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Connection

# Regional Office of Education #21

Franklin, Johnson, Massac, Williamson Counties

*Safety Support Success*

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## Social Emotional Learning and Trauma Response Grant

ROE #21 is the Area VI Hub for the new Social Emotional Learning (SEL) and Trauma Response Grant. This grant will allow all ROE's in Area VI to collaboratively provide support to address the safety and well-being needs of students and staff to all districts in our area. Each school district has been invited to participate in the work of this grant by selecting a District Leader to be a part of our SEL Cohort. The SEL cohort model will allow SEL District Leaders to come together each month to build a network of support with each other, in addition to serve as a liaison for their district to help build internal capacity and support district specific SEL needs. ROE #21 is pleased to partner with the following districts who are currently participating in the work of this grant:

- Akin Grade School
- Benton Grade School
- Carterville
- Christopher
- Crab Orchard
- ECHO/S.T.A.R. Quest
- Ewing Grade School
- Frankfort
- Goreville
- Marion
- Sesser-Valier
- Vienna Grade School
- Vienna High School
- Williamson Co Education Services
- Zeigler-Royalton



## Coalition of Schools Educating Mindfully (COSEM)

All educators in ROE #21 have access to a free professional membership to the Coalition of Schools Educating Mindfully (COSEM) Platform. This membership includes:

- Professional learning events led by experts on mindfulness based SEL topics.
- Personal development events such as mindfulness fundamentals and wellness series.
- Mentorship events where members share their experiences integrating mindful practices.
- Self-care sessions where members lead yoga and other mindfulness practices.
- School family supports such as mindfulness for parents, teens, and family wellness series.
- An online community to connect and learn about mindfulness-based resources.



**Your free membership for the COSEM Platform is funded by the Area VI Social Emotional Learning and Trauma Response Grant.**

If you are an educator in ROE #21 and would like to gain access to your free membership, please contact Dr. Christine Wiggs, Area VI SEL Culture & Climate Director, [cwiggs@roe21.org](mailto:cwiggs@roe21.org).

If you have questions related to the COSEM platform, please contact Tracy Heilers at [hello@educatingmindfully.org](mailto:hello@educatingmindfully.org).

## Illinois Teacher Shortage Problem Worsening

Five years after its debut, Illinois' pre-eminent study finds the statewide teacher shortage problem continues to grow – accelerated by the COVID-19 pandemic – and school districts overwhelmingly expect it to get even worse in the near future.

The Illinois Association of Regional Superintendents of Schools (IARSS), representing the leaders of Regional Offices of Education and Intermediate Service Centers in all 102 Illinois counties, again partnered with Goshen Education Consulting and Illinois for a fall 2021 survey of more than 660 school districts statewide on the key questions around the depth and consequences of Illinois' teacher shortage crisis.

IARSS leaders say the latest survey confirms the sobering reality playing out in classrooms statewide: the shortage crisis is immense, complex and growing, despite many ongoing policy and practical efforts at all levels of education to take it head on.

Read full educator shortage survey: [2021 Illinois Educator Shortage Survey](#).



## Louie's P&R Market Donates to SUBS FOR SUBS

On February 15, 2022 ROE #21 will host the SUBS FOR SUBS in an effort to help the substitute teacher shortage. During this time individuals will complete their short-term substitute training, get licensed, and complete a background check to join the the Sublist. ROE #21 would like to extend a huge thank you to Louie's P&R Market who has offered to donate the Subs for Subs lunch!

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## Project ECHO Alternative School & S.T.A.R. Quest Academy Regional Safe Schools

Project ECHO and S.T.A.R. Quest Academy have been graciously chosen by Molina Healthcare to receive a \$5,000 donation to establish a 'Molina Closet Program' within the schools.

Molina Healthcare contracts with state governments and serves as a health plan, providing a wide range of quality health care services to families and individuals who qualify for government-sponsored programs, including Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP).

The closet will provide various necessities and goods for our students. Molina's Closet will allow our students the ability to acquire basic items for daily life while they are at school for themselves and their families. Having an amazing resource for our families, located within our school, is truly a blessing for our programs and the community. Project ECHO and S.T.A.R. Quest Academy will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the premiere of Molina Closet on February 24th at noon.



## Upcoming Professional Development & Events

**February 8, 2022**  
Teacher Evaluation Retraining  
Administrators' Academy  
#1801 (Virtual)

**February 8, 2022**  
Living in Fear: The Effects of  
Domestic Violence on  
Children (Virtual)

**February 8, 2022**  
Partnering with Parents  
Remote Mentoring Session  
(Virtual)

**February 9, 2022**  
Stressed Brains Can't Learn  
(Virtual)

**February 9, 2022**  
Increase Engagement with  
Google Slides  
(Virtual)

**February 9, 2022**  
Curriculum Roundtable  
Luncheon (In Person)

**February 10, 2022**  
The Resilient Teacher:  
Burnout Prevention and Self  
Care (Virtual)

**February 10, 2022**  
Administrators' Academy  
Course #3000  
(Virtual)

**February 10, 2022**  
Special Education Roundtable  
For K-8 Special Education  
Teachers  
(In Person)

## Licensure

### Can college coursework hours count towards professional development?

College coursework must come from a regionally accredited Illinois Community College or an Illinois University/College with an approved educator-degree program. One semester hour is equal to 15 hours of Professional Development (PD). One quarter hour is equal to 10 hours of Professional Development (PD).

For more information visit: <https://buff.ly/2SRmSYd>



## 5Essentials Survey

Be on the lookout for your school's 5Essentials Survey for the 2021-22 School Year. The survey opened January 11, 2022 and will close on March 11, 2022. The 5Essentials Survey is taken by all Pre-K-12th grade parents, teachers and all 4th through 12th grade students. The information collected through the survey is rigorously reviewed and analyzed to generate a 5Essentials Report for each school. The 5Essentials Report provides a comprehensive picture of the school environment based on five essential areas critical for school improvement in a meaningful context of similar and successful schools. The five essential areas include: Effective Leaders, Collaborative Teachers, Ambitious Instruction, Involved Families, and Supportive Environments. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the 5Essentials Survey, please email [5Essentials@ISBE.net](mailto:5Essentials@ISBE.net).



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Education

## Career in Technical Education & Innovation

The Illinois State Board of Education is releasing a CTE and Innovation Newsletter and looking for your help! The CTE and Innovation Department is creating the newsletter to feature CTE students, teachers, programs, and business partners across Illinois. Ask your students, parents, teachers, and administrators to submit nominations. ISBE hopes to spotlight the great things happening in CTE and inspire new ideas in new places. Please use the links below to access the form to make a nomination.

[Nominate a Student](#)

[Nominate a Teacher](#)

[Nominate a Program](#)

[Nominate a Business Partner](#)



## Illinois Association of Gifted Children

### Differentiation for Advanced Learners: A Starting Point

As the title suggests, this is a resource for you to initiate a "starting point" for you to begin on a journey to differentiate for advanced learners. It might also foster new thinking for more veteran "differentiators." Because advanced learners spend a lot of time in mixed ability settings, the resources cited below focus primarily on meeting advanced learner needs in the general classroom.

Please spend a few minutes reviewing the "don'ts" of working with advanced learners in the blog entry by the National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC). It is easier to avoid implementing a bad instructional practice than trying to break one. Serving Gifted Students in General Ed Classrooms (For Do's and Don'ts):

<https://www.nagc.org/blog/serving-gifted-students-general-ed-classrooms>



### Upcoming Professional Development & Events Continued

**February 15, 2022**  
Google Level 1 Certification  
Crash Course (Virtual)

**February 15, 2022**  
Short-term Substitute Training  
(In Person)

**February 16, 2022**  
Stressed Brains Can't Learn  
(Virtual)

**February 17, 2022**  
Is it Sensory or is it Behavior  
(In Person)

**February 22, 2022**  
Responsible Decision Making:  
Digital Citizenship and Online  
Safety (Virtual)

**February 25, 2022**  
Social Emotional Learning –  
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



## Congratulation Illinois State Scholars!!



### Benton CHSD #103

Ragan Carter  
Meegan Deer  
Olivia Drew  
Josie Fryar  
Ayden Hicks  
Madison Kreiner  
Evie Krieger  
Mary Malkovich  
Kolton McFarland  
Owen Sanders  
Peyton Tieffel  
Kortney Wilcox

### Crab Orchard #3

William Rix

### Carterville CUSD #5

Eli Blumenstein  
Rachel N. Brunner  
Eesha Gowda  
Charlotte Graves  
Amanda J Howerton  
Leslie B Lange  
Evan Lennox  
Jace J Lintz  
Madeline C Liss  
Noble Loyd  
Isabella R Mavigliano  
Grace K Mitchell  
Alec Morley  
Abigail C Robinson  
Olivia N Rogers  
Tyler D Shasteen  
Dylan R Stanley  
Andrew M Stephenson  
Audri E Strothmann  
Winston Suni  
Sean L Taylor  
Katarzyna J Ward

### Frankfort CUSD #168

Kile Britton  
Presley Yeager  
Wade Lucas  
Jon Mandrell

### Herrin CUSD #4

Chase K Bigham  
Matthew Buttitta  
Anna E Carlson  
Alysah L Charlet  
Taylor N Cornelius  
Addison L Cox  
Jadyn K Day  
Regan S Deaton  
Ella C Deere  
Helene I Deere  
Patience B Doerner  
Brenna Gusewelle  
Dillon M Hall  
Luke A Hileman  
Madilyn I Jeralds  
Lauren N Johnson  
Presli G Karnes  
Karley D Keel  
Jacob E Kochan  
Falya A Ladd  
Lucas J McEntire  
Megan E Meadows  
Logan M Nitzsche  
Rylie E Patrick  
Ashtyn A Pierce  
Graham E Reynolds  
Riley J Sims  
James K St. Peter  
Alyssa G Stallman  
Madison A Varner

### Goreville CUSD #1

Emma Golz  
Addison Buchanan  
Gracie Clark  
Jasilyn Westerfield

### Johnston City #1

Nolan Murrah  
Katrina Stanley  
Taylor Cockfield  
Kyleigh Hermetz

### Marion CUSD #2

Chase Altug  
Chase Austin  
Margaux Bruce  
Ashley Caravello  
Jessica Clarida  
River Doss  
William Gott  
Gabriel Gryzmala  
Audrey Ide  
Lucas Lenear  
Logan Morgan  
Peyton Odum  
Gavin Plant  
Krysten Tackett  
Noah Walters  
Chloe Ziehm

### Sesser-Valier #196

Reagan Basso  
Emma Spence  
Maura White  
Gabe Woolsey

### Thompsonville #174

Lane Smith  
Gavin Kerley

### Massac County #1

Kelis Adams  
Kara Atkinson  
Claire Bremer  
Max Bremer  
Alison Brown  
Isaac Burnett  
Layton Dillard  
Hailey Edwards  
Isabel Hawes  
Terry Janssen  
Alexander Mescher  
Jake Miller  
Eli Quint  
Jesse Russell  
Darron Searles  
Ella Stephens  
Rachel Vaughn  
Delaney Williams

### Vienna HSD #13-3

Ava Goines  
Alexis Goddard  
Addison Kerley  
Katrina King  
Ayden Rademaker  
Riley Slife  
Maelee Sparks  
Tyler Votava

### Zeigler-Royalton #188

Allyson Giles  
Cera Wilson

## Illinois State Board of Education

### CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATES AND RESOURCES

ISBE is working in partnership with the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) to ensure we are providing the most current resources and guidance to support Illinois education communities regarding COVID-19. Please know that this is a rapidly evolving situation and we will continue to share up-to-date information as it becomes available. Please find the current Public Health Guidance for Schools and current FAQ below:

- [Revised Public Health Guidance for Schools: Supporting the Full Return to In-Person Learning for All Students - January 11, 2022](#)
- [Revised Public Health Guidance for Schools - FAQs - January 11, 2022](#)

### Revised Public Health Guidance for Schools

PART 5 – SUPPORTING FULLY IN-PERSON LEARNING FOR ALL STUDENTS  
JANUARY 11, 2022



# Help WANTED

Do you have job openings?

You can now share employment opportunities on our website at:

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

# ROE21

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**SORRY WE'RE CLOSED**

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

**February 11, 2022**  
Lincoln's Birthday  
&  
**February 21, 2022**  
President's Day