

# Regional Office of Education #12

Clay-Crawford-Jasper-Lawrence-Richland Counties

## Quarterly Report of Activities September, October, November, 2015

*(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	0	N/A

### Compliance

Compliance Visits
0 (Completed annually each spring)

### Early Childhood Services

Number of Programs	Total Students Enrolled	Number of Family Outreach/ Parent Education Events
9	175	12

### Educator Licensure

Type	Total
Total Licenses Issued	36
Total Educators Registered	63
Total Licenses Registered	67
Total Educator PEL Endorsements Issued	4
Total Substitute Authorizations Issued	27
Total Substitute Licenses Registered	25
Total Educator License with Stipulations (ELs - Paraprofessionals) Issued	16

**Fingerprinting Services for Criminal History Record Information (CHRI)**

Number of Persons Fingerprinted
170

**GED Records**

Number of Records Requests/Verifications
93

**Health Life/Safety**

Buildings Inspected	Building Permits Issued	Occupancy Permits Issued
20	0	2

**Home School Registrations**

Number of Registrations
9

**Homeless Services**

Number of Students Served	Staff Training Events	Estimated Number of Participants in Staff Trainings
317	2	9

**Learning Technology Center VI**

Number of Districts/Entities Served	Number of Events/Trainings	Estimated Number of Participants
189	21	440

**Professional Development**

Number of Events/Trainings	Number of Participants	Number of Events Cancelled Due to Insufficient Registrations	Number of Participants Registered in Cancelled Events
4	30	1	3

**Regional Board of School Trustees**

Meetings	Action
0	No Business Presented Before the Board

**Right Track Truancy Program**

Truancy Review Board (TRB) Mtgs	Court Cases	Student Intervention Meetings	Home Visits	School Admin Contacts	TRB Summons Delivered
12	1	18	10	42	5

**Student Events/Programs**

Number of Events	Number of Participants
4	172

**Student Work Permits**

Number of Permits Issued
5

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

Number of Students Enrolled in Truant Alternative	Number of Students Enrolled in Safe School
65	19

**Activities of the Regional Superintendent**

Date	Activity
Sept 9, 2015	ROE #12 District Superintendents' Meeting in Newton
Sept 10, 2015	ISBE Phone Conference
Sept 11, 2015	IRISE Meeting at Kaskaskia College in Centralia
Sept 14, 2015	Interview Candidate for Sub Secretary Positions in Robinson
Sept 16, 2015	IARSS Area VI Meeting in Mt. Vernon
Sept 24, 2015	IASB Wabash Valley Division Meeting at Robinson High School
Sept 30, 2015	IARSS General Membership Meeting in Springfield
Oct 2, 2015	Interview Candidate for Sub Secretary Positions in Robinson
Oct 8, 2015	ROE #12 Forum, "A Dialogue With Higher Ed: Solutions to the Teacher Shortage" in Newton
Oct 13, 2015	Phone Conference w/ISBE Legal, Re: Proposed Changes to Sec 7a of IL School Code
Oct 15, 2015	ISBE Phone Conference
Oct 16, 2015	ROE #12 Staff Meeting in Newton

Date	Activity
Oct 21, 2015	IARSS Area VI Meeting in Mt. Vernon
Oct 29, 2015	Richland County Office Relocation (From 3rd Floor to 1st during Courthouse Renovations)
Oct 29, 2015	ISBE Phone Conference
Nov 5, 2015	IARSS General Membership Meeting in Springfield
Nov 13, 2015	Meeting with Local Law Enforcement in Robinson Re: Truancy Issues
Nov 18, 2015	Learning Technology Center Fiscal Agent Conference Call
Nov 23, 2015	ISBE Phone Conference

**Regional Superintendent’s Mileage**

Total Miles
3677

**ROE #12 Events of Note**

***ROE #12 Staff Help to Raise Funds for Robinson High School Programs***

(Reprinted from ROE #12 Facebook Post)

Regional Superintendent Monte Newlin, Assistant Regional Superintendent Corrie Ray, and Lawrence County Office Manager Beth Tarr participated in the Ford Drive 4UR School event benefitting the Robinson High School Athletic and Music Programs on September 5th at RHS. The program's goal was to raise \$6000. Silverthorne Ford sponsored this event for the students of Robinson Unit 2.



**ROE #12 Issues Annual Report**

ROE #12's Annual Report was released in early September, copies of which were mailed directly to all county board members and schools. This year's report features a section on the economic impact ROE #12 makes on the counties it serves. This report (and all ROE #12 reports) are accessible on our website on the General Information Page at [http://www.roe12.net/crbst\\_1.html](http://www.roe12.net/crbst_1.html).



**More New Faces at ROE #12**

Last quarter, ROE #12 hired three “floating” substitute clerical/reception staff to assist us in keeping our offices open when regular staff must be absent. Since that time, two of the three hires went on to secure full-time employment leaving us with just one sub for all five counties. We have since hired two individuals to fill those vacancies.

Penny York, Robinson, also fills in for Robinson CUSD #2 in a similar capacity, and also served as the district’s full-time transportation director for many years. Penny has conducted numerous initial and refresher bus driver trainings for ROE #12 in that capacity. She has also worked as an IHSA Official.

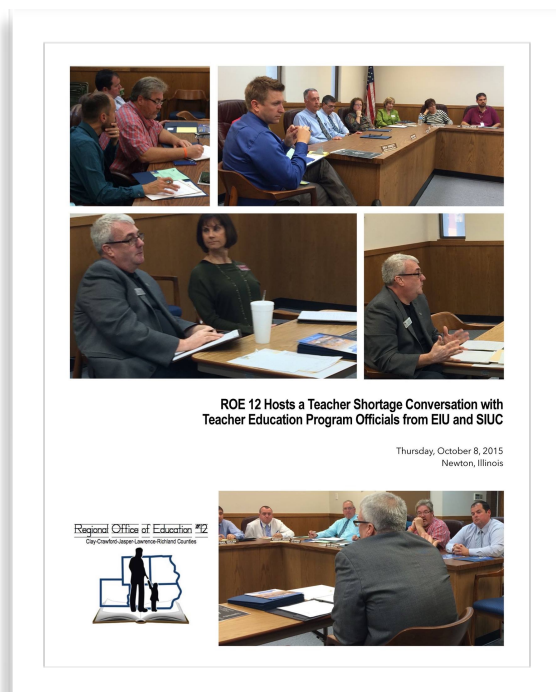
Barbi Sholders, Lawrenceville, is new to the ROE and has children in the Lawrence County Unit 20 school district.

We welcome both Penny and Barbi to ROE #12!



**ROE #12 Hosts Panel Forum on Local Solutions to the Ever-Increasing Teacher Shortage**  
(Reprinted from ROE #12 Facebook Post)

On Thursday, October 8th, ROE 12 was pleased to host a dialogue between district superintendents from Clay, Crawford, Jasper, Lawrence, and Richland counties and representatives of the Teacher Education Programs from Eastern Illinois University and Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. Great ideas, strategies for our local area, and a better understanding of the complex issues underlying this impending crisis in public education resulted. Thanks to Dr. Douglas Bower from EIU and Dr. Nancy Mundschenk from SIUC for participating! This meeting is the second in a series of discussions that began with Sen. Dale Righter and Rep. David Reis last spring. More conversations are planned.



**Richland County Office Relocates Temporarily**

The main offices of the Regional Office of Education #12 relocated on October 29th from the Third Floor of the Richland County Courthouse to the First Floor (formerly the Richland County Treasurers' Office). The move is necessitated by ongoing renovations to the historic facility. It is anticipated that the ROE will move back into their Third Floor space after completion of the improvements (projected timeline is mid-March).

**ROE #12 Hosts Annual TeamQuest Competitions for Local Students**  
(Reprinted from ROE #12 Facebook Post)



TeamQuest is the annual STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) competition among teams representing the eleven public school districts and four nonpublic schools in the Clay-Crawford-Jasper-Lawrence-Richland Educational Service Region. Regional Superintendent of Schools Monte Newlin's office hosts this creative thinking and problem-solving competition each fall for the students of the five county region. Teams of four students each compete through hands-on activities, questions, and challenges which allow students to apply teamwork and communication skills that enrich their everyday learning.

The 2015 competitions were held November 17-20, in Lawrenceville with 172 students competing on 43 teams. Of those teams, 13 placed in the top five of their respective events. For a list of those teams placing and a peek at the action, visit [http://www.roe12.net/crbst\\_31.html](http://www.roe12.net/crbst_31.html). Congratulations to all those who participated.



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