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Franklin-Johnson-Massac-Williamson Counties

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ROE #21 DISTRICT SPOTLIGHT

Coalition of Southern Illinois schools receive \$1M grant to address teacher shortage

VIENNA, IL — A coalition of high schools in Southern Illinois has been awarded a large grant — totaling nearly \$1 million over four years — to address a shortage of teachers.

The Illinois State Board of Education awarded the grant to the Southern Illinois Future Teachers Coalition. The coalition includes nine high schools — Anna-Jonesboro, Carterville, Cobden, Johnston City, Joppa, Massac, Meridian, Vienna, and West Frankfort — in partnership with John A. Logan College, Shawnee Community College, Southern Illinois University (SIU) and the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE). <https://buff.ly/3tLFvtv>

Vienna High School Highlighted for Innovative Practices

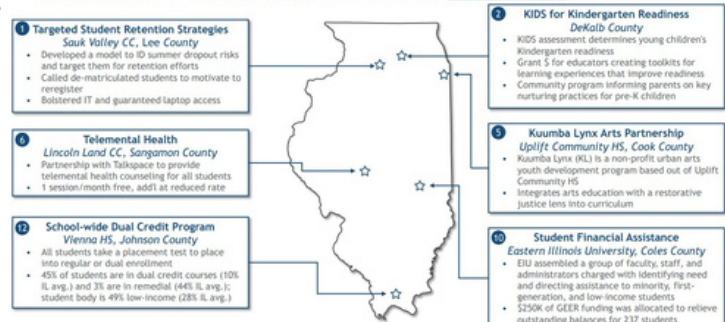
The Illinois P20 Council released its Learning Renewal Resource Guide to schools around the state and Vienna High School was selected out of numerous K12s, colleges, and universities to be an exemplar of innovative and successful educational practices. The intent of the guide is to aid schools both in Illinois and nationwide in developing effective, student driven results as they utilize federal and state funds in developing programs and engaging in learning recovery as a result of the pandemic. Vienna was primarily utilized as a case study for the council in order to demonstrate how it is possible to make college level courses accessible to all students while they are in high school, coupled with the primary outcome of career connectedness being the driver.

The Learning Renewal Resource Guide can be accessed on the Illinois P20 Council's website at

<https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/P20/Documents/P-20-Learning-Renewal-Resource-Guide-March2021-v19.pdf>.

Schools and institutions are already implementing innovative practices across IL

*Please provide additional case study examples from your school/institution. Email ilrednew@illinois.gov for more information



Educator Licensure License Renewal

If your Professional Educator License is up for renewal this year, June 30, 2021, please do the following:

1. Log in to your Educator Licensure Information System (ELIS) account.
2. 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.

If you have questions, please call our office.



Professional Development Instructional Coaching Cohort #4

ROE #21 is planning to launch a 4th Cohort for Instructional Coaching! This cohort begins September 17, 2021. Please see the [FLYER](#) for more information.

Six sessions will be offered with this cohort through a hybrid model. We will offer 3 days in-person (virtual option available) and 3 days fully virtual. The in-person sessions will be 9:00am-3:00pm and the virtual sessions will take place from 12:30- 3:30pm. The cost is \$800.00 per individual. Professional Development Credit and three books will also be included.

1. *The Reflection Guide to Better Conversations Coaching*
By: Jim Knight, Jennifer Ryschon Knight, Clinton Carlson
2. *The Reflection Guide to The Impact Cycle: What Instructional Coaches Should Do to Foster Powerful Improvements in Teaching 1st Edition*
By: Jim Knight, Jennifer Ryschon Knight, Clinton Carlson
3. *High-Impact Instruction A Framework for Great Teaching*
By: Jim Knight

The dates for each of the six sessions will be determined by the cohort. If you are interested in registering individuals from your district, please use this link:

<https://forms.gle/tomuVRJQWxhL8Q7y9>

Classroom Resources

Illinois Department of Natural Resources

May Kids for Conservation®: Illinois' Land Snails and Slugs

The May edition of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources' Kids for Conservation® Web page features the topic "Illinois' Land Snails and Slugs." 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.



[CLICK HERE](#)

Upcoming Professional Development

May 5, 2021 The Resilient Teacher (Virtual)

May 7, 2021 Google Level 1 Training (Virtual)

May 27, 2021 Review & Reset for Administrators- IAR Resources & Illinois Priority Learning Standards (In-Person)

June 1, 2021- Title IX AA #3752 (Virtual)

June 3, 2021- Maslow before Bloom (In Person)

June 4, 2021 - LTC Google Level 2 training (Virtual)

July 28 & 29, 2021- Teacher Bootcamp (In Person)

August 4, 2021- Review & Reset for ELA Teachers- IAR Resources & Illinois Priority Learning Standards (In-Person)

August 5, 2021- Review & Reset for Math Teachers- IAR Resources & Illinois Priority Learning Standards (In-Person)

August 30, 2021- Remote Learning for Paraprofessionals (Virtual)

September 17, 2021
Instructional Coaching Cohort #4 (Hybrid)

Upcoming Bus Driver Trainings

(All events must be held in person)

May 6, 2021 Refresher Course at Massac County High School



Please visit www.roe21.org for additional information

Classroom Resources

Epic Ideas for Ending the School Year

Don't just let the year end: Celebrate learning, celebrate the moments you've had, and savor the time you have left together. The end of the school year should be a time of review, reflection, and celebration. Here are ideas for making it epic!

Plan an Oscars Event This is [Dave Burgess](#) idea. Roll out the red carpet. Have students plan the culminating event. Imagine an Oscars-type ceremony where they can give awards for the year's best books, best student presentations, and most epic classroom moments, and where their classmates can respond with Oscars-style acceptance speeches. They can even dress up. What fun!

The Bottle of Dreams This is adapted from [John Berray's original idea](#). John says, "I bring in bottles of water, one for each student. I tell each student to grab a bottle and crack the lid but not to open it. Many guess that a toast is coming... and they're right! I embellish the farewell address with thoughts and advice, and conclude it with challenges and requests. I recognize there's a good probability this might be the last time we ever speak, so it needs to be meaningful. The moment is bittersweet."

End of Year Assignments and Activities

These end of year assignments provide activities for those final days on the school calendar, with both in-person and virtual ideas to fit every kind of classroom. Let the countdown begin!

Compile an end of year playlist Songs are like smells—just hearing one can bring back all kinds of memories. Ask students (as a class or individually) to compile a list of songs that relate to the past school year and have them write about why each tune has a place on the list. Celebrate the last day of school by listening to songs from the playlist as you reflect on the year gone by. Learn more: [Reading and Writing Haven](#)

Fill up a memory bag

give each student a brown paper bag, then ask them to decorate the front and add some reflections about the year on the other three panels. Then, each student adds 10 items from the year to their bag, with notes about why each is important. Finish up by having each kid lay out their items on their desk. Have a gallery walk around the room for everyone to see each others' selections. Learn more: [Runde's Room](#)



Plan a dream vacation

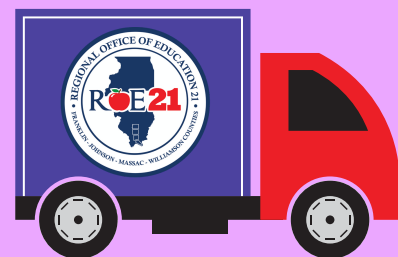
Kids are already dreaming of how they'll fill the summer hours, so this last-minute math activity will be pure fun! Give kids a budget (say, \$2,500) and then send them off to research whether their dream trip can be accomplished. Make sure they include airfare or gas money, lodgings, food, spending money, and all the incidentals that add up when you travel.

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

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WE'RE
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Our Williamson County Office is moving!! The address to our new location is listed below:

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Ready, Set, Take Action with Eldorado Middle School!



Area middle school students are asking important questions. To create awareness for National Prevention Week, Eldorado Middle School students and their Youth Advisory Committee want to highlight why most of their peers are choosing to stay substance-free. EMS has partnered with the Regional Office of Education #21, Community Prevention Resources, and WSIU Public Broadcasting to help get the word out. Substance Abuse & Mental Health Service Administration (SAMHSA)'s National Prevention Week **May 10-14, 2021** gives students a chance to create awareness about substance abuse and mental health issues by increasing prosocial protective skills amongst Eldorado teens.

Eldorado's Youth Advisory Committee is ready to make a difference and they want to show their community why most students at EMS choose to not misuse substances. Students pulled from the knowledge they gained during their youth prevention education classes, and their curiosity about their peers for this project. Students addressed awareness by doing various activities to help clear up the misinformation that surrounds drug prevention topics. The days allotted to raise awareness for each are, Preventing Prescription Drug and Opioid Misuse (May 10), Preventing Underage Drinking and Alcohol Misuse (May 11), and Preventing Youth Tobacco Misuse (E-Cigarettes and Vaping) (May 13).

For more information, visit: samhsa.gov/prevention-week/about-and-whoiscpr.com.

Teacher Appreciation Week May 3-7 2021

Teachers change the lives of millions of children every day and in a year where instruction could be virtual, in-person or a mix of both, their immense work and impact have provided a much-needed sense of community and connection. Despite the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, educators across America are working hard to ensure every student has the tools they need to reach their full potential. Find resources for teacher appreciation week [HERE](#)

Let's face it. This school year has been weird. But we're getting through it, in part thanks to our nation's amazing educators. Take a moment to #ThankATeacher during Teacher Appreciation Week, May 3-7.



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be CLOSED
on
Monday, May 31, 2021
to observe Memorial Day**