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Regional Office of Education #21

Franklin, Johnson, Massac, Williamson Counties

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HAPPY NEW YEAR
TO ALL OUR ROE #21

Educators!

Special shout-out to everyone who participated in the ROE #21 December Bell Ringing Challenge for the Salvation Army!



HHS French Club



ROE #21 Williamson County Office

ROE #21 Franklin County Office



Herrin Unit #4 Staff

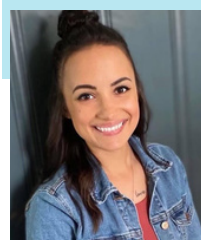


Zeigler-Royalton CUSD #188 Christmas Assembly

Thanks to teacher donations, local churches, and the community, Zeigler-Royalton School District provided over \$400 in prizes and gift cards, in addition to 12 bikes (two per grade). These gifts were awarded to students in Grades K-5 Elementary and Junior High students at their Christmas Assembly. Believe in the magic of Christmas!



ROE #21 welcomes new Social Worker!



It is our pleasure to welcome Ms. Michaela Stanley in her new position as Social Worker for the Regional Office of Education #21. She will be housed at Project E.C.H.O. Alternative and S.T.A.R. Quest Academy Regional Safe School.

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Vienna High School Provides Mobile Hotspots to Bridge the Digital Divide



Students and staff at Vienna High School who don't have good access to the internet can now get their work done on time, thanks to a grant the district received from the Federal Universal Service Act. With the funding, the school can now provide free mobile hotspots. Joshua Stafford, School Superintendent, says this program will fight the digital divide for students in his rural school district. The program will run through May of 2022 and residents interested in the program can call the Vienna High School Office at (618) 658-4161

2021 Raising Student Achievement Conference

This annual conference welcomes hundreds of educators each year showcasing the great things teachers and administrators are doing to increase student learning & classroom experiences.

It is very exciting to be able to share the experience with some of our very own local educators. ROE #21 provided scholarships to the following educators to attend the conference this year.

Kimberly Shoemaker - Cypress ESD #64

Tara Peas - Cypress ESD #64

Tara Sullivan - West Frankfort CUSD # 168

Andrea Tester - Carterville CUSD #5

Kristin Ullmark - Carterville CUSD #5



RAISING STUDENT
ACHIEVEMENT CONFERENCE
2021



Licensure

Do you have educator licensure or license renewal related questions you need answered?

Check out the "Contact Us" webpage at <https://www.isbe.net/contactlicensure>. The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE), Regional Offices of Education (ROEs) and Intermediate Service Centers (ISCs) work closely together to provide you with timely, accurate service. You can locate contact information for your local ROE/ISC [here](#).

NEW Illinois State Board of Education Refund Request

There is now a form for educators who mistakenly apply for an incorrect license or endorsement. The form must be completed within 7 days of the application. Please contact our the Regional Office of Education office for more information.



Help WANTED

Do you have job openings?

You can now share employment opportunities on our website at:

<https://www.roe21.org/jobs/>

ROE21

Safety. Support. Success

WISHING EDUCATORS

EVERYWHERE A

HAPPY new year

Illinois State Board of Education Releases High School Graduation Guidance Document

The Standards and Instruction Department is releasing a newly revised High School Graduation Guidance Document. The document is updated in an easy-to-read format and includes new requirements from House Bill 2170, such as the new computer literacy, world language, and science laboratory graduation requirements. If you have any questions, please email the Standards and Instruction Department at ILTeachTalkLearn@isbe.net.



The Final Act: The Holocaust in Hungary

January 25, 2022 | 3:30pm CST | Virtual | For Grades 7-12 | Free



The Illinois Holocaust Museum is offering The Final Act: The Holocaust in Hungary Workshop. Educators will examine the history and investigate why Hungarian Jews were the final victims of Nazi aggression and the implications of this unique timeline within the larger story of the Holocaust. Educators will analyze the choices Hungarians made to be collaborators, bystanders, or rescuers. Participants will come away with primary sources and resources for students to engage deeply with this tragic history. For details and registration click [HERE](#)

Community Resources

Golden Apple is now accepting applications!

Help us address the critical teacher shortage in Illinois, especially in hard-to-staff subjects and high-need communities.

Who Is eligible for the Golden Apple Scholars program?

- College seniors attending universities or colleges who are not currently on a teaching pathway
- Career-changers who hold bachelor's degrees
- Illinois residents, U.S. citizens, eligible non-citizens, or Illinois Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) students who live in or are from communities in southern, central, or western IL.
- Able to commit to working in an Illinois school-of-need for four years after program completion

Golden Apple Scholars receive:

- A teaching license within 15 months
- Up to \$25,000 stipend to apply to coursework and/or housing
- One-year residency and training program in a targeted partner school district in southern, central, or western Illinois
- Pursue coursework and earn credit at a partner university
- Job placement in a partner school district in southern, central, or western Illinois; begin teaching full-time in Fall 2023
- Instruction from award-winning educators
- Mentoring in the first years of teaching



Golden Apple

For more information or apply visit: <https://www.goldenapple.org/scholars>

FoodFinder

If you are on free/reduced lunch or don't always have food at home, use FoodFinder to find food pantries nearby where you and your family can get groceries for free.

Website: foodfinder.us
App: "FoodFinder - Fighting Hunger"
Email: info@foodfinder.us

100% private - no personal information needed



Reminder: FoodFinder App Available to Assist Food Insecure Families

FoodFinder's free app and website display an interactive food assistance map, helping users find their nearest food pantry or other free food program anywhere in the United States. Please share flyers below with students and families, not only during the holiday season but all year long.

[FoodFinder Flyer - English](#)

[FoodFinder Flyer - Spanish](#)

Upcoming Professional Development & Events

January 11, 2022
Short-Term Substitute Training
(In Person)

January 11, 2022
Take Your Class to Hyperspeed with Hyperdocs/ Digitally Packaging Curriculum with Google Sites (Virtual)

January 11, 2022
Writing the IEP A look at each section of the IEP (Virtual)

January 12, 2022
Instructional Coaching Cohort #4 (Hybrid)

January 13 & 14, 2022
3D Printing Fundamentals (In Person)

January 20, 2022
Universal Design for Learning (Virtual)

January 20, 2022
Response to Intervention (RTI) at the Secondary Level (Virtual)

January 21, 2022
Stewards of Children (In Person)



February 5, 2022
Initial Bus Driver Training (In-Person)
Metropolis ROE 21 OFFICE

February 17, 2022
Refresher Driver Training (In-Person)
Vienna High School

Illinois Rental Payment Program

So many families have experienced financial hardship during the COVID-19 pandemic. For those who have fallen behind on rent payments, the Illinois Rental Assistance Program may be able to help keep them in their homes.

The [Illinois Rental Payment Program](#) provides financial assistance for rent to income-eligible Illinois renters and their landlords who have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Illinois renters may be eligible for up to \$25,000 and 18 months of emergency rental payments under the program. This is a grant that does NOT have to be repaid.

Please help us spread the word about this opportunity and share this information with your school communities.

Get up to 15 months
of emergency rental
assistance

Available now for all Illinois renters
hardest hit by COVID-19

Assistance includes:

- Back rent
- Utilities
- Legal Aid



ISBE Announced 6 Local Students For The 2022 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program Nominees

The Illinois State Board of Education is excited to announce nominees for the 2022 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program. The program was established in 1964 by executive order of President Lyndon Johnson to recognize and honor some of our nation's most distinguished graduating high school seniors. In 1979, the program was extended to recognize students who demonstrate exceptional talent in the visual, creative, and performing arts. In 2015, the program was again extended to recognize students who demonstrate ability and accomplishment in career and technical education fields. Each year, up to 161 students are named as Presidential Scholars, one of the nation's highest honors for high school students.

The 6 local students were selected from an elite group of Illinois applicants for their outstanding scholarship, service to community, and overall character.

- William Ashford - Vienna High School
- Alexis Goddard - Vienna High School
- Ava Goines - Vienna High School
- Caleb Johnson - Vienna High School
- Ayden Rademaker - Vienna High School
- Maelee Sparks - Vienna High School



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Classroom Resource

Illinois Biodiversity Field Trip Grant Application Deadline is January 31, 2022

Taking your students on a field trip to study Illinois' natural resources can be a rewarding experience and may be the first time that many of them have ever visited one of our state parks or natural areas. The Illinois Biodiversity Field Trip Grant can provide up to \$500.00 per teacher to help you do so. You can find the application form and instructions [HERE](#).

Applications received by the optional preliminary deadline of January 15, 2022, will be reviewed for common errors that cause disqualification, and you will have a chance to revise any of these errors before the final application deadline of January 31, 2022. Applications are accepted from teachers in Illinois Schools (Grades PreK-12).



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Massac Co. Office

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Williamson Co. Office

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Please note all
ROE #21
offices will be **CLOSED**

January 17, 2022
Martin Luther King, Jr.
Day

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January