrive* workshop to ROE #21. We are also excited this month to visit ROE #20 to facilitate a Special Education Roundtable. We love visiting ROEs across our area and reaching out to support all of the people who support our students with IEPs! We hope you will join us soon!

Upcoming Event

January 10th
Principal Roundtable

January 11th
Subs for Subs Event

January 16th
OFFICE CLOSED

January 23rd
Paraprofessional Training

January 25th
Instructional Coaching
Cohort #5

January 26th
School Social Worker/
School Counselor
Roundtable

January 30th
Instructional Coaching
Cohort #4

January 30th
Teacher of the Month
Drawing

February 2nd
Special Educator's
Roundtable



The first semester was such a whirlwind, but we have had one of the best ones yet. We are so fortunate to have the support, collaboration, and working relationships needed for our program to run successfully. Proudly, we celebrated many highlights...including students graduating, an increase in attendance, and a decrease in behaviors (just to name a few). During the spring semester, we will be setting new goals and working hard to achieve them.

*To each and every individual who has contributed to our success,
we thank you!*

PACT: Partners Against Chronic Truancy

To better serve our schools, on December 7th, 2022, the Partners Against Chronic Truancy team conducted a truancy roundtable with Truancy Liaisons within the four counties that we serve.

364 Truancy Referrals this School Year

94
STEP 2
REFERRALS

45
STEP 3
REFERRALS

31
STEP 4
PETITIONS
SUBMITTED TO COURT



HAVE NOT PROGRESSED PAST STEP 1



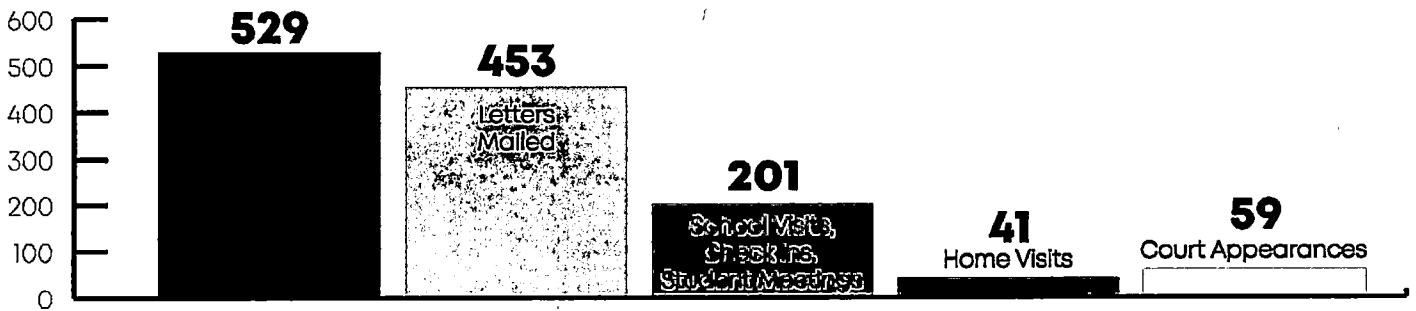
HAVE PROGRESSED TO STEP 2



HAVE PROGRESSED TO STEP 3



HAVE PROGRESSED TO STEP 4



January is National Hobby Month!

What do you like to do in your spare time? From outdoor activities like swimming or hiking, to artsy projects like painting or knitting, most of us have go-to hobbies. Practicing a hobby can be a beneficial part of your self-care routine as well. Some mental health benefits of practicing a hobby are reduced stress, enhanced well-being, improved social connection, and decreases in depression and anxiety. Hobbies are a relaxing way to spend your spare time and unwind from your daily routine. Whatever your interests are, there is sure to be a hobby out there for you!

McKinney-Vento Homeless

Homelessness is a traumatic experience with long-term consequences, regardless of age, but for those prenatal to age three who are experiencing homelessness, the effects are much greater. Homelessness in infancy has been found to be associated with delays in language, literacy, and social-emotional development, putting children at risk for later academic problems. The younger and longer a child experiences homelessness, the greater the cumulative toll on their health and well-being. In fact, the impacts of homelessness on young children, including on children's school readiness, are long-lasting, even after families are housed.¹

If we are to prevent longer term impacts, it is imperative young children living in a homeless situation have access to high-quality learning programs, where the effects of homelessness can be mitigated. According to Birth to Five Illinois data, 50% of the population under 6 in Region 21 are living below the 200% federal poverty level.² In the ROE #21 area, there are only 2,443 licensed childcare slots available for approximately 9,000 children under the age of 6. These programs have staff who can offer appropriate learning opportunities, identify, and assist broader family needs all of which can curb the effects of homelessness. Staff from ROE #21 McKinney-Vento program and Birth to Five Illinois, in collaboration with district liaisons are currently working on improving outreach, identification, and access to a range of services targeting this fragile population to help understand the prevalence of homelessness in this age range and address the gaps in their access to high-quality early learning programs.

¹ [Young Children Experiencing Homelessness: An Overview](#) (SchoolHouse Connection, 2022)

² <https://www.birthtofiveil.com/data/#region21>

Transitioning Back to the Classroom

As we all know, getting back into the swing of things after a long, comfortable Christmas break can be a challenge, especially for students! Check out these **Tips for Transitioning Back to School From Winter Break** from Responsive Classroom to help facilitate a smooth transition back into the classroom.

1. Plan something to look forward to.

Now is a great time to initiate a service project that includes a high level of student involvement. Fun increases engagement and inspires students to reinvest in their learning. Educators can integrate service activities into the curriculum in a variety of ways. Additionally, learning through service offers students an opportunity to help others while benefiting from the experience.

2. Engage students in personal and/or academic goal setting.

We often associate the start of a new year with resolutions; however, we also know most resolutions will be broken. When we engage students in meaningful goal-setting opportunities and establish small checkpoints along the way, students are more likely to see the value of their effort and work toward obtaining the goal.

3. Provide socialization time.

Students have not seen each other for a couple of weeks. Set aside time for them to reunite and discuss their time apart. Consider a welcome-back activity that gives students an opportunity to share their winter break experience, incorporates movement and choice, and sets the tone for an awesome rest of the year.

4. Revisit favorite activities.

Choosing activities that students enjoyed and were successful with reestablishes their confidence in the classroom. Revisiting a fun activity, game, or song reminds students of enjoyable experiences in the classroom and encourages them to reengage. Favorite energizers, brain breaks, and interactive learning structures make learning interesting and engaging. What are those favorite activities that will ignite your class?

Annual Conference on Teaching Mathematics

A reminder that the annual conference is being held **Thursday, February 16, 2023** at John A. Logan College. We have made good progress in forming the conference program. The main speaker at the Conference Luncheon will be Dr. Alan Zollmann, Professor of Mathematics Education at Indiana University Southeast. He will present "Fixing the Most Common Myth of Learning Mathematics," which will include six research-based ideas on how students best learn--with the three persistence concepts, offered with a dash of humor, all in one run-one sentence. The talk is relevant for teachers at all grade levels, K - 12.

Other speakers are Craig Roberts giving talks on "Representing Equations and Calculations Algebraically and Geometrically" (6-12). Greg Gierhart will have sessions on "The Modern Classroom Project Will Help You Deliver!" and "Yes, Technology at Its best" (K-12). Kelly Wamser Remijan will have sessions on "Transforming Teachers into Teacher Leaders of Mathematics" and "Travel the World with Flags: Using Desmos to Explore Graphing with Equations & Inequalities" (6-12). Nick Koberstein will have sessions on "Reinventing the Graphing Calculator" and "Making Statistics Accessible to All" (9-12). Craig Cullen will speak on "Sine, Cosine, Tangent -> Sine, Secant, Tangent" (11-12). Bob Mann will give a talk on "Minion Mathematics: Make It Fair"(3-10). Erica Larsen, Jamie Brown, and Jessica Zerjal will have a session "Number Sense Routines to Kick Start your Lessons" (K-5). Erica Larsen, Shelly Murphy will have a session "Get Ready to Let Go of the 'Too Little Time' with Decomposing Standards"(K-12). Maura Brueggeman will give a talk on "Changing Math Mindsets & Growing Number Sense" (K-4). Shelly Liefer will have a session on "Songs and Games for Math Skills" (K-5). Heather Melton & Courtney O'Dell will give a talk on "Using Mathigon Tools" (6-8). Jackie Murawska & Holly Nick will have a session on "No More Mimicking: Our Journey with Thinking Tasks" (6-8). Keenan Clark & Jacob Towers will give a talk on "Skills Based Teaching" (6-12). Dr. Erin Sagaskie will have a session on "The Status Quo in High School Mathematics is Unacceptable" (9-12). Josh Lemons will give a speak on "Putting the M in STEM" (6-8). Also giving talks are Annie Forest, William McNeary, Adam Poetzel, Alison Childers, Cheryl Lubinski, Janae McGee, Elissa Miller, Jie-Shi Liew, Ho-Feng Chueh, Kuan-Chun Chen, and many others that cover elementary, middle and high school. The full program will be mailed and on the website in the near future.

Where: Hancock Conference Center at John A. Logan College

When: Thursday, February 16, 2023

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (Registration and Continental Breakfast 8 -9 a.m., then three sessions followed by a Hot Lunch and main talk 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.)

Registration: \$85 (On or before Jan. 6) \$95 (After Jan. 6) [Includes all sessions, breakfast, Snacks/beverages during breaks, Hot Lunch, conference folder and other materials]

Register here: <https://dce.siu.edu/wconnect/ace/CourseStatus.awp?&course=23D0901101>.

Professional Development Units: 4.5 CPDUs

It will be good to be back in-person for our conference!