

Annual Report

July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020



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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.

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.



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



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, 2019 through June 30, 2020. This report provides insight on how the ROE supports our communities, schools and families. I am certain that it will provide you with an overview of the services that are offered by ROE #33, and that it will also give you a better 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. We continue to expand our services and develop new partnerships throughout our communities. 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, truancy 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 chairperson for our Licensure committee for the Illinois Association of Regional Superintendents of Schools, as well as our Area Chair. I have served on the Performance Evaluation Advisory Council since 2010 and continue to serve on that council.

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 aide in the current teacher shortage we continue to face.

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**

ROE Programs

Regional Alternative Education Services (R.A.E.S.)

The Regional Alternative Education Services (R.A.E.S.) is a ROE #33 ran alternative school for students that serves Henderson, Knox, Mercer, and Warren counties. We serve students who for variety of reasons need an alternative educational setting to be successful academically. 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 R.A.E.S. 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 to better serve our students. 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.

RAES offers a comprehensive and robust selection of academic programs:

RAES Day High School Diploma Program:

- ◆ Located in both Galesburg and Monmouth and serves students from 6th through 12th grade.

RAES Adult Education Program:

- ◆ Located in Galesburg, Monmouth and Carthage.
- ◆ Offers evening HiSet/GED courses for individuals 16 years of age and older seeking their GED or High School Equivalency Certificate.

RAES Adult ESL Program:

- ◆ Located in Galesburg and Monmouth and services students 16 years of age and older.
- ◆ Offers English as a Second Language courses that are developed to educate non-speaking students how to speak, read and write English.

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 in collaboration with the Warren County Library. The five component family program offers English as a second language and Adult Education programs for adults. Parenting Education and Play Groups are available for the entire family, as well as, a birth to three classroom for children while their parents attend classes.

For more information on our courses and hours, please visit: ROE33.net

ROE Programs, continued.

Early Childhood Programs

Early Childhood Prevention Initiative serves families in Henderson, Knox, Mercer and Warren counties with children ages prenatal through 3 years old. It is centered around family well being, child development and common areas of concern for parents. The mission is to partner with parents to strengthen families and design an environment which maximizes each child's potential.

The Early Childhood Preschool for All serves for ages three to five, 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.

21st Century Community Learning Center

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 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.



Truancy & Homeless Education

The ROE #33 provides Truancy Intervention and Prevention to potential truants, truants, and chronic truants. Truancy staff identify students through a system of referrals by participating school districts and take corrective action through a series of steps. In 2018 the 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 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act of 1987 is a United States federal law that 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.

PD Consortium

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, and partnerships to offer online opportunities.

Geography Bowl

The Regional Office of Education #33 has been hosting the Knox County Geography Bowl since 1996. There are two divisions: Elementary and Junior High. Each team consists of 5 players and up to 5 alternates.

The competition is held entirely within one day and will be conducted as a tournament depending on the number of teams present. Each round includes 20 questions within topics ranging from local to world geography.

County Spelling Bees

The ROE #33 organizes the annual regional spelling bee for Henderson, Knox, Mercer and Warren counties and gives local students the opportunity to participate in the Scripps National Spelling Bee.



Ken Russel 5th Grade Outdoor Education Day

Ken Russel has been a district fish biologist in west-central Illinois for over 53 years and was recently honored at the 2018 Fifth Grade Outdoor Education Day for Knox County where the event was renamed in his honor.

The Ken Russel Outdoor Education day is an annual event which 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 included fishing, butterflies, geocaching, recycling, aquatics, outdoor adventure and nutrition.

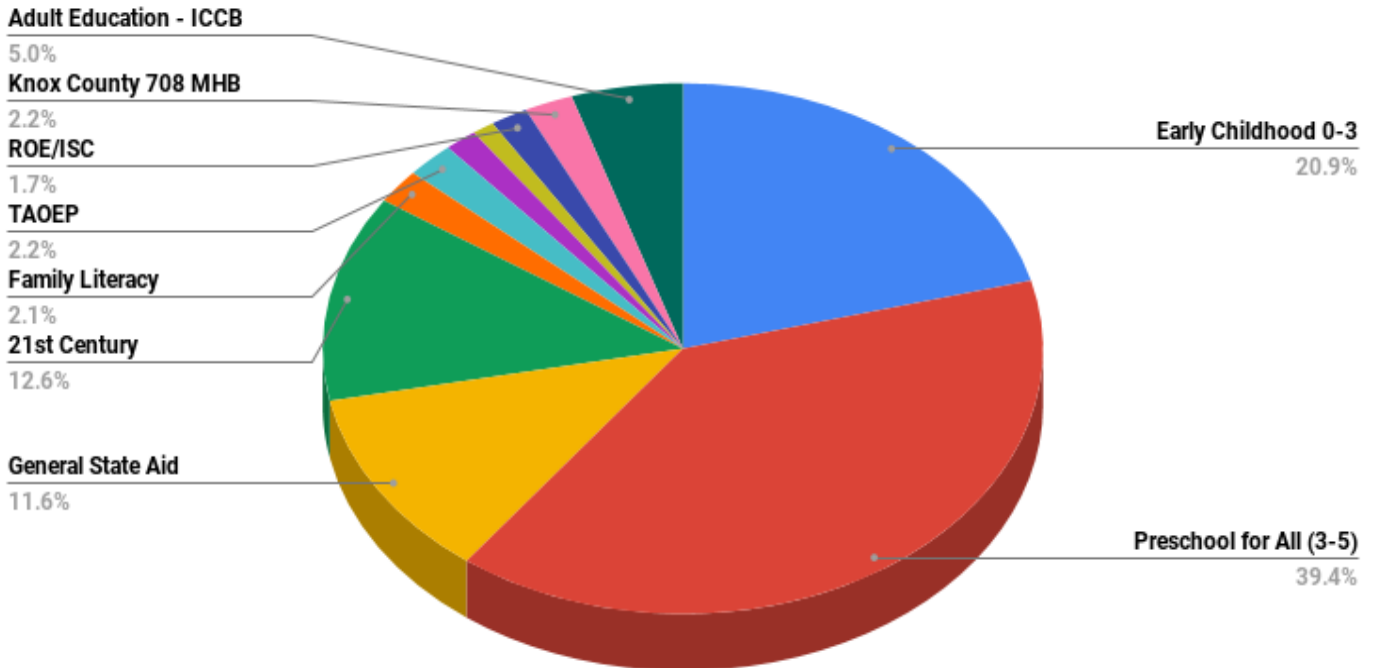
Approximately 500 fifth grade students from Knox County and 50 volunteers participate annually.



Budget Information

FINANCIAL AUDIT FOR 2019 YEAR END			
TOTAL REVENUES	\$8,093,278	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$7,603,689
Local Sources	\$805,947	Salaries and Benefits	\$3,484,699
% of Total Revenues	9.96%	% of Total Expenditures	45.83%
State Sources	\$6,454,190	Purchased Services	\$706,664
% of Total Revenues	79.75%	% of Total Expenditures	9.29%
Federal Sources	\$833,141	All Other Expenditures	\$3,412,326
% of Total Revenues	10.29%	% of Total Expenditures	44.88%

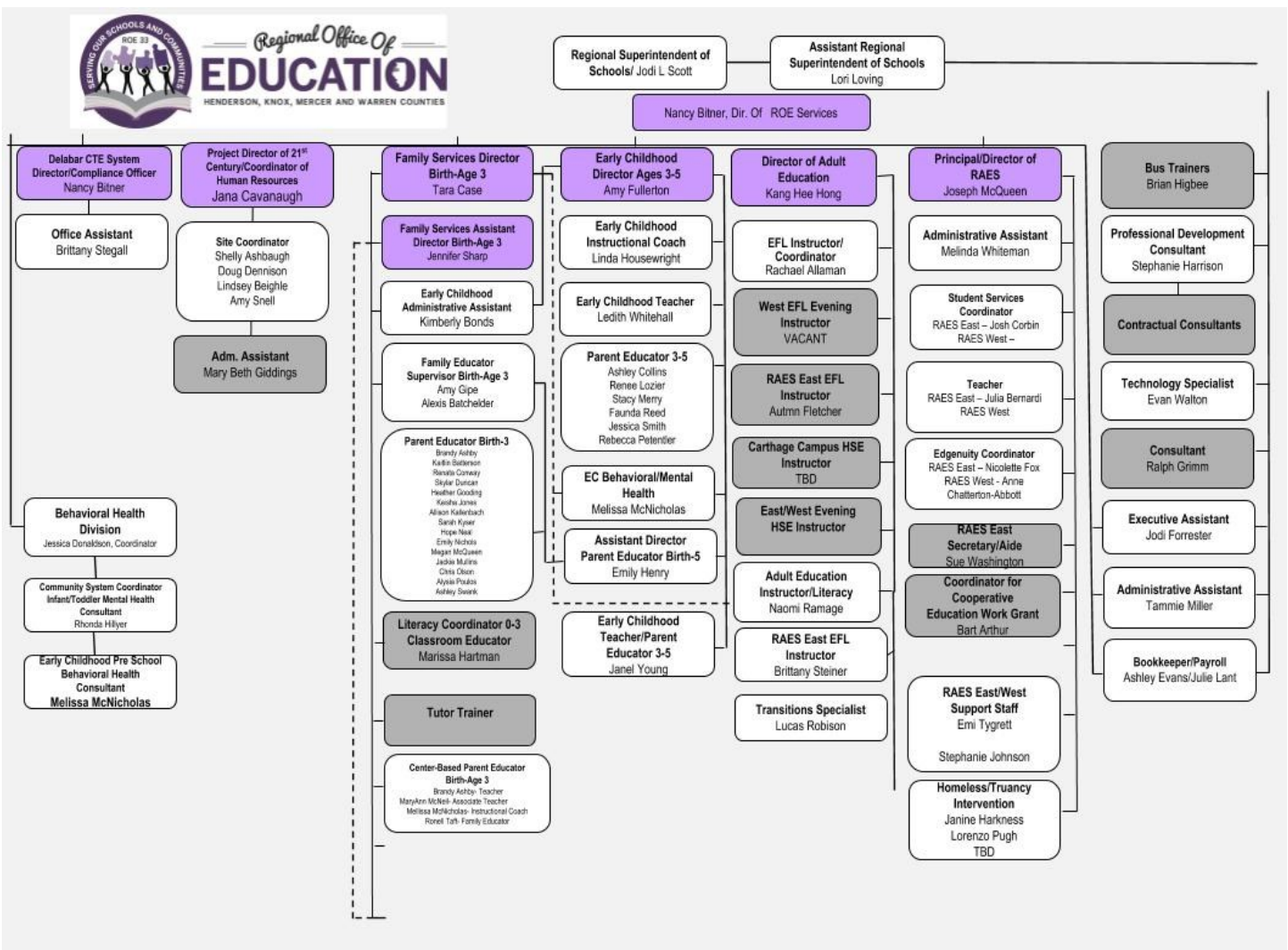
2020 Approved Budget - \$8,011,989.00



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
 Barb Chiles..... Mercer
 Deb DeCrane..... Knox
 Richard Lutz..... Henderson
 Charles Peirce..... Warren
 Rick Winbigler..... Warren
 Leland Wight Knox



Services

General Operations

Number of Employees	198
Detachment/Annexation Hearings/Inquiries	0
Reorganization Hearings & Meetings	0
Grant Programs	47
Criminal Background Checks	356
ROE33 Staff Meetings/# Participants	18/1196
State & Regional Meetings	219
Regional Board of School Trustee Meetings	0
Community Involvement/Meetings	158
Inquires/Requests from the Public	168
District Documents Reviewed/Approved	50
Excellence in Education/# Attended	0
Homeschool Registrations Received	10
School Crisis Assistant Team Members	47
School Crisis Assistant Team Calls	1

Certification/Licensure

Administrator Certificate Consultations	11
Teacher Licensure Consultations	303
Educators Registered	310
Licenses Registered	314
Certification/Licensure Meetings	19
Substitute Licensure Meetings	89
Public School Administrators Employed	55
Public School Teachers Employed	1136
Teacher Retirement System Conferences	0
ParaPro Tests Administered	24

Student

Geography Bowl Participants	108
Knox County Outdoor Day #Participants	512
Regional Spelling Bee Participants	11
Student Work Permits Issued	8

Truancy & Homeless

Truancy Letters	1773
Truancy School Visits	219
Home Visits	208
Truancy Tickets Issued	26
Hearings by Regional Office/States Attorney	104
Project Stay-In Referrals	746
Homeless Hearings	0
Homeless Children Served	704
McKinney Vento Homeless Training # Participants	16

Bus Drivers

Initial Courses Offered/# Participants	3/20
Refresher Courses Offered/# Participants	10/209

Safe Schools & Alternative Programs

RAES East Enrollments (Adult Ed/TAOEP)	74
RAES East RSSP Enrollments	8
RAES East Credits Earned	208.5
RAES East Graduates	34
RAES West Enrollments (Adult Ed/TAOEP)	56
RAES West RSSP Enrollments	16
RAES West Credits Earned	209
RAES West Graduates	13
Total Staff Employed	17
Students served with Edgenuity (TAOEP)	130
Students served with Edgenuity (RSSP)	24
RSSCEP #students participated/# jobs	17

IL High School Equivalency Testing

1st Time Test Takers	1
High School Equivalency Diplomas Issued	6
Test Administrations: HiSET	2
Test Administrations: GED (Pearson VUE)	7

Adult Education

HSE enrollment	75
ESL enrollment	165

21st Century Learning Centers

Hours of Programming offered to 6-Sites	3871
Number of Districts Students/Families Served	1579
Staff Hours Provided to Districts Served by Programming Students	2195

Health/Life Safety

Life Safety Inspections Conducted	32
Health/Life Safety Plans Processed/Reviewed	32
Approve Health/Life Safety Funds	51
Completion Inspections Conducted	11

Developmental, Vision & Hearing Screenings

Vision Screenings 0-5	64
Hearing Screenings 0-5	69
Developmental Screenings 0-5	298

Knox County 708 Board Mental Health

Children Served	0
Families Served	138
Staff Employed	4
Educators Served	368

Services, continued.

Prevention Initiative

Children Served	168
Staff Employed	2
Prenatal Families Served	71

Literacy

Knox County Family Literacy

Families Served	74
Children Served	149
# of Staff	2

Warren County Family Literacy

Families Served	104
Children Served	238
# of Staff	2

Dollar General Family Literacy

Families Served	168
Children Served	389
# of Staff	4

Adult Volunteer Literacy

# Volunteers	58
# of Staff	1

Professional Development

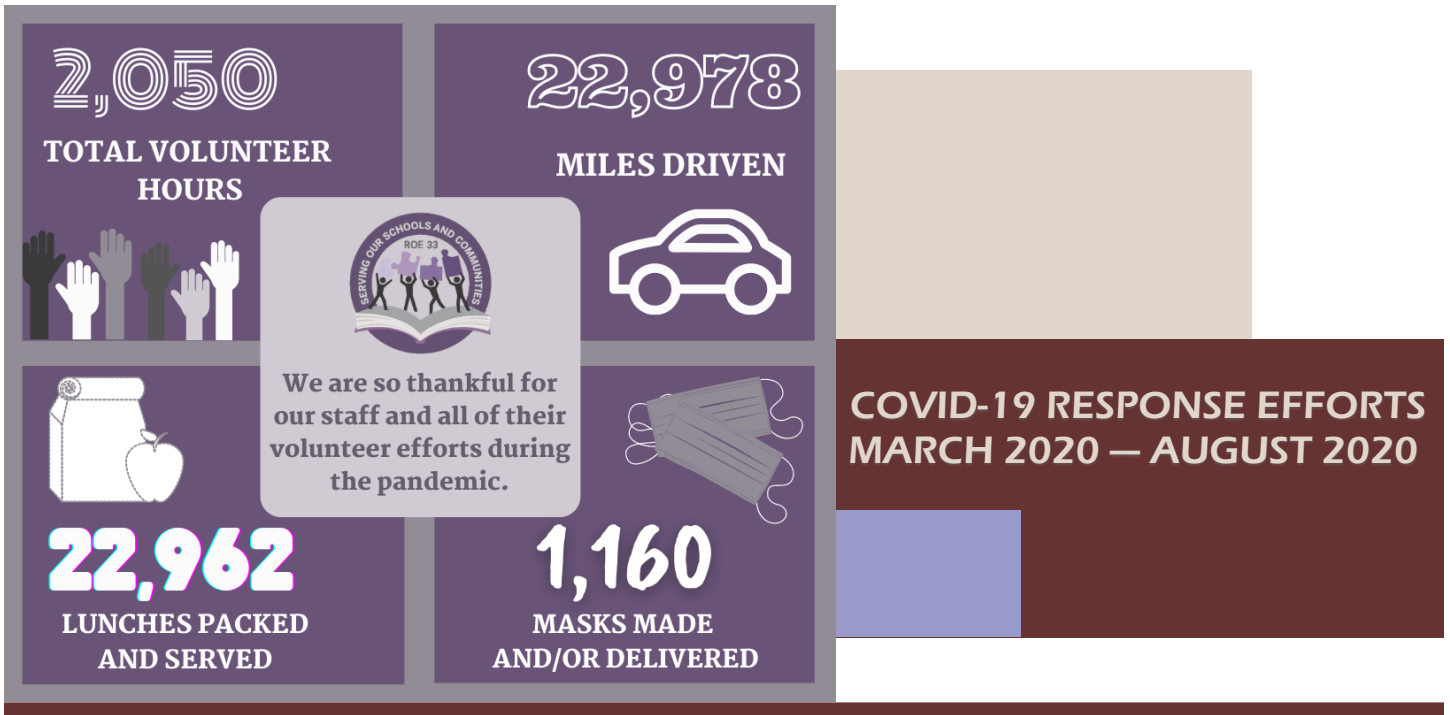
ROE 26/ROE 33 Prof. Dev. Activities/# Participants	93/1652
Administrator Academies/# Participants	12/143
Consortium Workshops Offered/# Participants	46/432
Needs Assessments/# Participants	285
Individual School Workshops/# Participants	36/708
ROE 26/ROE 33 Consortium Meetings/# Participants	20/32
Superintendent Meetings	23
Principal Meetings	4
PD Advisory Committee Mtgs/# Participants	0

Schools/Buildings Visited

Henderson County	0
Knox County	46
Mercer County	19
Warren County	42

Delabar CTE System

CTE Teacher Meetings	18
CTE Professional Development Activities/Events	4
Regional Collaborative Meetings/Events	7
Advisory Committee Meetings Attended	11
CTE Program of Study Consultation with Member Districts	18
State/Regional CTE Meetings Attended	20
Meetings/Projects with Industry Partners	13



Schools Served

Abingdon-Avon CUSD #276

Mike Curry, Superintendent

<http://www.d276.net/>

Galesburg CUSD #205

John Asplund, Superintendent

<http://www.galesburg205.org/>

Knoxville CUSD #202

Joe Burgess Jr., Interim Superintendent

www.bluebullets.org

United CUSD #304

Jeff Whitsitt, Superintendent

<https://www.u304.org/>

Galesburg Christian School

Bob Nutzhorn, Administrator

galesburgchristian.org

ICS

Randy Frakes, Principal

www.immaculate-conception.net

Mercer County School District #404

Scott Petrie, Superintendent

<https://www.mercerschools.org>

Monmouth-Roseville CUSD #238

Ed Fletcher, Superintendent

www.mr238.org

R.O.W.V.A. CUSD #208

Joe Sornberger, Superintendent

<http://www.rowva.k12.il.us/>

West Central CUSD #235

Paula Markey, Superintendent

www.wc235.k12.il.us

Williamsfield CUSD #210

Tim Farquer, Superintendent

<http://www.billtown.org>

Costa Catholic Academy

Father Jacob Rose, Principal

<https://www.costacatholicacademy.org/>





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