

**ROE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS,  
School Service/Health Dept.  
COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA  
December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 9:00 am Room 250**

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1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Motion to approve remote attendance pursuant to Resolution #23-53
3. Motion to Approve or Dispense the Previous Meeting Minutes
4. Citizen Comment

**ROE Superintendent of Schools**

- BUDGET 2023-2024 and/or 2024-2025
  - Review Current Bill Report to Monthly Report -Approval of Bills
    - a. New Lines    b. Line/Fund transfers    c. Budget adjustments
- Department Reports
- **PRESENTATION of ANNUAL REPORT:** Regional Superintendent of Schools Annual Report
- **MOTION TO PLACE:** Regional Superintendent of Schools Annual Report on File
- Legislation
- Budget 2024-2025

**School Service**

- BUDGET 2023-2024 and/or 2024-2025
  - Review Current Bill Report to Monthly Report - Approval of Bills
    - a. New Lines    b. Line/Fund transfers    c. Budget adjustments
- Motion to Approve Monthly/Quarterly Report
- Department Reports
- Budget 2024-2025
- Legislation

**Health Dept.**

- Department Report

5. Senate and House Bills
6. Motion to Adjourn and Record Time on Sign-in Sheet

A meeting of the Regional Supt. of Schools, School Services, and Health Department Committee was held December 23, 2024 in room 250 with the following members present:

Per Diem	Mileage	Members Absent:
Kindra Pottinger		Cathy Owens
Doug Stockley	Doug Stockley	
Dave Torres		
		Nancy Eurich
Ray Gatza	WebEx	
William Brown	William Brown	

Non-Members/Visitors Present:

Carol Neurohr	School Services	Chris Dvorak	ROE
Don Jensen	Board Chairman	Ryan Myers	ROE
Tom Walsh	Board Member	Greg Vaccaro	Circuit Clerk

*Motion by Mr. Brown 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Torres to approve Mr. Gatza via WebEx pursuant to Resolution #23-53*  
*Aye=All Nay=None Motion Carried*

*Motion by Mr. Brown 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Pottinger that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as presented.*  
*Aye=All Nay=None Motion Carried.*

**REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

Motion by Mr. Brown 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Torres to approve bills:  
2024 \$ (dept. 001-026) \$ 48,448.32 handdrawn  
be allowed. Aye=All Nay=None Motion Carried.

Department report

**PRESENTATION of ANNUAL REPORT: Regional Superintendent of Schools Annual Report**

**MOTION TO PLACE: Regional Superintendent of Schools Annual Report on File**

Motion by Mr. Brown 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Torres to accept the annual report and forward to the Full Board Aye=All  
Nay=None Motion Carried

Minutes prepared by Amanda Myers

*Note: Minutes reflect the order of the agenda and may not necessarily reflect the order of business conducted at the meeting.*

## **SCHOOL SERVICES & HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Motion by Ms. Pottinger 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Brown to approve the bills:

\$ 0.00 (dept. 001-022) \$ 773.85 handdrawn

be allowed. Aye=All Nay=None Motion Carried.

### **School Health**

- School Service Health Nurse Neurohr presented her monthly and quarterly report to the committee

Motion by Mr. Brown 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Torres to approve the Monthly and quarterly report as presented by Ms. Neurohr Aye=All

Nay=None Motion Carried

### **Health Dept**

- Chris Pozzi was not able to attend meeting

Motion by Mr. Brown 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Pottinger that the meeting adjourn Aye=All Nay=None Motion Carried.

Minutes prepared by Amanda Myers

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# **Reports And Handouts**



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# Annual Report 2023-2024



*"We are an advocate for education by providing positive leadership, coordinating and delivering federal, state and local services and disseminating information for educators, school districts, and our community."*

*— Christopher Dvorak, Regional Superintendent*

*The Regional Office of Education for LaSalle, Marshall, & Putnam counties provides high-quality resources and services for our communities and education stakeholders. Please contact us for any of your educational needs.*

I am pleased to present the following Annual Report, which highlights many of the programs and services offered by the LaSalle, Marshall & Putnam Regional Office of Education over the past year. I want to thank the LaSalle County Board, Marshall County Board, Putnam County Board, Illinois State Board of Education, constituents, and Regional Office staff who have offered continual support, collaboration, and encouragement throughout the year. As Regional Superintendent of LaSalle, Marshall & Putnam counties, I hereby submit the Annual Report covering the activities of the office from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christopher Dvorak". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Christopher Dvorak  
Regional Superintendent  
LaSalle, Marshall & Putnam  
Regional Office of Education #35

## Educational Entities We Serve

Allen-Otter Creek #65, BMP Tri-County Special Education Co-op, Circuit Breaker School, Deer Park #82, Dimmick #175, Earlville #9, Grand Ridge #95, Henry-Senachwine #5, Holy Cross Elementary School, Holy Family School, Illinois Valley Community College, LaSalle Elementary #122, LaSalle-Peru High School #120, L.E.A.S.E., Leland #1, Lighted Way, Lostant #425, Marquette Academy, Marseilles #150, Mendota #289, Mendota High School #280, Midland #7, Miller #210, Oglesby #125, Ottawa Elementary #141, Ottawa High School #140, Peru Catholic School, Peru Elementary #124, Putnam County #535, Regional Safe School, Rutland #230, Seneca Elementary #170, Seneca High School #160, Serena Unit #2, SRAVTE, St. Michael the Archangel Catholic School, Streator Elementary #44, Streator High School #40, Tonica #79, Trinity Catholic Academy, Wallace #195, and Waltham #185.

# Safety • Support • Success

## Our Purpose

Regional Offices of Education (ROE) are essential support offices partnering with the Illinois State Board of Education to support local school districts. ROEs provide educational leadership, impact public policy, and deliver educational services effectively for the benefit of the school districts.

## Our Role

The Regional Superintendent of Schools is the chief administrative officer of a Regional Office of Education and the only elected education professional office in Illinois. The office of the Regional Superintendent performs regulatory functions as directed by the Illinois School Code. Specific duties of the Regional Superintendent are stated in Illinois School Code 105 ILCS 5/3. The work of the Regional Office can be summed up in three words: safety, support, and success.

### Board Members:

#### LaSalle County:

Stephen Aubry, Pamela Beckett, Jill Bernal, Ronald Blue, Kathy Bright, William J. Brown, Jr., Tina Busch, Lou Anne Carretto, Brian Dose, Craig Emmett, Nancy Eurich, Beth Findley Smith, Ray Gatza, Gelinda Heller, Don Jensen, Mike Kasap, Michael McEmery, Joanne McNally, Joe Oscepinski, Catherine Owens, Kindra Pottinger, Walter Roach, Joe Savitch, Matt Slager, Gary Small, Douglas Stockley, David Torres, Douglas Trager, Tom Walsh, and Arrata Znaniecki

#### Marshall County:

Charlotte Balensiefen, Jamie Durdan, William Fecht, Henry (Hank) Gauwitz, Brad Lindstrom, David Leuders, Justin Meierkord, Travis McGlasson, Martin McLaughlin, David Minnick, Todd Perona and Andy Stash

#### Putnam County:

Luke Holly, Steven Malavolti, Charles Lenkaitis, Tony Rue Jr., BJ Holocker III

### State Representatives

John Cabello - 90th District, Ryan Spain - 73rd District, Jed Davis - 75th District, and Lance Yednock - 76th District

### State Senators

Thomas Bennett - 53rd District, Sue Rezin - 38th District, Andrew Chesney - 45th District, and Win Stoller - 37th District

### Governor & Illinois State Board of Education

J.B. Pritzker - Governor, Dr. Tony Sanders - State Superintendent of Education, Dr. Christine Benson, Dr. Donna S. Leak, Roger Eddy, Dr. Steven Isoye, Dr. James D. Anderson, Dr. Sherly Chavarria, Laura Gonzalez, Dr. Anna Grassellino, Dr. Patricia Nugent

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# Professional Development

## Focus Training

- Safety
- Instructional Strategies
- Literacy/Book Studies
- Technology Integration
- SEL (trauma, mental health)
- Teacher Evaluation
- Executive Functioning
- Differentiated Instruction

## Professional Development Training

The following workshops and training sessions were offered by the LaSalle, Marshall & Putnam Regional Office of Education this past year:

2023-24 Administrator Academies and Workshops			
Workshop Session	No. of Sessions	Participants	Training Session Descriptions
Administrator Academies	6	79	Student Growth Evaluation (3 Sections), Teacher Evaluation, Principal Evaluation, Integrating SEL and Legal Update, Compassion Fatigue and Burnout, School Safety
Workshops	105	1932	Truancy, Homeless, Technology, Tech Integration, Mental Health, Safety, Executive Functioning, Trauma, Literacy, Restorative Practices, Differentiated Learning, New Teacher, School Improvement, Student Engagement, Resilience, Book Studies, Teacher Burnout
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>2011</b>	

## Regional Institute: October 6, 2023

This year the ROE kept the virtual format and added six in-person opportunities.

Virtual event	Participants
Registrations	550
Reflections submitted	304
In-person Events	Participants
4 total options	494



## New Teacher Orientation

Each year in early August, the Regional Office of Education sponsors a New Teacher Orientation Seminar for educators new to teaching or new to our region. Presentations included legal updates from Attorney Walt Zukowski and Sara Swartz, SEL Specialist, with information on resilience and self care. Information was provided regarding licensure and renewal laws, ISBE legal updates, compliance issues, regulatory issues, and school improvement. A total of 39 teachers attended the event on August 2, 2023.



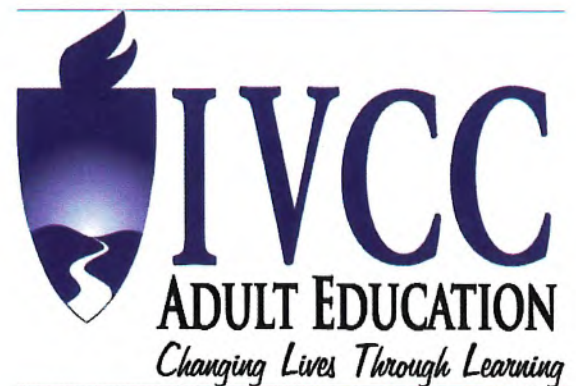
## School Bus Education 223 Training Courses



School bus drivers in Illinois must complete an initial training course (first-time drivers) or a refresher course (renewals) prior to driving a school bus for Illinois schools. The LaSalle, Marshall & Putnam Regional Office of Education provides this training on a yearly basis at various locations in our counties. This year 58 individuals took the initial bus driver training course and 165 drivers took the refresher course for a total of 223 bus drivers trained.

## High School Equivalency (HSE/GED) 51 HSE/GED Graduates

The Regional Office has been the authorized administrative office for the General Education Diploma Examinations, commonly known as G.E.D. tests. A change in the statute renamed the process high school equivalency testing (HSE). This program permits people who have dropped out of high school or others who have attained the age of 17 to secure the High School Equivalency Certificate (HSE). The testing of applicants is done by Illinois Valley Community College, in coordination with Cindy Lock, Assessment Center Coordinator. This year 51 participants passed.





## Regional Work-Study Program

The Regional Work-Study program (RWS) has been offering students who have dropped out of area high schools an opportunity to earn a high school diploma since 2010. In the first nine years of the program, 172 students completed the requirements for their high school diploma. Classes are Monday through Friday during the school year at Graves-Hume Public Library in Mendota, as well as the IVCC Ottawa Center. Small classes with plenty of one-on-one assistance create an atmosphere that encourages success. Students can enter the program throughout the school year. LaSalle-Peru Township High School, Mendota Township High School, Ottawa Township High School, Putnam County High School, and Serena High School had at least one student earn a diploma through the RWS program.

Year	Students	Credits Earned by Graduate	Graduates	Cost Per Student
2016-17	34	114.5	22	\$1,987
2017-18	33	192	17	\$2,417
2018-19	48	249	32	\$1,794
2019-20	49	207	28	\$1,448
2020-21	27	95.5	10	\$2,444
2021-22	43	254 total 187 grads 67 non-grads	27	\$2,444
2022-23	39	228 total 167 grads 61 non-grads	28	\$2,669

## Licensure

### Educator Licensure

The LaSalle, Marshall & Putnam County Regional Office of Education Licensure Department serves teachers and administrators with all aspects of their credential needs. The office has worked to communicate changes from the State Board of Education by conducting individual and staff training. The office provides guidance, documentation, and regularly assists constituents as questions arise. Licensure applications and renewals are completed online. The Regional Office of Education has an available computer workstation that allows license holders to complete requirements. Staff members are available to assist as needed.

Year	Educators Registered	Licenses Registered	Sub Licenses Registered	Licenses Issued	Endorsements Issued	Para Licenses Issued
FY 20	456	471	169	298	67	67
FY 21	487	499	146	1154	143	99
FY 22	632	665	148	1504	211	147
FY 23	586	612	169	1218	160	145
FY 24	749	792	321	1841	203	342

# Paraprofessional Training

Paraprofessionals may be considered licensed if they possess one of these options:

- Associate's degree or higher
- 60 semester hours of coursework
- High School Diploma or GED and a score of 460 or higher on the ETS Parapro
- High School Diploma or GED and the following scores on the ACT Workkeys:
  - Applied Mathematics/Applied Math (with a score of 4)
  - Reading for information/Workplace Documents (with a score of 4)
- Paraprofessional licenses are valid for 5 years, and may be renewed with the payment of registration fees.
- If you hold a Paraprofessional License and have a Bachelor's Degree on file, you are qualified to be a substitute teacher.

## Directory

A Directory of the LaSalle, Marshall & Putnam County Schools is prepared each year by our office. All school information submitted by the schools is compiled, entered, and created by our staff. Sponsors listed in this directory support our annual Excellence in Education celebration honoring educators. The directory includes a listing of all schools, administrators, teachers, support staff, and school board members of each school.



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# Honoring Excellence Excellence in Education

For the 36th annual event, the LaSalle, Marshall, Putnam Regional Office of Education invited area educators and administrators to enjoy barbecue and live music at the Knights of Columbus in Ottawa.

Additionally, the office gifted plaques to 35 retiring teachers, 13 retiring support staff, and 5 retiring board members. Two posthumous plaques were also provided to districts.

The ROE also premiered a short documentary on the ROE 35 Presents YouTube channel that takes you inside the new home of Lighted Way, a La Salle organization dedicated to empowering children with disabilities. The video showcases their incredible new building, designed to foster cognitive, emotional, physical, and social growth for students. Go to [youtube.com/ROE35Presents](https://youtube.com/ROE35Presents) to view Program Spotlight — Lighted Way.



## Student Excellence

Each month from October through May, the Regional Office of Education in cooperation with the LaSalle County Board recognizes students from two schools chosen for the Student Excellence Award. Schools are selected on a rotating basis. Students are selected by the schools based on the following criteria:

- The selected student must have demonstrated and/or contributed community service in their respective school district
- Should portray an image of social and civic responsibility within their school community
- Should possess an attitude conducive for a good work ethic and representative of an image the school district finds commendable

The student, parents, and administrators from the school are invited to the monthly LaSalle County board meeting where the student is presented with a plaque and information about that student's achievements is read to all in attendance.

### 2023-2024 AWARD RECIPIENTS

#### October

Dixie Smick, Marquette Academy  
Jenna Gamons, Marquette Academy  
Ellie Nimke, Streator Elementary SD #144

#### November

Brynn Pennington, Leland HSD #1  
Peyton Richards, Wallace CCD #195

#### January

Mitchell Macias, Rutland CCD #230  
Tanner Faivre, Serena HSD #2

#### February

Griffin Cook, Earlville, HSD #9  
Hannah Waszkowiak, Trinity Catholic Academy

#### March

Danielle Glacinto, Streator HSD #40

#### April

Addison Urbanski, LaSalle-Peru HSD #120  
Ty Carls, Peru Catholic School

#### May

Alexzander Houk, Ottawa HSD #140  
Maxine Bland, Leland CUD #1



# Spelling Bee

*The national office is running your SNSB regional bee program for the 2024-2025 year! Here is how it works:*

1. Enroll your school in the Bee by 10/31/24 at [spellingbee.com](https://spellingbee.com). The fee is \$185 per school.
2. From October 31st to January 20th the fee is \$199 per school.
3. Register your **school champion** by 01/31/25 by logging into [spellingbee.com](https://spellingbee.com) and selecting School Champion Registration.
4. **Your school champion must take the Regional Qualifier Test** (a 50-item spelling and word meaning test) which opens on February 3, 2025.
5. **The top finishers on the Regional Qualifier Test will advance to the SNSB Regional Bee for Illinois in March 2025.**

## Scholarships

**Over \$2.3 Million Awarded Since Inception**

**\$52,700 Awarded in 2023-2024**

Students may apply for several scholarships offered through the Regional Office of Education. Approximately \$52,700 from the Joseph J. Hohner trust provided 40 scholarships with grants ranging from \$500 to \$3,000 for students from Ottawa area schools for the 2023-2024 school year. Applications are screened by the Regional Superintendent and scholarship committee members as outlined in the will of Dr. Joseph J. Hohner. To date, more than \$2,300,000 has been awarded in scholarships. Other scholarship applications are available from the Regional Office of Education at our website, [roe35.org](https://roe35.org).

## LaSalle/Putnam County Educational Alliance for Special Education (L.E.A.S.E)

The Illinois General Assembly passed House Bill 1407 in 1965, which mandated special education for children with disabilities. Implementation of this legislation became effective July 1, 1969. Prior to July 1, 1969, this Regional Office submitted a plan to meet the requirements of this legislation. Many committees of school administrators and lay citizens aided in formulating the plan, which was approved by the Illinois State Board of Education. Our cooperative, known as L.E.A.S.E., serves 29 school districts, 28 from LaSalle County, and Putnam County District #535.

The Special Education Committee employed Ms. Kathy Fox as its Executive Director of Special Education to oversee operations of the cooperative. The special education programs grew quickly to meet the needs of students with physical and mental disabilities, as well as a variety of other types of disabilities, in LaSalle & Putnam Counties. L.E.A.S.E. works in conjunction with many other agencies in the county to ensure the success of the programs offered.

# Food Cooperative

## 13.97% Savings in Food Costs

The LaSalle County Area Purchasing Cooperative was created during the 1989-90 school year. Eighteen school districts originally joined the cooperative, which bids and orders food and supplies for district-operated cafeterias. Today, 82 school districts representing LaSalle, Bureau, Champaign, Christian, Clark, Cook, DeKalb, Grundy, Iroquois, Kendall, Knox, Lee, Livingston, Macon, Macoupin, Marshall, McLean, Ogle, Peoria, Putnam, Sangamon, Vermillion, Warren, and Woodford counties are members of the co-op. The current total annual expenditures for the cooperative are estimated at 10.7 million dollars. The Regional Office of Education is the administrative agent for this successful program and employs one full-time employee. The cooperative is self-supporting with a minimal fee charged to member districts. The benefits of belonging to the cooperative are:

- Distributor bidding is done for you
- Financial savings
- Networking among fellow members
- Updates on training opportunities
- Access to Kohl Wholesale Dietitian / Menus / Commodity Specialist
- Regular communication on food program requirements
- Assistance complying with requirements

# Health/Life-Safety

## Duties

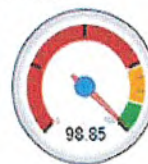
Visit and inspect each public school annually.  
Supervise school buildings for health and safety.

## District Compliance

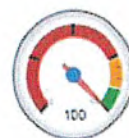
The Regional Offices of Education are entrusted with assessing compliance of local school districts and recognized non-public schools in the state of Illinois. This process consists of a systematic review of district documentation and recording compliance with state and federal laws and the Illinois School Code. The resulting designation is reported on the state website and as part of the Illinois Report Card. The compliance process is seen as an opportunity to improve operations and support the programs that deliver quality educational experiences to students.

The Regional Office of Education makes recommendations for the improvement of each school district. Compliance visits for the 2023-2024 school year include: Earlville CUSD #9, Leland CUSD #1, Mendota Township High School #280, Serena CUSD #2, and Wallace #195.

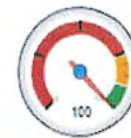
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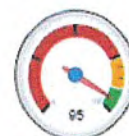
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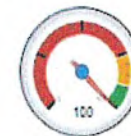
Staff / Personnel



Policy / Governance



Health, Life, Safety



Instructional Programs





# Finances

## Distribution of Funds

The Evidence-Based Funding for Student Success Act became a law in 2017. This law enacts evidence-based funding (EBF) and changes the way school districts receive the bulk of state funds. EBF, utilized as the primary state education funding system, sends more resources to Illinois' most under-resourced students and is an increased investment in a more equitable system for distributing state resources to school districts, lab schools, and regional programs. The system, which replaced five grant programs, utilizes a hold harmless payment and provides for increases in funding to be delivered to districts most in need. That hold harmless payment, called the Base Funding Minimum, grows annually based on the EBF tier funding (increased funding made available for need-based distribution) and Property Tax Relief Grant amounts paid in the previous year. Increased appropriations in FY 2025 provided an additional \$300 million to be distributed through EBF tiers and up to \$50 million available for distribution through Property Tax Relief Grants.

District	TOTAL FY22	TOTAL FY23	TOTAL FY24	TOTAL FY25	% ADEQUACY	TIER
Safe School- LaSalle ROE	\$370,110	\$376,154	\$376,672	\$376,695	114%	4
Leland CCUS #1	\$351,641	\$352,301	\$352,506	\$352,723	107%	4
Community USD #2	\$868,800	\$869,415	\$869,937	\$870,460	141%	4
Earlville CCUS #9	\$1,393,463	\$1,402,396	\$1,402,709	\$1,403,026	103%	4
Streator Twp HSD #40	\$5,192,698	\$5,331,175	\$5,386,189	\$5,461,923	81%	2
Streator ESD #44	\$10,323,720	\$10,789,007	\$11,036,758	\$11,472,99	75%	1
Allen Otter Creek CCSD #65	\$62,642	\$62,728	\$62,804	\$62,883	111%	4
Tonica CCSD #79	\$605,289	\$605,378	\$605,478	\$605,577	140%	4
Deer Park #82	\$102,580	\$102,629	\$102,665	\$102,694	251%	4
Grand Ridge CCSD #95	\$247,688	\$247,866	\$248,022	\$248,194	105%	4
LaSalle-Peru Twp HSD #120	\$2,400,501	\$2,571,057	\$2,595,572	\$2,673,798	82%	2
LaSalle ESD #122	\$6,327,236	\$6,804,116	\$7,069,3323	\$731,7546	75%	1
Peru ESD #124	\$1,821,347	\$1,907,782	\$1,981,753	\$2,261,840	73%	1
Oglesby ESD #125	\$2,315,471	\$2,361,109	\$2,369,334	\$2,376,514	91%	3
Ottawa Twp HSD #140	\$2,612,744	\$2,675,770	\$2,696,242	\$2,720,699	93%	3
Ottawa ESD #141	\$6,978,166	\$7,224,484	\$7,259,344	\$7,333,338	84%	2
Marseilles ESD #150	\$304,803	\$3,025,189	\$3,049,889	\$3,101,802	84%	2
Seneca Twp HSD #160	\$437,921	\$305,213	\$305,557	\$305,892	265%	4
Seneca CCSD #170	\$214,066	\$438,332	\$438,682	\$439,052	163%	4
Dimmick CCSD #175	\$164,949	\$214,214	\$214,337	\$214,460	139%	4
Waltham CCSD #185	\$344,673	\$166,315	\$166,482	\$170,244	96%	3
Wallace CCSD #195	\$205,077	\$355,868	\$363,179	\$371,912	85%	2
Miller TWP CCSD #210	\$72,672	\$208,804	\$211,487	\$214,730	91%	3
Rutland CCSD #230	\$1,840,687	\$72,741	\$72,794	\$72,848	205%	4
Mendota Twp HSD #280	\$3,816,860	\$1,891,418	\$1,900,007	\$1,909,999	91%	3
Mendota CCSD #289	\$178,602	\$3,895,941	\$3,923,409	\$3,954,865	85%	2
Lostant CCSD #425	\$178,602	\$178,693	\$178,772	\$178,850	165%	4
Henry-Senachwine CUSD #5	\$696,964	\$698,265	\$698,674	\$699,101	111%	4
Midland CUD #7	\$1,205,201	\$1,244,971	\$1,282,247	\$1,327,338	78%	1
Putnam County CUSD #535	\$900,936	\$902,335	\$902,932	\$903,533	163%	4



# Department of Student Services

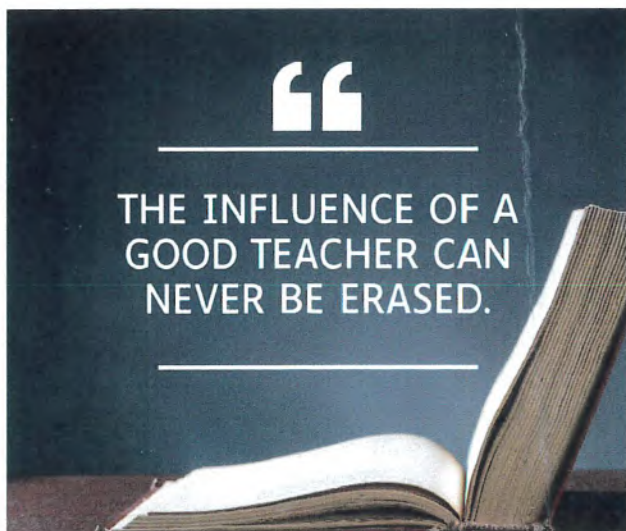
## 322 students referred for services

Our team, composed of Sam Halm, Rebecca Holcman, Megan Klinfelter, David Lawson, Trevor Witek, Sandra Blanco, and Ginna Campbell were available to assist with matters related to truancy, registration and compliance assistance, homeless assistance, and homeschool resources. The primary focus of the program is to provide intervention and remediation services to truants, chronic truants, potential dropouts, dropouts, and McKinney-Vento-identified students in grades K-12, to increase attendance and academic achievement with a long-term objective of high school graduation. Each school year 300 students are referred for services. Chronic truants may be offered a truancy prevention hearing with the Director of Student Services acting as hearing officer. A contract for attendance, academics, and, oftentimes, counseling is entered into by all parties involved with the student. Chronic truants and/or their parents in need of county court intervention may be referred to county ordinance, juvenile, or criminal court.

## Grants

The Regional Office of Education was funded for the third year of a competitive TAOEP (Truants Alternative and Optional Education Program) grant for the 2023-2024 school year. The TAOEP grant assists with funding the Optional Education Classrooms and helps the ROE to provide services to truants, chronic truants, potential dropouts and dropouts. A total of 322 students received truancy services. The truancy grant was not funded for the 2024-2025 school year.

ROE 35 also received McKinney-Vento funding for the 2023-2024 school year. This grant provides assistance to homeless students. School districts apply to the ROE for funding. Once the request is approved, the school district spends the approved dollars and is then reimbursed for those expenses through the ROE. Requests may be for school supplies, tutoring, excess transportation, clothing, gas cards, food, shoes and other services. There are personal hygiene supplies and various other supplies on hand in the ROE for emergency situations. We also keep a supply of lice kits. Schools should contact their liaison if they have a need. As of this date, 309 students have been identified as McKinney-Vento.





# ROE 35 Academy

## Regional Safe School Program (RSSP)

### Student Eligibility

- Students who are in the Safe School program:
- Students in grades 6 through 12 who are suspension- or expulsion-eligible, expelled due to gross misconduct and who are administratively transferred.
- Provides a system of alternative education programming for disruptive students.
- Meets the particular educational needs of disruptive students more appropriately and individually.

## Truancy (TAEOP)

### Student Eligibility

- Students who are in the TAOEP program:
- Students in grades 6 through 12 who are truants, chronic truants and potential dropouts.
- Students must be enrolled in their HSD (Home School District), and referred by truancy casework in conjunction with the HSD's truancy liaison/school team.
- Provides a modified instructional program and services to students by planning for truancy prevention.

## Alternative Learning Opportunities Programing (ALOP)

### Student Eligibility

- Students who are in the ALOP program:
- Students in grades 6 through 12 who are at risk of academic failure.
- Provides a broader range of academic, behavioral and social/emotional interventions.
- Addresses individual learning styles, career development, and social services that will enable students to successfully complete their education.

## Social Work Service

Our program provided a full-time social worker during the 2023-2024 school year that served students daily with character support intervention. Our program also provided a social work intern from Aurora University.

### 2023-2024 Statistics

- LMP Regional Safe School served 39 students from 14 schools (19 junior high; 20 high school)
- TAOEP Program served 26 students from 8 schools (5 junior high; 21 high school)
- ALOP Program served 23 students from 5 schools (4 junior high; 19 high)
- There were 43 total students enrolled in safe school for the year (23 suspension eligible, Expulsion eligible 9, expelled 7); 26 TAOEP students; and 23 ALOP students
- 2023-2024 attendance for SAFE School, TAOEP, and ALOP: 72.6 % junior high: 72.5%; for high school: 73.4%
- We will start the 24-25 school year with 8 Safe School high school students, 10 Safe School junior high students, and 9 TAOEP high school students, 7 TAOEP junior high students; 11 ALOP High school students; 0 ALOP junior high student
- Ten eighth-grade students graduated; nine high school students graduated
- Since 1997, we have served 1974 students

## College/Career Development

A total of 15 students participated in Career Tech Education; 6 students actively worked. Business Employment Skills Team (BEST) presented from local agencies including: State Farm Insurance, YMCA, Carus Chemical, Riverfront Restaurant, Carpenters Union, and Illinois Valley Contractors Association. Team members presented information on career exploration, goal setting, job searching, and professional responsibilities.

Thank you, Covia, for your generous snack donations and Christmas gifts to the Academy!





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**"The work of ROE #35 gives us great examples of how local student engagement/attendance/truancy policies and programs help schools identify and reach out to students in need of great support"**

Dr. Carmen Ayala  
State Superintendent  
April 7, 2020 | ISBE Newsletter

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## LaSalle County School Health Service

Summary of activities October, 2024

38 Visits to 13 Townships

38 Visits to 16 Schools

### CONFERENCES:

134 Principal-Teacher 66 Parent/Secretary, etc...

### VISION SCREENING:

609 Number given vision tests

83 Number given vision retests

158 Number of interviews with children wearing glasses

56 Number of vision referrals

1 Number of glasses referrals

26 Number of children seen by eye doctors

### AUDIOMETRIC SCREENING:

765 Number given audiometric tests

48 Number given audiometric retests

6 Number of audiometric referrals

1 Number of children seen by M.D. /and or corrected

12 Monitoring audios/Thresholds

### GROUP INSPECTIONS:

185 Scalp inspections

203 Other-Health Record Reviews

           Non-compliant Notices

### MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES:

10-1-24 LaSalle County SafePersonnel online training re: Fire Extinguisher Safety x3

Dimmick

Marquette Academy GS

Holy Cross

S.O.A.R.

Milton Pope

ROE #35 Academy

Allen Otter Creek

Lostant

Tonica

Deer Park

Earlville GS

Earlville HS

Harding

Serena HS

Serena MS

Sheridan



10-9-24 LaSalle County Health and Safety Committee

10-10-24 LaSalle County IT online training re: Infosec: "Recipe for Cybersecurity"x3,  
"Core Concepts: Election Fraud" x3

10-17-24 IDPH Webinar: "Tis the Sneezin; Preparing for the 24-25 Respiratory Season"

10-21-24 Committee

CN: LD

## LaSalle County School Health Service

Summary of activities November, 2024

21 Visits to 6 Townships

21 Visits to 9 Schools

### CONFERENCES:

59 Principal-Teacher 39 Parent/Secretary, etc...

### VISION SCREENING:

313 Number given vision tests

50 Number given vision retests

72 Number of interviews with children wearing glasses

31 Number of vision referrals

0 Number of glasses referrals

16 Number of children seen by eye doctors

### AUDIOMETRIC SCREENING:

384 Number given audiometric tests

23 Number given audiometric retests

5 Number of audiometric referrals

1 Number of children seen by M.D. /and or corrected

7 Monitoring audios/Thresholds

### GROUP INSPECTIONS:

\_\_\_\_\_ Scalp inspections

28 Other-Health Record Reviews

\_\_\_\_\_ Non-compliant Notices

### MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES:

11-6-24 LaSalle County IT online training: "A few Seconds" & "Secure Your Screen" x3

Holy Cross  
Marquette Academy GS  
Earlville GS  
Earlville HS  
Holy Family  
ROE #35 Academy  
Shepherd Middle School  
Leland GS  
Leland HS

11-12-24 LaSalle County SafePersonnel online training: "Electrical Safety" x3  
11-13-24 LaSalle County Health & Safety Committee

CN: LD

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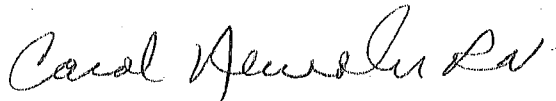
ACTIVITIES OF THE COUNTY SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES  
 Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> Thru Nov. 30<sup>st</sup> 2024

VISITS.....82	TOWNSHIPS.....	29
CONFERENCES-Principal/Teacher...343	Parent/Secretary.....	138
VISION SCREENING.....		1314
SEEN BY DOCTOR-vision.....		50
INTERVIEWS WITH GLASSES.....		288
AUDIOMETRIC SCREENING.....		1513
SEEN BY DOCTOR-hearing.....		2
THRESHOLDS/MONITORING AUDIOGRAMS.....		21
GROUP INSPECTIONS-scalp.....		862
IMMUNIZATIONS AND HEALTH FORM REVIEW.....		234
MEETINGS:		
Committee.....		1
Finance Committee .....		1
LaSalle County Health & Safety Committee.....		3
In Office Consultation with L.E.A.S.E. employee re: Vision Screening Procedures.....		1
EDUCATION & TRAININGS:		
SafePersonnel Online Training: "Workplace Violence Awareness & Prevention".....		x2
SafePersonnel Online Training: "Fire Extinguisher Safety" .....		x3
SafePersonnel Online Training: "Electrical Safety" .....		x3
LaSalle County IT Online Training: Infosec: "Recipe for Cybersecurity" & "Core Concepts: Election Fraud" .....		x3
LaSalle County IT Online Training: "A Few Seconds" & "Secure Your Screen" .....		x3



IDPH/ISBE School Nurse Bootcamp via webinar.....x1  
Webinar: Infectious Disease Planning for Schools.....x1  
IDPH Webinar: "Tis the Sneezin; Preparing for the 24-25 Respiratory Season" .....x1

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Carol Neurohr".

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Director, LCSHS

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