



Regional Office Of
EDUCATION
HENDERSON, KNOX, MERCER AND WARREN COUNTIES

Annual Report

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Regional Office of Education #33 Mission

Our Mission Statement is *"to serve our schools and communities by providing educational resources, partnerships, and opportunities."*

The Role of Regional Superintendent

Since 1865, the Regional Superintendents of Schools have served Illinois with distinction for over 150 years. The Regional Superintendent shall exercise supervision and control over all school districts in the region. "The Regional Superintendent of Schools," is the chief administrative officer of a Regional Office of Education (ROE).

As an intermediate agency between the Illinois State Board of Education and local school districts, the office of the Regional Superintendent performs regulatory functions as directed by the Illinois School Code. Illinois School Code states that the Regional Superintendent of Schools:

Shall act as the official advisor and assistant of the school officers and teachers in this region. In the performance of this duty she/he shall carry out the advice of the State Superintendent of Education.

In addition to coordinating and delivering state and local services, the Regional Superintendent acts as an advocate for education by providing positive leadership and disseminating information for educators, school districts, and the public.



A Message from the Regional Superintendent



As Regional Superintendent of Henderson, Knox, Mercer and Warren Counties, I am pleased to submit the annual report from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. This report provides insight on how the ROE supports our communities, schools and families. It will provide you with an overview of the services that are offered by ROE #33 and clearer understanding of the tasks that our office undertakes to fulfill our continued mission to serve our schools and communities by providing educational resources, partnerships and opportunities.

Our growth pattern has been a steep one and remains this way consistently. We continue to expand our services and develop new partnerships based on the needs expressed in the communities we serve.

I want to express my appreciation of our outstanding staff members in ROE #33 for their committed and dedicated work on behalf of our students and educators. We have continued providing high-quality early childhood programs, after-school programs, adult education, alternative school opportunities, attendance support, behavioral health support, and family literacy. We have heightened our focus on school safety and behavioral and mental health creating training and providing services around trauma informed practices.

I, as your Regional Superintendent, have had the opportunity to serve as the co-chairperson for our Licensure committee for the Illinois Association of Regional Superintendents of Schools, as well as coordinator of learning opportunities for our Association.. I have served on the Performance Evaluation Advisory Council since 2010 and continue to serve on that council. In addition, I serve on the KIDS advisory board and the State Preparation and Licensure Board (SEPLB).

Our office continues to work closely with the Illinois State Board of Education to ensure the best support possible for our local school districts. Our continued communication with local legislators also serves us well and we work closely to develop legislation that will aid in the current teacher shortage we continue to face.

Because of the valuable partnerships we have built, our programs and services continue to grow and serve our communities making meeting our mission statement possible.

On behalf of myself, Lori Loving, Assistant Regional Superintendent of Schools, and the entire ROE #33 staff, we want to thank you for your continued support and commitment to the students and families in our region.

Sincerely,

Jodi L. Scott

Regional Superintendent of Schools



Regional Board of School Trustees

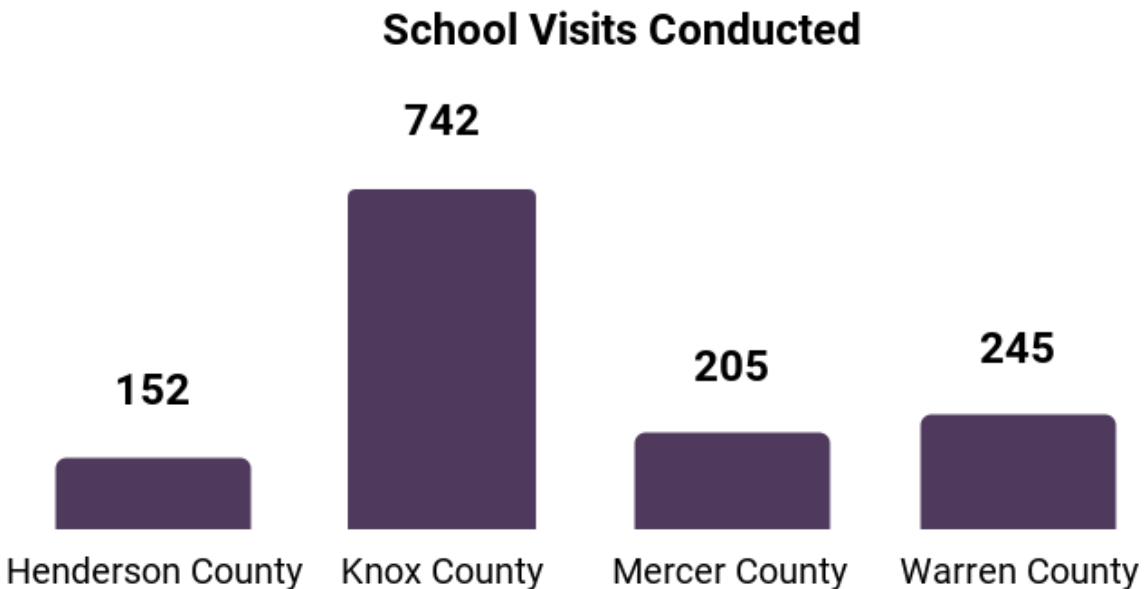
The Regional Board of School Trustees is a group of elected officials responsible for hearing cases regarding requests for detachment and annexation.

Members of the Regional Board of School Trustees include:

- Rodney Bunch**, *Knox County*
- Barb Chiles**, *Mercer County*
- Deb DeCrane**, *Knox County*
- Richard Lutz**, *Henderson County*
- Charles Peirce**, *Warren County*
- Rick Winbigler**, *Warren County*
- Leland Wight**, *Knox County*

Schools Served

ROE #33 works with schools across 9 districts, as well as 3 parochial schools, across Henderson, Knox, Mercer and Warren Counties. In 2021-2022, a total of 1,333 school visits were conducted across the region.





The list below provides information on the schools and districts served by the ROE.

Abingdon-Avon CUSD #276
Jo Campbell, *Superintendent*
www.d276.net

Mercer County School District #404
Scott Petrie, *Superintendent*
www.mercerschools.org

Costa Catholic Academy
Kathryn Frakes, *Principal*
www.costacatholicacademy.org

Monmouth-Roseville CUSD #238
Ed Fletcher, *Superintendent*
www.mr238.org

Galesburg Christian School
Bob Nutzhorn, *Administrator*
www.galesburgchristian.org

R.O.W.V.A. CUSD #208
Joe Sornberger, *Superintendent*
www.rowva.k12.il.us

Galesburg CUSD #205
John Asplund, *Superintendent*
www.galesburg205.org

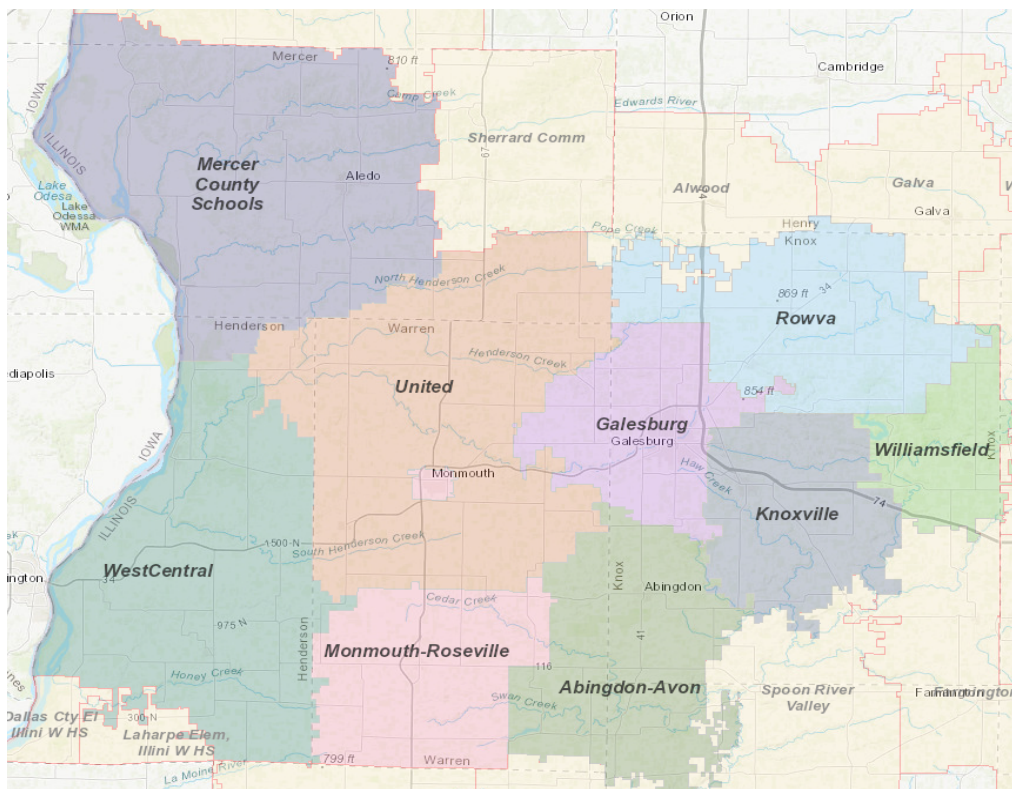
United CUSD #304
Jeff Whitsitt, *Superintendent*
www.u304.org

Immaculate Conception School
Randy Frakes, *Principal*
www.immaculate-conception.net

West Central CUSD #235
Paula Markey, *Superintendent*
www.wc235.k12.il.us

Knoxville CUSD #202
Geoff Schoonover, *Superintendent*
www.bluebullets.org

Williamsfield CUSD #210
Tim Farquer, *Superintendent*
www.billtown.org





ROE #33 Budget Information

ROE #33 manages a total of **63 grant programs**, on local, state, and federal levels.

Financial Audit for 2021 Year End

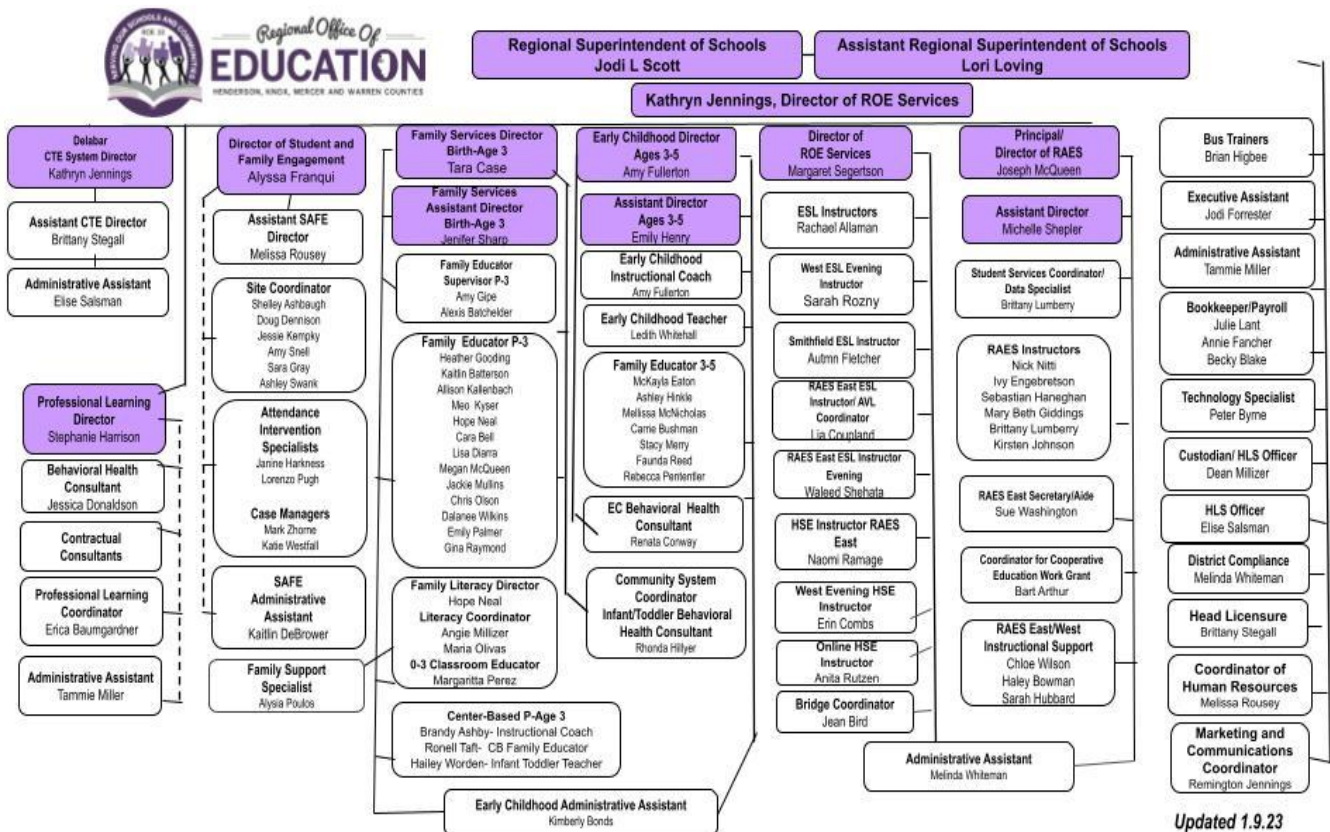
Funding Source	Amount	% of Total
Local Sources	\$805,085	7.75%
State Sources	\$8,403,697	80.94%
Federal Sources	\$1,174,352	11.31%
Total Revenues	\$10,383,134	100.00%

Expenditure Type	Amount	% of Total
Salaries and Benefits	\$4,946,332	49.22%
Purchased Services	\$665,454	6.62%
All Other Expenditures	\$4,436,989	44.15%
Total Expenditures	\$10,048,775	100.00%

Organizational Chart

ROE #33 has a total of 149 employees in 9 departments. In 2021-2022, the ROE held 2 all-staff meetings, with 184 total participants.

The chart below shows the organizational structure of the ROE.



Updated 1.9.23



Programs and Services for Students

Behavioral Health Services

The Regional Office of Education #33's behavioral health team believes in supporting the whole family and community. We offer services to help families and professionals build their capacity to support and sustain healthy social emotional development and mental health. The focus of the team is to help increase skills and reduce family and educator stress surrounding behavioral health needs.

In 2021-2022, the four staff members of the Knox County 708 Board of Mental Health served 659 individual students and 668 families and 2231 educators.

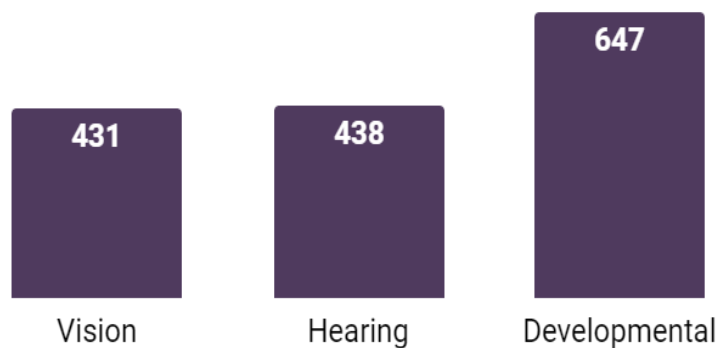
This year, there were 52 School Crisis Assistant team members, and no calls received.

Early Childhood Education

The Early Childhood Preschool for All serves ages three to five and assists in developmentally age appropriate experiences that focus on social/emotional language and pre-literacy development. While meeting individual needs first, all children have the opportunity to participate in authentic learning experiences that enhance their innate love of learning.

In 2021-2022, the Early Childhood Education department managed 32 classrooms across nine districts within Henderson, Knox, Mercer, and Warren Counties.

Screening Totals for Children 0-5



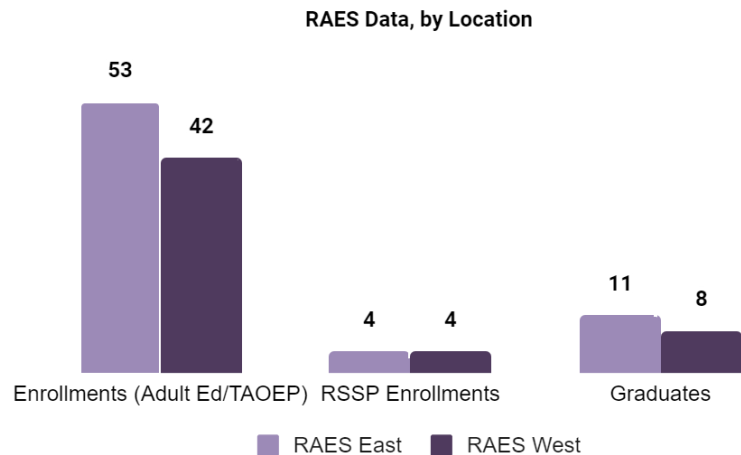
A total of 1,516 vision, hearing, and developmental screenings were conducted for children ages zero to five in 2021-2022.



Regional Alternative Education Services (RAES)

The Regional Alternative Education Services (RAES) is a ROE #33-run alternative school for students residing in Henderson, Knox, Mercer, and Warren counties. We serve students who, for a variety of reasons, need an alternative educational setting to be successful academically. Students may attend RAES due to truancy, behavioral, or academic issues.

RAES offers a comprehensive and robust selection of academic programs. Its Day High School Diploma Program is located in both Galesburg and Monmouth and serves students from 6th through 12th grade. Our programs use a combination of online curriculum through Edgenuity and I-Pathways, and teacher-led instruction, to meet the diverse learning styles of our students. Our RAES staff recognizes the individual and unique student needs in our programs and strive to meet those needs.



The school operates as one collective entity although it has two locations and **employs 17 staff members**. RAES East is located in Galesburg and serves Galesburg, Knoxville, Williamsfield, R.O.W.V.A., and Abingdon/Avon school districts. RAES West is located in Monmouth and services Monmouth/Roseville, Mercer, United, and West Central school districts.

Student enrollment and graduation rates are shown in the bar chart above. Of the enrolled students at RAES East, 19 returned to their home school. At RAES West, 9 returned to their home school. Overall 28 students were able to successfully reenter their home district at some point during the last school year; this is a 28.5% successful reentry rate.

Additional indicators are displayed in the table below.

Indicator	Total
RAES East Credits Earned	78
RAES West Credits Earned	64.75
Students Served With Edgenuity (TAOEP)	95
Students Served With Edgenuity (RSSP)	8
RSSCEP Students Participated/Jobs Received	15

In 2021-2022, twenty-one High School Equivalency diplomas were issued. The HiSET test was administered twenty times, and the Pearson VUE GED was given twenty-four times; there were twenty-three first-time test takers during this year.



Student Services

Ken Russell 5th Grade Outdoor Education Day

Ken Russell was an Illinois Department of Natural Resources fish biologist in West Central Illinois for over 53 years and was honored at the 2018 Fifth Grade Outdoor Education Day for Knox County where the event was renamed in his honor.

The Ken Russell Outdoor Education day is an annual event that gives students an opportunity to get out of the classroom and enjoy the outdoors. A variety of “hands-on” educational wildlife stations are provided for the students. Some of the many stations include fishing, butterflies, geocaching, recycling, aquatics, outdoor adventure, and nutrition.

In 2021-2022, the Knox County Ken Russell Outdoor Education Day was held over the course of two days. The total number of attendees was 300 students.

Student Work Permits

Child Labor Law regulates the employment of workers under 16 years of age. The law protects children by requiring employment certificates. ROE #33 evaluates student applications and issues appropriate Student Work Permits. The certificate confirms that a minor is old enough to work, physically capable to perform the job, and that the job will not interfere with the minor's education and complies with Child Labor Laws.

In 2021-2022, fifty-six student work permits were issued.

Programs and Services for Families and Community Members

Adult Education Programs

ROE #33 offers Adult Education Programs through RAES and for community members ages 16 and older. Students who are seeking their GED or High School Equivalency (HSE) Certificate can enroll in afternoon or evening HiSet/GED courses (located in Galesburg, Monmouth, and online). Students who are non-native English language speakers can enroll in English as a Second Language (ESL) courses that are developed to educate non-English speaking students how to speak, read and write English (located in Galesburg and Monmouth).

In 2021-2022, 73 students enrolled in the HSE program, and 138 students enrolled in the ESL program.

The Adult Education program also runs an Adult Volunteer Literacy program, in which community members can volunteer to tutor adult students enrolled in the HSE or ESL program.

In 2021-2022, 15 volunteers and one staff member participated in this program. There were 27 tutees served in this program.



Early Childhood Prevention Initiative

The Early Childhood Prevention Initiative Program works alongside families and children from Prenatal to Age 3 in Henderson, Knox, Mercer & Warren counties. Family Educators visit with families weekly, in their homes to empower parents to be their child's first teacher through goal setting and child development activities that focus on each individual child's needs. Our program collaborates with partnering agencies, communities and schools to maximize each child's potential.

PI 0-3 Testimonials

Meo Kyser is a Prenatal-Age 3 Family Educator for the Regional Office of Education #33. She has been working with the Donaldson family for almost two years. The Donaldson family has been provided the following resources: Prenatal-Age 3 program, YMCA Early Learning Center, Loving Bottoms Diaper Bank, Discovery Depot, and the Peoria Playhouse.

Alexa, mother of Sophie, participated in an interview with Meo explaining her engagement with ROE33.

"When I first learned about this program, I was told they help connect families to various resources. I didn't realize how involved they would be and how much they care. The developmental screenings have given me peace of mind that my daughter is on the right track. Sometimes it's hard to come up with ways to teach your children certain things. The activities have helped guide me to support my daughter in reaching her milestones. This program has given me reassurance about myself and my parenting! The staff at ROE33 is amazing. I was very nervous about sending my daughter to child care but since my Family Educator, Meo, has been involved it has made it a lot easier. This program would be great for parents in any situation, new parents, single parents, even families who just need a little extra help. The three words I would use to describe my experience with ROE33 are caring, resourceful, and reassuring."

In 2021-2022, the Prevention Initiative served 226 students and 32 prenatal families.

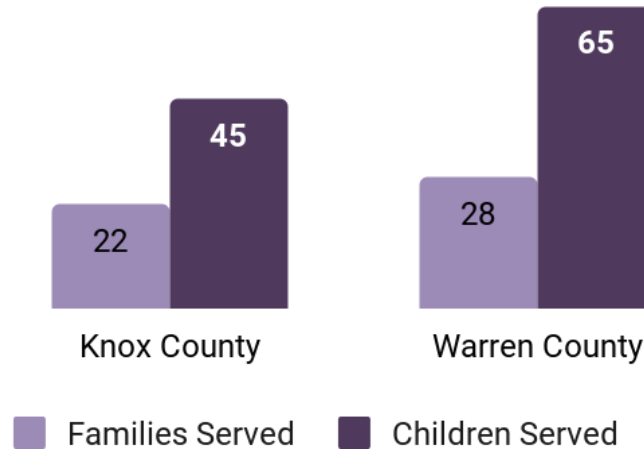
Family Literacy Program

The Regional Office of Education's Family Literacy Program is funded through the Illinois Secretary of State Penny Severns Family Literacy grant. We serve both Knox and Warren Counties in collaboration with the Galesburg Public Library and the Warren County Public Library. We also collaborate together with our school districts.

This five component family program offers English as a Second Language and Adult Basic Education programs for adults. Enrolled children receive child education. Parenting education and Parent-Child Together Time (PACT) activities are provided for the entire family including Warren County's 0 to 3 classroom. Families receive library cards and learn how to access the library's resources.



Families and Children Served by Family Literacy Programs



Family Literacy Testimonials

Hope Neal is the Director of Family Literacy and a Prenatal to Age 3 Family Educator with the Regional Office of Education #33. One of the families that Hope supports participated in an interview expressing what the program has done for them and their family. This particular family is engaged in the following programs: Prenatal to Age 3, Preschool, Family Literacy, and ESL (English as a second language).

The participant shared that the ROE33 programs were not what they first expected stating that *“I learned more than I thought I would.”* They went on to say that *“I learned how to help my children’s environment to best help them learn.”* The ROE was able to connect this family to many resources in the community including the following: Jamieson Center Christmas Program, Imagination Library, and Loving Bottoms Diaper Bank. They expressed how they enjoy working with their Family Educator, *“My kids are happy and it makes me happy.”* They further included that it has helped them learn how to support their children: *“My children get to interact with other kids. It has made my family happy.”*

In 2021-2022, Knox and Warren County each had two dedicated employees.



Programs and Services for Teachers, Staff, and Administrators

Certification and Licensure Support

ROE #33 works in close collaboration with the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) to provide support for Educator Licensure. We assist with questions related to substitute, paraprofessional, educator, administrator and alternative licenses.

Workshop/Meeting	Total Number
Administrator Certificate Consultations	8
Teacher Licensure Consultations	401
Educators Registered	431
Licenses Registered	440
Certification/Licensure Meetings	6
Substitute Licenses Registered	183
Public School Administrators Employed	55
Public School Teachers Employed	1,136
Teacher Retirement System Conferences	1
Parapro Tests Administered	38

Professional Development (PD)

The Regional Office of Education #33 is part of a Professional Development Consortium with the Regional Office of Education #26. The PD Consortium offers the professional development tools to succeed through its workshops, face-to-face trainings, conferences, partnerships, and online opportunities. **Sessions held in 2021-2022 are listed in the table below.**

Workshop/Meeting	Number of Sessions Held	Number of Participants
ROE #26/ROE #33 Professional Development	92	1,223
Administrator Academies	6	28
Consortium Workshops	92	1,223
Individual School Workshops	41	956
ROE #26/ROE #33 Consortium Meetings	12	105



In addition to the totals listed in the table above, ROE #33 also offered four initial courses for bus drivers, serving 11 participants, and 10 refresher courses for drivers, with 193 participants.

The ROE also participated in 23 superintendent meetings and four principal meetings in 2021-2022. One PD Advisory Committee meeting was held with 11 participants. Additionally, 3 needs assessments conducted in 2021-2022 totaled 63 participants.

Programs and Services for Schools and Districts

21st Century Community Learning Centers

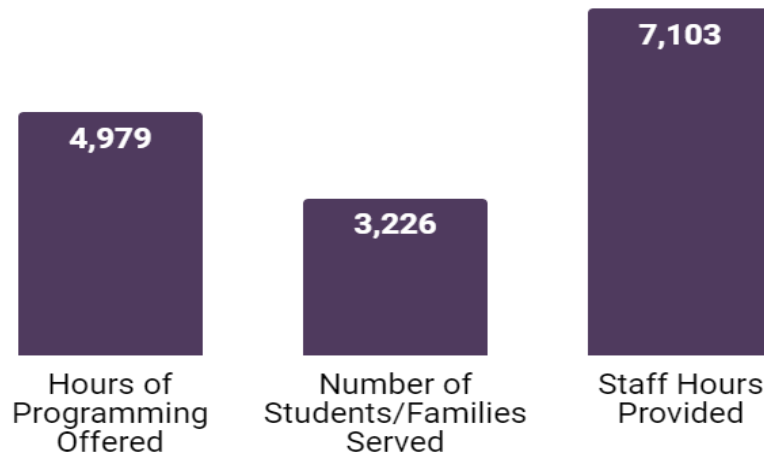
The Regional Office of Education #33 has received federal funding through a competitive grant process through ISBE for Mercer County High School, Monmouth-Roseville Junior High School, Monmouth-Roseville High School, Galesburg High School, Abingdon-Avon High School and United High School to offer program support of 21st Century Community Learning Centers.

These centers are designed to provide academic enrichment opportunities during non-school hours for district students.

The intent of these programs are to help students meet state and local standards in core academic subjects, such as reading and math; offers students a broad array of enrichment activities that can complement their regular academic programs; and offers literacy and other educational services to the families of participating youths.

Students may expand their learning beyond the normal school day to better prepare for future jobs or college coursework whatever their chosen pathway leads them to successful life-long learning.

21st Century Learning Center Totals





Attendance Support & Homeless Education

ROE #33 provides Attendance Support through Truancy Intervention and Prevention to potential truants, truants, and chronic truants. Attendance Support staff identify students through a system of referrals by participating school districts and take corrective action through a series of steps.

In 2018, ROE #33 put in place the Truancy Review Board to deter truancy and correct truant behavior. Upon the 15th unexcused absence, the student and parent/guardian will be sent a Legal Notice to Appear before the Truancy Review Board in the County they reside.

The number of interventions conducted in 2021-2022 are listed in the table below.

Truancy Intervention	Total Number
Letters sent	3,061
School visits	157
Home visits	176
Tickets issued	45
Case Management Meetings	645
Hearings by Regional Office/State's Attorney	155
Project Stay-In referrals	1,388

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act of 1987 provides federal money for homeless shelter programs. Unaccompanied Homeless Youths include young people who have run away from home, been thrown out of their homes, and/or abandoned by parents/guardians or caregivers. Unaccompanied youths have the same rights as other students experiencing homelessness and face unique barriers to enrolling and succeeding in school.

In 2021-2022, 225 homeless children were served, and 4 staff members were trained on McKinney-Vento. No homeless hearings were held.

Additionally, the Attendance Support program works with dropout youth through the Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act program. The purpose of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Youth Out-of-School Program is to assist students who fall under the definition of dropout with securing and/or upgrading employment, training or increasing their earnings.

In 2021-2022, 72 WIOA student contacts were made by ROE #33's attendance support program. 45 student applications were completed for the WIOA Youth Out-of-School Program.



Career and Technical Education (CTE)

The Delabar CTE System is a regionally organized system that delivers career and technical education (CTE) programs to its member schools. We work with local schools to plan, deliver, and evaluate instructional programming and support services for CTE students. State and federal funding is coordinated through Delabar to provide resources for successful implementation of programs and professional development of CTE instructors.

The major effort this year for Delabar CTE was the purchase of virtual reality career exploration headsets. The team was able to provide 400 career exploration simulations for area 8th graders during the 2021-2022 school year.

In the chart below, the efforts of the Career and Technical Education program are captured.

CTE Meetings and Events	Total Number
CTE Teacher Meetings	3
CTE Professional Development Activities/Events	31
Regional Collaborative Meetings/Events	20
Advisory Committee Meetings Attended	10
CTE Program of Study Consultation with Member Districts	32
State/Regional CTE Meetings Attended	24
Meetings/Projects with Industry Partners	6
Education Pathway Grant Student-to-Teacher Ratio	47:3

Health and Life Safety & Compliance

Regional Offices of Education are responsible to annually inspect schools to assure compliance with the minimum standards necessary to ensure the health and safety of public school students in Illinois. Additional reviews assess district and school level compliance with school laws and code.

In 2021-2022, forty-one Health and Life Safety inspections were conducted and eighteen Health and Life Safety Plans were processed and reviewed for schools. There were also 7 approvals for Health and Life Safety funds and 6 completion inspections conducted.



ROE #33 Operations

In addition to the programs and services highlighted in this report, ROE #33 performs other activities and services to support local schools and their communities.

Meetings and Operational Deliverables	Total Number
Detachment/Annexation Hearings/Inquiries	0
Reorganization Hearings and Meetings	0
Criminal Background Checks Conducted	553
State and Regional Meetings	82
Regional Board of Trustee Meetings	0
Community Involvement/Meetings	59
Inquiries/Requests from the Public	69
District Documents Reviewed/Approved	64
Excellence in Education Meetings Attended	0
Homeschool Registrations Received	76

Friends of ROE#33 Ball

On July 12, 2022, the Regional Office of Education #33 held its first annual Friends of the ROE Ball to honor partners of the ROE from across our region. The purpose of the event was to celebrate the collaboration of the community partners of the ROE who have helped us serve our communities, schools, families, and children. Through this teamwork, we have been able to accomplish our mission, vision, and core values.

- **Partnership** is defined as “a relationship in which two or more people, organizations, or countries work together as partners.”
- **Collaboration** is defined as “a working practice whereby individuals work together for a common purpose.”
- **Teamwork** is defined as “the combined action of a group of people, especially when effective and efficient.”

The Regional Office of Education #33 proudly honored 84 partners at this year’s celebration.



ROE#33's Vision, Mission, Purpose, and Core Values

The Regional Office of Education #33 is driven by its mission, vision, and core values.

Our Vision is to serve our schools and communities.

Our Mission is to serve our schools and community by providing educational resources, partnerships, and opportunities.

Our Purpose Statement is to positively impact lives.

We Believe in Customer Service, Collaboration, Community Involvement, and becoming the BEST ROE in the state.

Jodi L. Scott

Regional Superintendent of Schools

www.roe33.net

