

Regional Office of Education #12
Clay-Crawford-Jasper-Lawrence-Richland Counties

Quarterly Report of Activities
March-April-May, 2012

Bus Driver Trainings (Schedule of Upcoming Trainings Attached)

Number Initial Trainings	Number Refresher Trainings
1	0

Compliance

Compliance Visits
11

Early Childhood Services

Number of Programs	Total Students Enrolled	Number of Family Outreach/ Parent Education Events
7	180	23

Educator Certification

Type	Total
Total Certificates Issued	17
Total Endorsement Applications Processed	1
Total Certificates Registered	180
Total Paraprofessional Approvals Issued	2

GED Testing

Number of Persons Tested	GEDs Issued
88	24

Health/Life Safety

Compliance Visits	Building Permits Issued	Occupancy Permits Issued
12	4	0

Homeless Services

Number of Students Served	Staff Training Events	Number of Participants in Staff Trainings
554	3	34

Learning Technology Center 6N

Number of Events/Trainings	Estimated Number of Participants
11	210

Professional Development

Number of Events/Trainings	Number of Participants	Number of Events Cancelled Due to Insufficient Registrations	Number of Participants Registered in Cancelled Events
5	89	2	16

Regional Board of School Trustees

Meetings	Action
0	No issues for action presented to the Board

Right Track Truancy Program

Truancy Review Board (TRB) Mtgs	Court Cases	Parent/Student Conferences	Home Visits	School Admin Meetings	TRB Summons Delivered
14	55	40	6	16	55

Student Events/Programs (Program Attached)

Number of Events	Number of Participants
1	214

Student Work Permits

Number of Permits Issued
24

Truant Alternative/Optional Education/Regional Safe School Programs

Number of Students Enrolled in Truant Alternative	Number of Students Enrolled in Safe School
51	21

EIU Courses Offered Through ROE #12 (Schedule for Summer 2012 Attached)

Current Number of EIU Courses In Progress	Total Number of Enrollees
2	36

Activities of the Regional Superintendent

Date	Activity
March 1, 2012	IARSS Meeting in Springfield
March 6, 2012	Summit of Hope at Olney Central College
March 7, 2012	Interview with WTHI-TV in Olney
March 7, 2012	Guest Speaker at Illinois Principals' Association Student Recognition Banquet in Olney
March 22, 2012	Illinois State Scholar "Celebration of Excellence" Banquet in Olney (Program Attached)
March 26-27, 2012	IARSS Certification Conference in Springfield
March 28, 2012	IARSS Area VI Meeting at Rend Lake
March 28, 2012	Meeting with Richland County States' Attorney David Hyde, Richland County Probation Officer Linn Wells, Richland County Circuit Clerk Sandy Franklin, ROE #12 Truancy Officer Charlie Duke in Olney
April 2, 2012	Published and Distributed ROE #12 Client Service Survey to Local Districts/Public (Copy Attached)
April 3, 2012	TAOEP/RSSP Work Group/Strategic Planning Meeting at Willow Hill
April 11, 2012	Legislative Meeting with State Representative David Reis in Olney
April 17, 2012	ROE #12 District Superintendents' Meeting at Red Hills State Park
April 18, 2012	IARSS Area VI Meeting at Rend Lake
April 20, 2012	Appointed Corrie Ray of Lawrence County as Asst Regional Supt Effective June 18
April 24, 2012	IARSS General Membership Meeting in Springfield
April 30, 2012	Meeting with Local District Teacher in Robinson
May 8, 2012	Meeting Regarding ROE #12 Early Childhood Grants in Louisville
May 9, 2012	ROE #12 Staff Meeting in Newton
May 15, 2012	GED Administration Meeting with IECC Staff in Olney

Date	Activity
May 16, 2012	Parent Meeting Regarding Student Issue in Olney
May 17, 2012	Offered Contract for TAOEP/RSSP Principal/Program Administrator to Travis Titsworth
May 29, 2012	Interview with Robinson Daily News
Ongoing	Updating/Maintenance of New ROE #12 Website (www.roe12.net) - Home Page Copy Attached

Regional Superintendent's Mileage

Total Miles
4466

Notes

Personnel Change in Louisville Office

Pat Ridgeway, Clay County Office Manager is retiring on June 29, after more than nearly 30 years with the ROE. Pat has done an outstanding job and she will be missed. We wish her all the best in her much-deserved upcoming retirement. Brandy Sechrest from the Crawford County Office is being transferred to Louisville to fill Pat's vacancy. Brandy has been with the ROE for several years and will continue as our McKinney-Vento Homeless liason. Brandy also serves (and will continue to serve) as our Professional Development Coordinator in addition to her new duties as the Clay County Office Manager. As Brandy wears several hats for the ROE, it will be necessary for her to be out of the office from time to time. We will make every effort to make sure the public knows in advance when the office will be closed. As always (as it is at all of our five county offices), we post the addresses and phone numbers of all the ROE offices when closing any particular office is unavoidable.

Other Retirements

Other retirements from the ROE in June include Liz Newlin, Administrative Assistant at the Willow Hill Alternative School and Julie Oesch, Program Administrator at Willow Hill. These two individuals also have been with the ROE for many years and we thank them for their valued service to our students!

Streamlining Illinois' Regional Offices of Education Commission

You may have been hearing about the Streamlining Illinois' Regional Offices of Education Commission and the subsequent legislation that resulted from the Commission's findings. After Governor Quinn's line-item veto of the salaries for the state's 44 Regional Superintendents and their Assistants last summer, legislation (SB 2147/ PA 97-0619) was proposed to study the history, structure, duties, and efficiencies of the ROEs. Through six meetings, the 15 member commission heard testimony from numerous individuals, looked at an abundance of data, and carefully examined each of the functions and roles of the ROEs. The complete final report can be viewed at <http://www.isbe.net/SIROEC/pdf/siroec-final-report-0412.pdf>. A summary of the four recommendations of the Commission have been printed below:

Recommendation 1: Statewide Coordinating Council

The Commission adopted Recommendation 1 from the 2010 Task Force Report to establish a statewide coordinating council: —A coordinating council, to be facilitated and supported by ISBE, shall be established to bring leaders from ISBE together with representatives from regional offices and intermediate services centers, career tech centers, technology centers, special education cooperatives, LTCs [Learning Technology Centers] and school districts on a regular basis to establish focus, monitor progress, and ensure the quality of the delivery system. The coordinating council may also include representatives from statewide agencies, other than ISBE, that provide services for young people. The State Board will set and communicate the policy direction for the delivery system, define outcomes, and ensure accountability of educational service agencies. The coordinating council will develop efficient strategies to guide the implementation of ISBE's policy priorities throughout the state. This will be an iterative process in which the

coordinating council will continually gather formative and summative data to inform and drive their work. In addition, the coordinating council will centrally coordinate communication with private school systems, ensure equitable access to core services across the state, and assess the fidelity of implementation in each region. It is important to note that although many of the services that will be coordinated are funded by state and federal dollars, the majority of the funding for these services comes from local sources.

Recommendation 2: Core Services Across the State

The Commission adopted Recommendation 2 from the 2010 Task Force Report to fund core services across the state: —ISBE will work closely with district and ROE/ISC leaders to define a core set of services and supports that ROEs/ISCs shall offer to meet the needs of school districts.... ISBE will seek adequate funding from the Legislature to support these core services, which will be aligned with the State Board’s policy priorities, and will support compliance with federal and state laws and regulations. This may involve the decentralization of some core services, which are currently provided by ISBE, but that would be delivered by ROEs/ISCs under the new system.

This core set of services was reviewed in detail by the Commission. The Commission identified which duties were the responsibility of the State Board of Education and which were the responsibility of the ROEs. The Commission determined whether these services were most effective and efficient by remaining at the ROE level. The Commission decided that with the exception of Regional System of Support Providers (RESPROs) and Statewide Systems of Support, which are federal mandates, the vast majority of ROE duties are mandated by law. In addition, the Commission had consensus on funding for ROEs and decided that funding should come from the General Revenue Fund (GRF) and not the Corporate Personal Property Replacement Tax (CPPRT). The Commission also came to consensus that the salary line item for regional superintendents should be moved to the comptroller budget and the support line item for the ROEs should remain under ISBE.

Details of the recommendation made for each service are as follows:

- 1 Truancy/Dropout Students: The Commission determined that this is both a local and state mandate. Consensus was reached that this should be the responsibility of the ROEs.
- 2 GEDs Awarded: The Commission determined that this mandate is shared between community colleges and ROEs. Beginning in 2014, community colleges will take responsibility for GED testing and ROEs will be responsible for recordkeeping. It is important to note that ROEs will have the option to continue to administer the test. It was agreed that this mandate should remain with the ROEs.
- 3 Hearings for Chronically Truant Students: Consensus was reached that this should remain with the ROEs.
- 4 Regional Safe Schools Programs: The Commission determined that this is a shared service between schools, districts, and the state. Consensus was reached that this should remain with the ROEs.
- 5 Teachers, School Service Personnel, and Administrators Registered: Consensus was reached that this responsibility should remain with the ROEs.
- 6 Substitute Teachers Registered and FY10 Teachers, Administrators, and Substitutes Recertified: Consensus was reached that this should remain with the ROEs.
- 7 Criminal Background Check: Consensus was reached that this should remain with the ROEs.
- 8 Professional Certificates: Consensus was reached that this should remain with the ROEs.
- 9 Teacher Endorsement and Certificate Applications: Consensus was reached that this should remain with the ROEs.
- 10 Bus Driver Initial Training and Annual Training: The Commission identified this as a state function. Consensus was reached that it should remain with the ROEs.
- 11 Educator Professional Development Workshops: The Commission determined that these workshops were a shared state and local responsibility.

- 12 Administrator Academy Workshops: The Commission determined that these workshops were both state and local functions. Questions arose regarding inadequate funding.
- 13 Gifted Education Seminar Teachers: Consensus was reached that this should continue to be handled by the ROEs.
- 14 Annexation/Detachment Petitions Filed and Hearings: The Commission determined this to be a state function. Consensus was reached that this should remain a state function but handled by the ROEs.
- 15 Schools Served Through RESPRO Services (Year 3+ Schools Not Meeting No Child Left Behind [NCLB] Adequate Yearly Progress [AYP]): The Commission identified this as a state and federal mandate.
- 16 Schools Served Through Statewide Systems of Support (Year 1 and 2 Schools Not Meeting NCLB AYP): The Commission determined this to be a shared function (state and regional). Consensus was reached that this is the responsibility of both state and region.
- 17 School Buildings Inspected for Safety: The Commission determined this to be a state mandate. Consensus was reached that the service should remain with the ROEs.
- 18 Building Amendments Processed and Permits Issued: Consensus was reached that this service should remain with the ROEs.
- 19 School Evaluations of Districts for Recognition Status: The Commission determined this to be a state mandate. Consensus was reached that this should remain with the ROEs.

Recommendation 3: Accountability System for ISBE, ROEs, and ISCs

The Commission adopted Recommendation 5 from the 2010 Task Force Report to implement an accountability system for ROEs/ISCs: —ISBE will work collaboratively with ROEs/ISCs to adopt performance standards that will guide the implementation and quality of the delivery of core services. Quality assurance standards for services will be based on industry standards for excellence. Performance agreements for school improvement may be considered as an option within the accountability system.¶

Next, the Commission recommended that an annual survey, such as the Lieutenant Governor’s survey, should be conducted. In addition, ISBE—together with ROEs and ISCs—will adopt a new timeline for accountability for ensuring the quality of services. The Commission also came to consensus that the local school districts should be involved in shaping the new accountability system. In addition, ISBE will collect data from local districts on the quality of services delivered from the State Board.

Recommendation 4: Restructuring of ROE Size

The Commission reached consensus and recommended restructuring to reduce the total number of ROEs from 44 active (45 is language in the statute) to 35 ROEs and 3 ISCs by increasing the population minimum from 43,000 to 61,000. The Commission also recommended that the population size of ROEs be reviewed every 10 years following the census to determine if the number of ROEs would need to be changed.

Additional Consideration

The Commission also recommended that the support line item of \$2.2 million regarding the budget for ROEs should stay with ISBE and the salary line item for regional superintendents be moved under the comptroller budget.

Resulting Legislation

SB 2706 is the result of Recommendation 4 of the Streamlining Commission. It calls for raising the minimum population for an ROE from 43,000 to 61,000. While this change will NOT impact ROE #12, it will eliminate two ROEs in Southern Illinois (ROE 25 - Hamilton/Jefferson and ROE #2 - Alexander/Johnson/Massac/ Pulaski/Union). These ROEs will be absorbed into neighboring ROEs at the discretion of each of the County Boards for those counties so impacted. Since none of these counties is contiguous with ROE #12, no changes in our current five county structure will occur. SB 2706 was passed by both houses of the General Assembly and it is expected to be signed into law by the Governor. The restructuring will occur on July 1, 2015, when the current term of office for

Regional Superintendents expires. As of this writing, SB 2706 is on the Governor's desk and it is anticipated that he will sign it into law.

ROE Funding and the Illinois FY13 Budget

The FY13 budget passed by the General Assembly calls for salaries for Regional Superintendents and their Assistants to be paid from Corporate Personal Property Replacement Tax (CPPRT) for FY13 only. \$2.2 million was allocated for ROE services to be paid from General Revenue Funds. While personally, I would like to see us paid from the GRF (as called for in the School Code), the fact that we will be paid from CPPRT for this coming year should keep the Governor from repeating his actions of last summer when he line-item vetoed salaries for Regional Superintendents and Assistants from the budget passed by the legislature. As you well know, by paying us from CPPRT, that puts Regional Superintendents in direct competition for funds that go to schools, counties, and other forms of local governments. The Regional Superintendents' association (IARSS) has reminded state budget officials that counties ALREADY pay to support the ROEs without any additional raiding of CPPRT. The budget passed by the General Assembly calls for Regional Superintendent (and Assistant) salaries to revert back to GRF as the funding source in FY14.

As of this writing, the FY13 budget is on the Governor's desk and it is anticipated that he will sign it into law without substantive changes.