Regional Office of Education #12

Monte Newlin, Regional Superintendent of Schools

Serving Clay, Crawford, Jasper, Lawrence, and Richland Counties

Quarterly Report of Activities

June - August 2019

(Many of our services are driven by the school calendar; thereby, reflecting varying numbers.)

Bus Driver Trainings

Number Initial Trainings	Number of Initial Training Participants	Number Refresher Trainings	Number of Refresher Training Participants
1	6	9	246

Compliance (Public School Recognition)

Compliance Visits
0 (Completed in the Spring of Each Year)

Early Childhood Services

Number of Sites	Number of Classrooms	Number of Sessions	Total Students Enrolled	Number of Family Outreach/ Parent Education Events
4	6	9	180	7

Educator Licensure

Type	Total
Total Licenses Issued	102
Total Educators Registered	169
Total Licenses Registered	175
Total Educator PEL Endorsements Issued	13
Total Substitute Authorizations Issued	40
Total Substitute Licenses Registered	65
Total Educator License with Stipulations (ELSs - Paraprofessionals) Issued	32

Fingerprinting Services for Criminal History Record Information (CHRI)

Number of Persons Fingerprinted
235

Health Life/Safety

Buildings Inspected	Building Permits Issued	Occupancy Permits Issued	Demolition Permits Issued	Amendments Processed	Ten Yr Surveys Processed
1	4	1	0	3	1

High School Equivalency Verifications (GED Records)

Number of Records Requests/Verifications
64

Home School Registrations

Number of Registrations
4

Homeless Services

Number of Students Served	Staff Training Events	Estimated Number of Participants in Staff Trainings
291	2	2

Professional Development

Number of Events/Trainings	Number of Participants
23	225

Regional Board of School Trustees

Meetings	Action
1	1 Petition for Detachment/Annexation Approved 2 Members Sworn-In

Right Track Truancy Program

Truancy Review Board (TRB) Mtgs	Court Cases	Student Intervention Meetings	Home Visits	School Admin Contacts	TRB Summons Delivered
0	0	0	0	96	0

Student Events/Programs

Number of Events	Number of Participants
0	NA

Student Work Permits

Number of Permits Issued
30

Truant Alternative/Optional Education/Regional Safe School Programs (ASSIST Programs)

Number of Students Enrolled in Truant Alternative	Number of Students Enrolled in Safe School
25	13

EIU Graduate Courses Offered Through ROE #12

Current Number of EIU Courses In Progress	Total Number of Enrollees
2	30

Activities of the Regional Superintendent

Date	Activity
June 3, 2019	Meeting with facilitator of Mentoring & Induction for New Teachers (MINT) Program in Robinson
June 13, 2019	ISBE Phone Conference
June 20, 2019	Meeting with ROE 12 Early Childhood Director in Robinson
June 30, 2019	Swearing-In Ceremony at Richland County Courthouse in Olney
June 30, 2019	ISBE Phone Conference
July 8, 2019	Regional Board of School Trustees Meeting/Hearing in Olney

Date	Activity
July 9-11, 2019	IARSS Annual General Membership and Committee Meetings in Springfield
July 18, 2019	ISBE Phone Conference
July 19, 2019	Photos for Publicizing ROE 12 Pre-K State Recognitions in Newton, Robinson, & Lawrenceville
July 22, 2019	Meeting with ASSIST Staff Member in Robinson
July 23, 2019	Retirement Recognition Luncheon for ROE 12 Early Childhood Director in Robinson
July 25, 2019	Storybrooke Pre-K Site Construction Meeting in Robinson
July 29, 2019	Conference Call Re: TAOEP Reports with ASSIST Director and Assistant Regional Supt
July 29, 2019	Meeting with facilitator of Mentoring & Induction for New Teachers (MINT) Program in Robinson
July 31, 2019	Interview Candidate for School Services Director Position in Robinson
July 31, 2019	Meeting with ROE 12 Staff Member in Robinson
Aug 19, 2019	Storybrooke Pre-K Site Walkthrough in Robinson
Aug 21, 2019	IARSS Area VI Meeting in Murphysboro
Aug 29, 2019	ISBE Phone Conference

Regional Superintendent's Mileage

Total Miles
2030

ROE #12 Events of Note

As Demand Grows, ROE 12 Continues Offering Substitute Teacher Trainings

The most recent Substitute Teacher Training course was offered in the Robinson PD Training Center on June 26th. Through this course, ROE 12 continues to aid in sub teacher shortage in our local school districts. Assistant Regional Superintendent Corrie Ray reviews topics that will equip potential substitute teachers with the essentials for entering the classroom with confidence. Topics include information on curriculum, classroom management techniques, school safety & district/ building operations.

Regional Superintendent Sworn-In for Third Term

Regional Superintendent of Schools Monte Newlin was sworn-in for a third term on June 28th at the Richland County Courthouse in Olney by Second Judicial Circuit Associate Judge Kimbara Harrell in the presence of his children Ethan, Emma, and Eli. Newlin was originally appointed to fill the vacancy left by the retiring Carol Steinman in April of 2011, and was subsequently elected (and re-elected) in 2012, 2014, and 2018. Newlin took the opportunity of his swearing-in to honor the outstanding ROE 12 Staff. He is pictured with Jana Baker, ROE 12 Richland County Office Manager, the most-senior of the ROE 12 Office Staff.

Regional Board of School Trustees Witnesses Swearing-In of New and Returning Members

Regional Superintendent of Schools Monte Newlin administered the oath of office to Julia New of Lawrence County and Bob Pierson of Clay County at the meeting of the Board on July 8th at the Richland County Courthouse in Olney. Both were unable to attend the reorganizational meeting of the Board in May. New returns to the Board, while Pierson of Flora, launched a successful write-in campaign to replace the retiring Bill Staser of Clay City.

ROE 12 Pre-K Programs Receive State Recognition
Three of Four Programs Recognized for Excellence

Regional Superintendent of Schools Monte Newlin announced today that three of four of the ROE's Pre-K programs have been awarded the Silver Circle of Quality by the Illinois State Board of Education.

The Circle of Quality is awarded to State-funded Preschool-for-All (PFA) programs that achieve a high level of excellence through ExceleRate Illinois, the state's quality recognition and improvement system for early learning and development programs. ExceleRate unifies all of the state's early learning programs under a common set of standards across multiple settings to provide families with important information about quality early learning programs in their community.

ROE 12 Storybrooke Pre-K, Robinson

L-R: Regional Superintendent of Schools Monte Newlin, Family Advocate Donna Rardin, Pre-K Director Ann Oswalt, Teacher Kim Kocher, Classroom Aide Christin Warren, Not Pictured: Teacher ShellB Yates

ExceleRate Illinois is anchored by a set of standards that focus on early learning and development and places a high priority on instructional excellence, family services, staff qualifications, professional development, and program administration. Central to its design is the recognition of multiple forms of evidence to meet the universal standards. Evidence is obtained through the monitoring visits conducted through National Louis University's contract with the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE). During these monitoring visits, assessors collect evidence using the Early Childhood Environmental Rating Scale-

Third Edition (ECERS-3) and the ISBE Compliance Checklist. Program sites are awarded an ExceleRate Circle of Quality

based on its compliance and ECERS-3 scores.

ROE 12 operates both full and half-day programs in four of the five counties that comprise the ROE. The ROE Pre-K programs at Storybrooke in Robinson, Parkside Elementary in Lawrenceville, and St. Thomas School in Newton scored high enough for recognition. “I am extremely gratified that our programs are having such a positive impact on local early learners,” said Newlin. “Every dollar spent on Pre-K saves taxpayers on corrections and incarceration years later. It also provides the extra boost to help kids be kindergarten-ready, thus having the effect of higher levels of achievement in school,” Newlin credits his Pre-K staff for their dedication, energy, and hard work that lead to the recognition. “We have just the best staff. Our new Pre-K Director, Ann Oswalt has inherited a program and a team that has been guided, shaped, and lead with vision by her predecessor, Christie Butcher, who retired from the program this summer. It is my pleasure to give credit where credit is due, and that is to a staff that works so hard, not for the recognition, but for the kids we serve. From classroom aides, to the teachers and office staff, each member of our team can be proud of what they accomplish for kids,” said Newlin.

Over 150 students were served by ROE 12 Pre-K programs in 2018-19, with expansion planned for the approaching school year. “The State is really wanting to see as many students served as possible,” said Newlin. “In an effort to meet that goal locally, we are adding an additional full-day program at Storybrooke in Robinson.” The efforts of PFA programs throughout Illinois have the effect of making “...a difference for all children in Illinois,” according to ISBE Director of Early Childhood Carisa Hurley.

Learn more about ROE 12 Pre-K and all the programs of the Regional Office of Education from their website at www.roe12.org.

ROE 12 Pre-K, Lawrenceville

L-R: Teacher Lisa Tangman, Pre-K Director Ann Oswalt, Assistant Pre-K Director Brandy Sechrest, and Regional Superintendent of Schools Monte Newlin

ROE 12 Pre-K, Newton

L-R: Teacher Lisa Bergbower, Classroom Aide Pam Pilman, Pre-K Director Ann Oswalt, Assistant Pre-K Director Brandy Sechrest, and Regional Superintendent of Schools Monte Newlin

Nineteen Year ROE 12 Veteran Brandy Sechrest Says Farewell
Pursuing New Adventures in Texas

After nineteen years of service to the students and constituents of our five-county region, Brandy Sechrest has decided to pursue her next chapter down south in the Lone Star State. Over the years, she has worked for three Regional Superintendents and worn many hats at the ROE including, McKinney-Vento Homeless Liaison, Assistant Pre-K Director, Professional Development Coordinator, Assistant to the Director of the Learning Technology Center, Office Manager in Crawford County, and Office Manager in Clay County. We wish for her the very best and thank her for her dedication and service to kids! She will be missed.

ROE 12 Begins New Teacher Induction and Mentoring Program
39 Teachers Participating in Two Cohorts

ROE 12 recently received a Grow-Your-Own Teacher Grant through Eastern Illinois University for the purpose of increasing local recruitment to, and retention in the teaching profession. ROE 12 has chosen to utilize those grant funds to focus on increasing the success and job satisfaction of first- and second-year teachers. For its inaugural year, 39 teachers are participating in two cohorts, one in Robinson, and one in Olney. Veteran educator Roger Eddy has been selected to lead the **M**entoring and **I**nduction for **N**ew **T**eachers (MINT) Program which will run throughout the 2019-2020 school year.

ROE 12's Storybrooke Pre-K Opens in Renovated Facilities

Open House was conducted on August 22nd at the recently-renovated and expanded facilities at the LTC North Campus home of the ROE 12 Storybrooke Pre-K Program. ROE 12, Lincoln Trail College, and the LTC Foundation

have partnered to provide facilities that allow space for larger classrooms and the addition of a full-day program. Six staff serve 80 students through four sessions (three half-day and one full-day) in three classrooms at this outstanding location. Special thanks to former ROE 12 Pre-K Director Christie Butcher, current ROE 12 Pre-K Director Ann Oswalt, LTC President Ryan Gower, and Rod Harmon of the LTC Foundation, and their respective staffs for all the planning and hard work that took place this past summer that made this great venue for teaching and learning possible.

ROE Welcomes New Staff

With the departure of long-time staffer Brandy Sechrest, a restructuring of duties allows us to welcome a new face to the Robinson Office. Roselene Quick has been hired as the ROE's School Services Director effective August 12th. Her new duties include overseeing the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Program, ROE 12 professional development activities, and school improvement initiatives such as IllinoisEMPOWER. In addition to Roselene, we welcome the following program staff: Laura Baker, Taylor Bonner, Shelley Hatfield, Stephanie Tingley, April Walls, and Bailey Smith (Pre-K), and ASSIST Alternative School Staffer Tina Messina. Have a great year!

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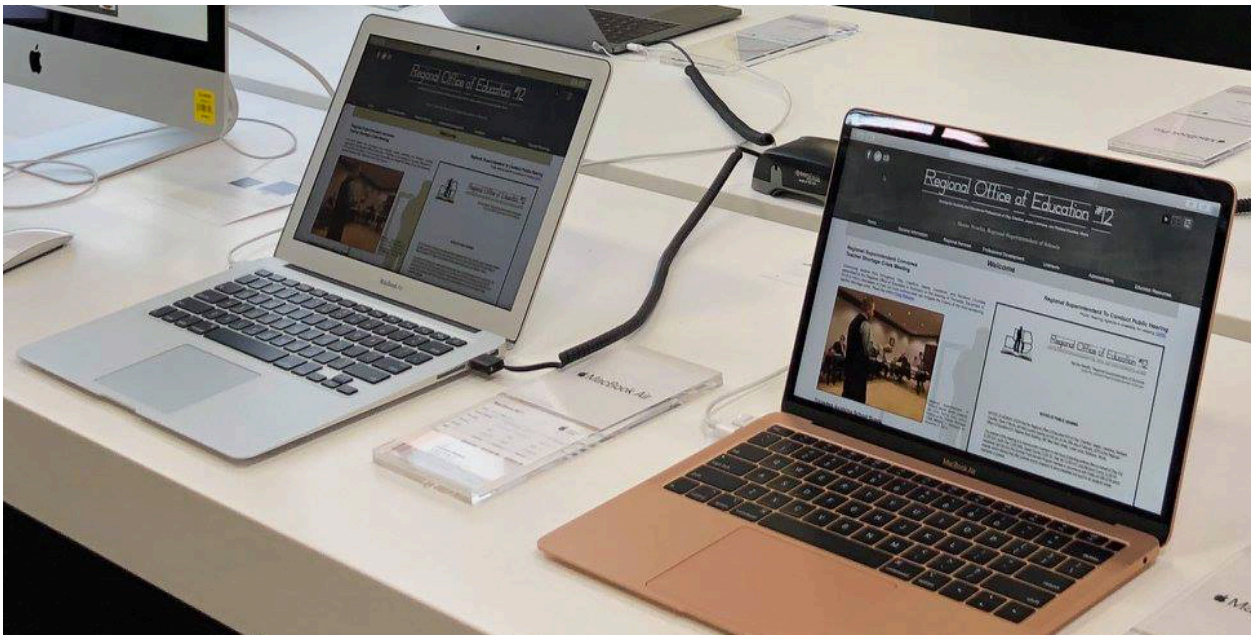
Contact Regional Superintendent Monte Newlin at mnewlin@roe12.org and you'll receive ROE 12 communications that go directly to the inbox of approximately 2700 educators and partners in our five-county region!