



Regional Office of Education #21

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Professional Development Summer Institute Coming June 8 & 9, 2022

You're Invited!!

Summer

**Regional Office of Education #21
Professional Development Institute
June 8 & 9**

Registration is filling up fast!

In addition to our keynote speakers, **Chase Mielke & Dave Burgess**, participants may choose from over 30 breakout sessions including:

- The Science of Stress Resilience
- Google Support for Reading and Writing
- Bring SEL and EdTech Together
- Formative Assessment
- Effective Teacher Language
- Accommodations & Modifications for All
- Teaching Outside the Box
- Self-Care for Educators
- Interactive Wellness Room Activities

Up to 10 Hours of PD Available!

And Much More!

The ROE #21 Professional Development Summer Institute is just around the corner, if you have not had a chance to register you can still do so. The Summer Institute will be held at John A. Logan College on June 8, & 9, 2022.

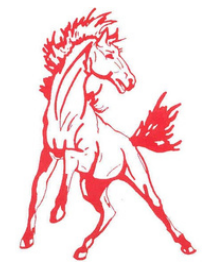
On June 8, 2022. Keynote speaker Chase Mielke will present REIGNITE Avoid Burnout, Increase Outcomes & Love to Learn Education Again.

On June 9, 2022, Keynote Speaker Dave Burgess will present Teach Like a Pirate. A variety of breakout sessions will be offered both days on innovative topics within SEL, Special Education, Technology, Instructional Leadership and more! This is a FREE event for all educators!

Register for Summer Institute: <https://forms.gle/71ZHMhYcp9CEXAhU7>

New Simpson Hill Headed to the National Beta Club Convention!

New Simpson Hill introduced the Junior High Beta Club into their school in 2018 with approximately 10 members. This year they are pleased to announce that the club has grown to twenty-eight members. The first year the Beta Club went to State Convention in Springfield they came home with one 3rd place award. This year, Beta Club students brought home four 1st place awards, two 2nd place awards, three 3rd place awards, and a President! This means that the Beta Club Students can celebrate their success and show off their talents at the end of June during the National Beta Club Convention in Nashville, Tennessee. The Beta Club is very excited for this opportunity!



Please visit us at
www.roe21.org

Licensure

New Laws Provide Reductions for License Renewal

Governor Pritzker recently signed two laws that reduce educator license renewal requirements for the 2021-2022 school year (FY 22). Each law is effective immediately.

- *Public Act 102-0730* waives the Administrator Academy requirement for administrators for the 2021-2022 school year.
- *Public Act 102-0852* reduces the professional development hours required for renewal from 120 to 100 hours for any renewal cycle that includes the 2021-2022 school year (FY 22).

ISBE has provided a commonly asked questions document that can be found at <https://www.isbe.net/Documents/New-Lic-Laws-QA.pdf>



Renewal Time!

If your Professional Educator License is up for renewal this year, June 30, 2022, please do the following:

- Log in to your Educator Licensure Information System (ELIS) account.
- Click on "Renewal" in your Action Center. ELIS will lead you through the renewal steps, which includes answering legal background questions, selecting a region, and entering a credit/debit card to pay the applicable registration and handling fees.

Renewal resources can be found at

<https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Professional-Development-for-Educators.aspx>. If you have questions, please call our office.

The COPE Garden is now official! Fruit & vegetables have been planted!

The COPE garden was moved in March to West 10th Street between the Regional Office of Education #21 building and the Illinois Driver Services Facility. The timeline for planting in the 4-by-8-foot beds was reliant on the installation of a water system at the site and completion of the site's fencing. The City of Metropolis provided the water installation. Students at the ROE's S.T.A.R. Quest Academy Regional Safe School (RSSP) South Campus helped with the fence and gate installation and also helped with planting. The garden is an education tool on a number of levels — one is through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Education program. The SNAP-Education program will soon be working directly with COPE's directors, staff and volunteers to train and educate them on ways they can help move the produce to the facility. SNAP-Education will also have information on site to help educate clients on everything from produce storage to use.



Upcoming Professional Development & Events

June 6, 2022

AA #1865 Principal Evaluation Re-Training (Virtual)

June 8 & 9, 2022

Professional Development Summer Institute (In Person)

@ John A. Logan College

June 15, 2022

AA #3730 The Power of Positive Leadership (Virtual)

June 22, 2022

AA #3000 Student Growth-Teacher/Principal Evaluation Retraining (Virtual)

June 28 & 29, 2022

AA #2001 Initial Teacher Evaluator 2-Day Training (In Person)



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

June 20, 2022 in observance of Juneteenth

SUMMER HOURS

Monday - Thursday
8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Closed 12:00-1:00 for lunch

Health Fair Fun at Eldorado Middle School

Community Prevention Resources participated in the Health Fair at Eldorado Middle School on Wednesday, May 18th. We developed a prevention-based game to play with students, complete with a spinner, bag toss, and tabletop ping pong. The students had a great time and so did we! Thank you to our Youth Advisory Committee for suggesting the types of activities, and thank you to everyone who participated!



The Ultimate Summer Reading List for Teachers

1. **Teaching When the World is on Fire** In light of a global pandemic, climate crisis and economic recession, it's no surprise that today's students are experiencing rising stress levels and lower engagement. How and why should they stay in school when the world is literally on fire? Lisa Delpit aims to answer these and other similar questions in her book *Teaching When the World is on Fire*. Each chapter addresses a particular crisis and covers topics like hate speech, climate change, and even Confederate statues.

2. **In Teachers We Trust** If you're looking for a similarly hopeful read, *In Teachers We Trust: The Finnish Way to World-Class Schools* is a must-read. This book combines the perspectives of Finnish teaching expert Pasi Sahlberg and American educator Timothy Walker to help you build trust within the classroom. The authors touch on policy improvements and offer insight into small, practical ways to build better relationships. Suggestions range from making transparent decisions to becoming a purposeful mentor to students.

3. **Brave Enough** From the best-selling author of *Wild* comes a heart-warming collection of quotes that's perfect for teachers seeking inspiration and encouragement. *Brave Enough*, which features more than 100 quotes and thoughts, is like a mini instruction manual for the soul that urges everyone — including educators — to love, forgive and endure. Cheryl Strayed's hard-earned wisdom will have you laughing, crying and nodding in agreement with each turn of the page.

4. **Raising a Rockstar Reader** Sure, authors Amy Mascott and Allison McDonald may have written this book for parents, but *Raising a Rockstar Reader: 75 Quick Tips to Help Your Child Develop a Lifelong Love of Reading* is just as relevant to educators. This quick read offers plenty of advice for kindergarten and first-grade teachers and fun activities that you can easily implement in the classroom or share with parents. Build children's oral language and fine-tune their reading and writing skills with these essential tips.

5. **Teach Like a Pirate** Teachers who have a passion for learning and can model creative thinking will inevitably beget creative students. However, you might have to step outside your comfort zone and take a few risks to successfully inspire your class. In this case, you need Dave Burgess' *Teach Like a Pirate*. Increase engagement, boost creativity and transform your life as an educator with more than 30 hooks, 170 brainstorming questions and tons of helpful advice. Once you implement these practical techniques in your classroom, you'll wonder how you ever taught without them.

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 at cwiggs@roe21.org

If you have questions related to the COSEM platform, please contact Tracy Heilers at hello@educatingmindfully.org

AREA VI



Get Ready for Summer with SI Families Connect!



SI Families Connect is the Coalition's outreach and education campaign. The purpose of the campaign is to connect families with information and resources that can help make their families stronger and their lives better. The [SI Families Connect website](#) is full of family friendly events, free resources, activities and lessons for kids and teens.

Illinois Department of Natural Resources

June Kids for Conservation



The June edition of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources' Kids for Conservation® Web page features the topic "Reptiles of Illinois". You can learn basic facts about this topic in the information section. Watch the video podcast, too. Educators, there are resources for you to utilize. "Kids in Action" features students who are taking action to benefit the Illinois environment.

<https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/outreach/kidsconservation/Pages/default.aspx>

June Video Podcast: Reptiles of Illinois

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<https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/outreach/kidsconservation/Pages/MonthlyVideos.aspx> and on YouTube beginning June 1, 2022.

Species Search Web Page

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources' Biodiversity of Illinois Species Search Web page allows you to find information quickly and easily. Give it a try! <https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/education/Pages/Biodiversity-of-Illinois.aspx>

4 End-of-Year Tech Tips to prepare for Summer from the Learning Technology Center of Illinois

Summer break is nearly here! But before you slip on your flip flops and hit the beach for some well-earned rest and relaxation, take some time to review these timely tech tips geared toward helping you get your digital devices and resources in order.

Tip #1 - Archive your Lessons and Reflect

From Stacie Tefft, LTC Instructional Technology Coach - Before you shut your laptop and check out for the summer, consider taking some time to archive some of your most successful digital lessons from the current school year.

Tip #2 - Clean Out your Digital Desk

From Anne Kasa, LTC Instructional Technology Coach - No one works well at a messy desk. Despite that, many teachers head out for the summer with a jumble of documents, videos, and images floating around their digital workspace.

Tip #3 - Turn on Two-Factor Authentication

From Jen Leban, LTC Instructional Technology Coach - Cyber attackers are often looking for a quick and easy way to access a school's network. One way you can deny them access to your files and your district's private networks is by utilizing two-factor authentication (2FA).

Tip #4 - Check with your Tech Director

From Matt Jacobson, Online Learning Coordinator - As the school year winds down, take a moment to check in with your building or district tech director. They may have a list of customized recommendations that can help you prep your devices for the extended break ahead.

Read the full story [HERE](#)



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Junior High Teacher Project ECHO Alternative School view [HERE](#)

Driver's Education Teacher (Part-time) Project ECHO Alternative School view [HERE](#)

Math Teacher Project ECHO Alternative School view [HERE](#)

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