



Regional Office Of
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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, 2022 through June 30, 2023. This report provides an overview of the services that are offered by ROE #33 and a 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 continued to be a steep one. We have expanded our services and developed new partnerships based on the needs expressed in the communities we serve. This year we held three Stakeholder meetings to invite feedback from our collaborative partners. This insight provided us the opportunity to make improvements in our communication and marketing efforts. We have begun a monthly ROE Newsletter, have adopted a Marketing and Communication Plan, and have increased our presence on our social media accounts.

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 to educators around trauma informed practices and providing case management services to families.

I, as your Regional Superintendent, have had the opportunity to begin my term serving as the President of the Illinois Association of Regional Superintendents of Schools. 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. We have opened our new location at 932 Harrison Street in Galesburg and closed 3 locations in order to centralize our programs and services to better meet the needs of our organization.

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.

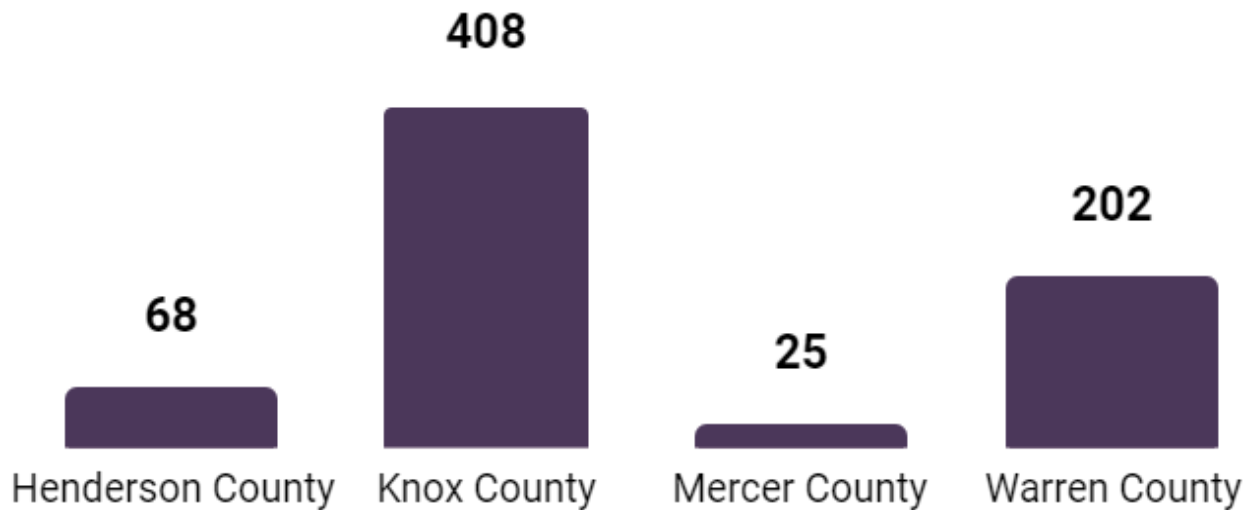
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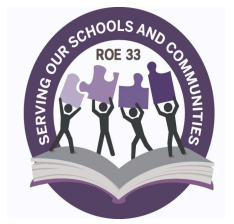
- Barb Chiles**, Mercer County
- Deb DeCrane**, Knox County
- Richard Lutz**, Henderson County
- Charles Peirce**, Warren County
- Rick Winbigler**, Warren County
- Leland Wight**, Knox County

Schools Served

ROE #33 works with schools across 9 districts, as well as 3 parochial schools, across Henderson, Knox, Mercer and Warren Counties. In 2022-2023, a total of 703 school visits were conducted across the region.

School Visits Conducted





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

Abingdon-Avon CUSD #276
William Walters, *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
James Dunlap, *Superintendent*
www.rowva.k12.il.us

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

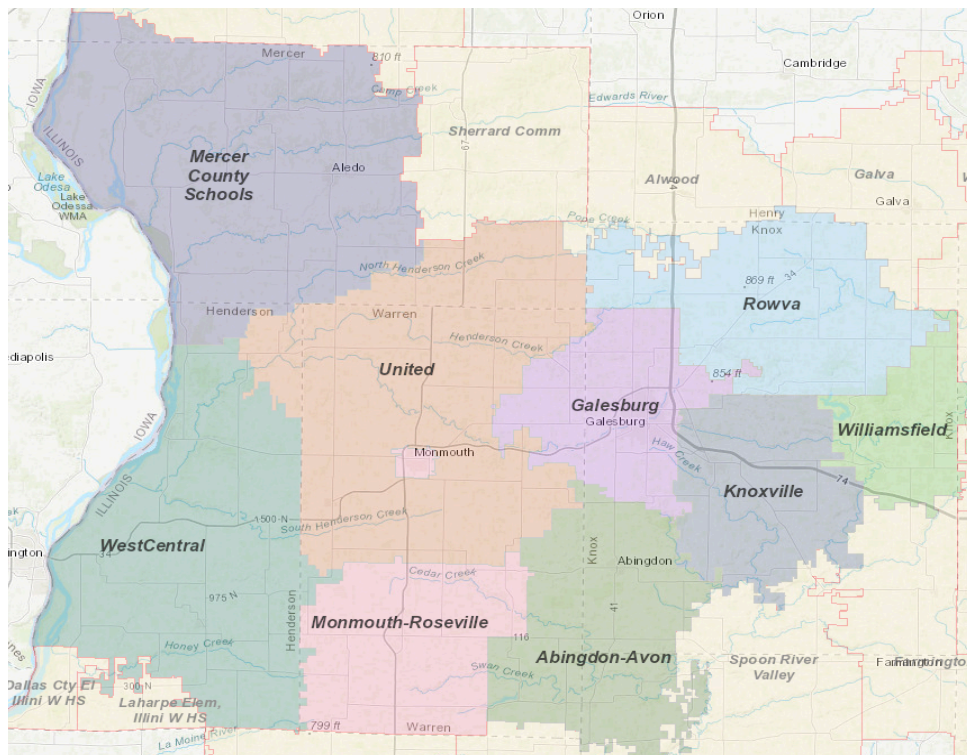
United CUSD #304
Jeff Whitsitt, *Superintendent*
www.u304.org

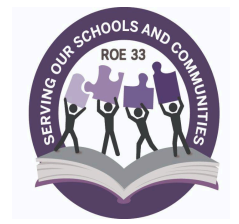
Immaculate Conception School
Randy Frakes, *Principal*
www.immaculate-conception.net

West Central CUSD #235
Stacy Day, *Superintendent*
www.wc235.k12.il.us

Knoxville CUSD #202
Martin Payne and Ralph Grimm,
Interim Superintendents
www.bluebullets.org

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





ROE #33 Budget Information

ROE #33 manages a total of 70 grant programs, on local, state, and federal levels.

Financial Audit for 2022 Year End

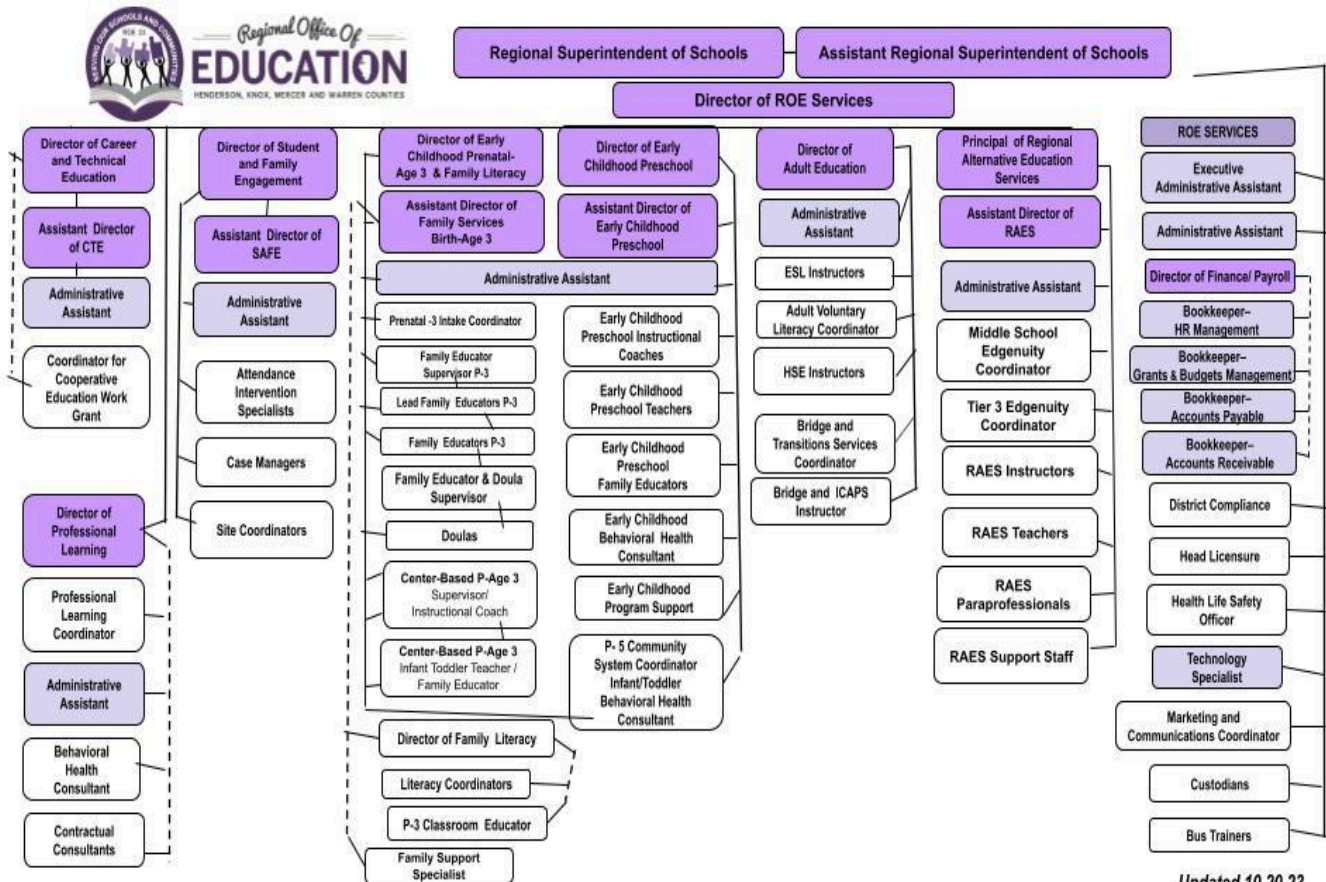
Funding Source	Amount	% of Total
Local Sources	\$1,332,833	13.94%
State Sources	\$7,069,001	73.95%
Federal Sources	\$1,157,848	12.11%
Total Revenues	\$9,559,682	100.00%

Expenditure Type	Amount	% of Total
Salaries and Benefits	\$4,406,515	46.52%
Purchased Services	\$751,844	7.94%
All Other Expenditures	\$4,314,868	45.55%
Total Expenditures	\$9,473,227	100.00%

Organizational Chart

ROE #33 has a total of 188 employees in 9 departments. In 2022-2023, the ROE held 2 all-staff meetings, with 181 total participants.

The chart below shows the organizational structure of the ROE.





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 2022-2023, the two staff members of the Knox County 708 Board of Mental Health served 82 individual students and 234 families and 2321 educators. There were 25 events that specifically targeted staff wellness for educators.

This year, there were 53 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.

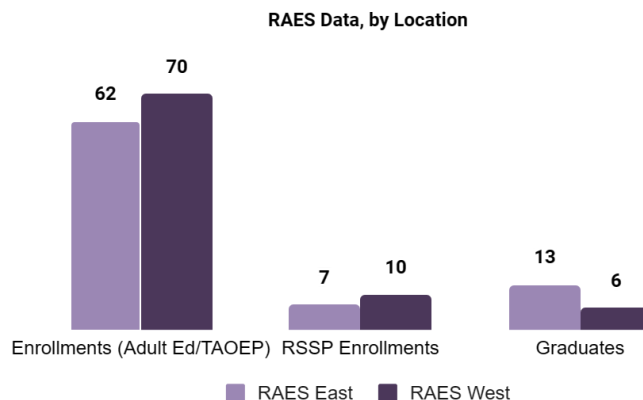
In 2022-2023, the Early Childhood Education department managed 34 classrooms across nine districts within Henderson, Knox, Mercer, and Warren Counties.

A total of 1,440 vision, hearing, and developmental screenings were conducted for children ages zero to five in 2022-2023.

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 Galesburg 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 out of two locations and **employs 14 staff members**. RAES is located in Galesburg and Monmouth and serves Galesburg, Knoxville, Williamsfield, R.O.W.V.A., Abingdon/Avon, 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	30.5
RAES West Credits Earned	88
Students Served With Edgenuity (TAOEP)	132
Students Served With Edgenuity (RSSP)	17
RSSCEP Students Participated/Jobs Received	8

In 2022-2023, twenty-one High School Equivalency diplomas were issued. The HiSET test was administered twenty-one times, and the Pearson VUE GED was given eighty-eight times; there were eight-eight first-time test takers during this year.

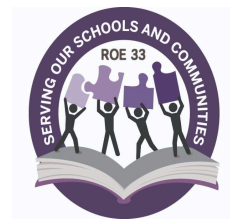
Student Services

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 2022-2023, the Knox County Ken Russell Outdoor Education Day was held on September 22, 2023. The total number of attendees was 468 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 2022-2023, forty-two 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).

Service	Total
HSE enrollment	103
ESL enrollment	161
Bridge enrollment	85
ESA (Essential Skills Academy) certificate obtained	11
HiSET/GED subject tested	120
HiSET/GED subject passed	97
Transition Cases	16
Measurable Skill Gains (CASAS)	39.86
Citizenship gained	1

In 2022-2023, 103 students enrolled in the HSE program, and 161 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 2022-2023, 11 volunteers and one staff member participated in this program. There were 52 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

In 2022-2023, the Prevention Initiative served 218 students and 18 prenatal families.

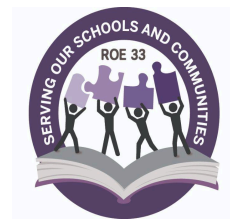
Terin, mother of the Wilcox family, participated in an interview with her Family Educator, Renata Conway, explaining her engagement with ROE #33.

"While I was attending RAES, an alternative high school offered through ROE #33, the Student Service Coordinator recommended that I participate in the Prenatal-Age 3 program. Once enrolled in the program, I was connected with my Family Educator, Renata. Renata and the RAES Student Service Coordinator were persistent in encouraging me to participate in the parent/child interaction visits with Renata. Those visits supported me in receiving free books from ROE #33 and free diapers from Loving Bottoms Diaper Bank. They also gave me confidence to achieve several goals, such as graduating high school, moving out, buying my own home, getting married, and having a second baby. A few of the benefits I have noticed as a result of being a part of this program is my understanding about child development and the importance of being in a healthy relationship. Being a part of the Prenatal-Age 3 program has been better than what I first expected. Renata and I have gone through a lot together and built a great relationship. All of the staff that I have been connected with from ROE #33 have helped me stay on track with my school work and maintaining goals. They have all been helpful and easy to talk to. Because of my experience, I have recommended ROE #33 programs to others."

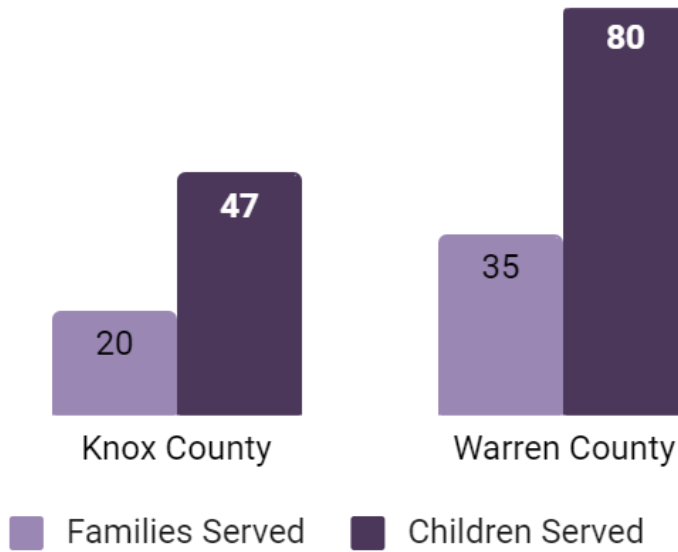
Family Literacy Program

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



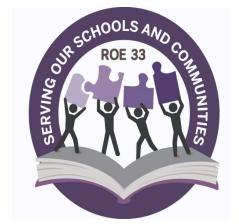
Family Literacy Testimonials

Hope Neal is the Director of Family Literacy and a Prenatal-Age 3 Family Educator for the Regional Office of Education #33. She has been working with the Acosta family for one year. They are involved in the following programs with the ROE33: Family Literacy, ESL (English as a second language) and the Prenatal-Age 3 program.

Shayla, mother of the Acosta family, participated in an interview with Hope explaining her engagement in ROE33 programs.

“Engaging with the ROE33 has been a beautiful experience to meet new people and learn from staff. I decided to engage in the program because I learned about it from a friend and I thought it would be interesting and something new for me. My family has been able to enhance our English skills as we have only been in the country for one year. During our visits with Hope, my children get to interact with new books while developing their English skills as well. Another benefit from these programs is that my children are learning new activities and I really enjoy all of the family events including playgroups. This program has helped connect my family with Loving Bottoms Diaper Bank, Imagination Library, Warren County Public Library, and Jamieson Center. I feel supported by the ROE33 and love the programs that are offered; I would recommend them to anyone.”

In 2022-2023, Knox and Warren County had six 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	4
Teacher Licensure Consultations	685
Educators Registered	350
Licenses Registered	356
Certification/Licensure Meetings	10
Substitute Licenses Registered	145
Public School Administrators Employed	67
Public School Teachers Employed	949
Teacher Retirement System Conferences	0
Parapro Tests Administered	40

Professional Learning (PL)

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 2022-2023 are listed in the table below.**

Workshop/Meeting	Number of Sessions Held	Number of Participants
ROE #26/ROE #33 Professional Development	191	4045
Administrator Academies	10	30
Consortium Workshops	191	4045
Individual School Workshops	60	1830
ROE #26/ROE #33 Consortium Meetings	4	24



In addition to the totals listed in the table above, ROE #33 offered 6 refresher courses for bus drivers, with 220 participants.

The ROE also participated in 15 superintendent meetings and three principal meetings in 2022-2023. One PD Advisory Committee meeting was held with 8 participants. Additionally, 10 needs assessments conducted in 2022-2023 totaled 46 participants.

Programs and Services for Schools and Districts

21st Century Community Learning Centers

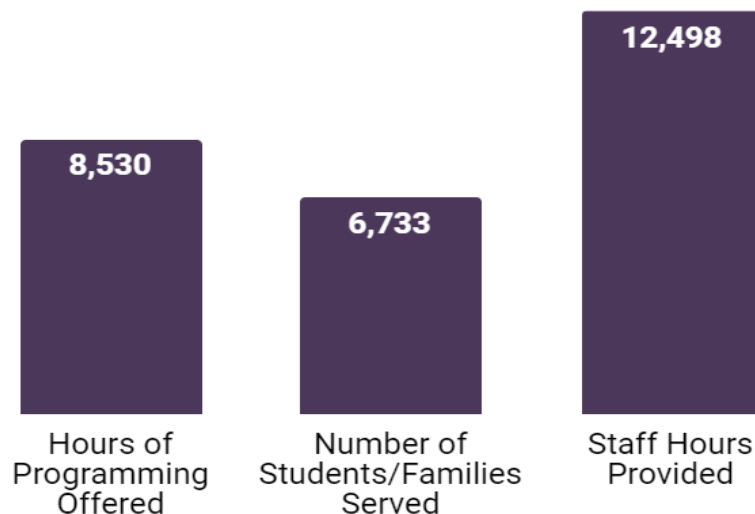
The Regional Office of Education #33 has received federal funding through a competitive grant process through ISBE for Mercer County High School, Monmouth-Roseville Junior High School, Monmouth-Roseville High School, Galesburg High School, Abingdon-Avon High School, and United High School to offer program support for 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 2022-2023 are listed in the table below.

Truancy Intervention	Total Number
Letters sent	3,009
School visits	183
Home visits	158
Tickets issued (no authorization to issue in FY 23)	0
Case Management Meetings	17
Hearings by Regional Office/State's Attorney	324
Project Stay-In referrals	1,054

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 2022-2023, 225 homeless children were served and 0 homeless hearings were conducted.

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 2022-2023, 112 WIOA student contacts were made by ROE #33's attendance support program. 33 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 425 career exploration simulations for area 8th graders during the 2022-2023 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	11
CTE Professional Development Activities/Events	15
Regional Collaborative Meetings/Events	23
Advisory Committee Meetings Attended	7
CTE Program of Study Consultation with Member Districts	27
State/Regional CTE Meetings Attended	16
Meetings/Projects with Industry Partners	23
Education Pathway Grant Students Served	34

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 2022-2023, thirty-five Health and Life Safety inspections were conducted and 6 Health and Life Safety Plans were processed and reviewed for schools. There were also 9 approvals for Health and Life Safety funds and 7 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	3
Reorganization Hearings and Meetings	0
Criminal Background Checks Conducted	687
State and Regional Meetings	16
Regional Board of Trustee Meetings	1
Community Involvement/Meetings	9/17
Inquiries/Requests from the Public	117
District Documents Reviewed/Approved	162
Excellence in Education Meetings Attended	150
Homeschool Registrations Received	15

Friends of ROE#33 Ball

On November 2nd, 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 116 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

