

Regional Office of Education Report

November 2022

Health Life Safety

Each of the 4000 public school buildings and school related buildings in the state is inspected annually to assure compliance with the minimum standards necessary to ensure the health and safety of public school students in Illinois, according to Building Specifications for Health and Safety in Public Schools. By law, school districts must maintain public schools to the minimum standard. Annual inspection results from each building are available at the Regional Office of Education. A summary report is filed annually with the Illinois State Board of Education as required by law.

The Regional Office of Education is also responsible, through the Regional Superintendent of Schools, for statutory compliance with established standards in the construction and remodeling of public school buildings. The Regional Superintendent assures school board approval by resolution of construction plans, review of construction plans for code compliance, issuance of the building permit, and upon review, issuance of school occupancy permits. Further, the Regional Superintendent assures code compliance for temporary/mobile classroom units throughout the region. The Regional Office #47 has 74 buildings to inspect each year. We have inspected half 37 of them so far this year.

Professional Learning & Educational Services

Current Programs - Office of Professional Learning & Educational Services
Induction & Mentoring
Community Partnership Grant
Education Pathway Endorsement
Manufacturing & Agriculture Endorsement Programs
Elevating Special Educators

School Improvement & Strategic Planning
School Improvement Cooperative (instructional coaching, training, networking)
Social Emotional Learning/Trauma/Youth Mental Health First Aid/TRS I-A
Early Childhood Professional Learning
Family Education & Engagement

The Office of Professional Learning & Educational Services welcomes Grace Heimerdinger-Baake as a Regional Family Education & Engagement Specialist.

Upcoming November Events

11/2/2022 - 5/3/2023	Continuous School Improvement	SVCC (In-person)
11/9/2022	Communities of Practice (Special Educators Cohort)	Online (Zoom)
11/10/2022	Teacher Tools Networking (Instructional Strategies for Collaboration and Student Engagement)	Online (Zoom)
11/15/2022	Developing Leadership in Special Education	SVCC (In-person)
11/16/2022	Early Childhood Summit	SVCC (In-person)
11/17/2022	Transitional English: Partnerships & Portability	Online (Zoom)

Social Media

The department's social media presence continues to grow. Like our page on Facebook (Regional Office of Education #47) and download our ROE47 App for weekly teacher talks, instructional tips, news, giveaways, updates & more! Follow us on Twitter @RegionalOffice47

October Events

10/4/2022	<u>Targeted Improvement to Meet the Need of Diverse Learners</u>	SVCC (In-person)
10/5/2022	<u>Interventionists Teaching and Learning Networking Sessions</u>	SVCC (In-person)
10/12/2022	<u>Instructional Coaches Teaching and Learning Networking Session</u>	SVCC (In-person)
10/12/2022	<u>Communities of Practice (Special Educators Cohort)</u>	Online (Zoom)
10/19/2022	<u>Transitional Math: Introduction to Task Based Instruction</u>	Online (Zoom)
10/19/2022	<u>Literacy Teaching and Learning Networking Session</u>	SVCC (In-person)
10/19/2022	<u>Teacher Tools Networking (Classroom Management, Restorative Circles and Other Tools for SEL and Student Management)</u>	Online (Zoom)
10/28/2022	<u>Behavioral Threat Assessment Team Training</u>	SVCC (In-person)

October in Photos





Nexus

We had the honor of hosting 10 presentations with our local area middle schools (over 1,700 students) and 1 parent presentations with Joseph Green. He was a positive experience for our youth and our communities. With Nexus, we have over 78 families this year and over 1,500 contacts with those families. We are working with area agencies and individuals to be able to support our families this holiday season. We have a commitment from Green River Riders, who will purchase Christmas gifts for Nexus families.

Parents as Teachers First Years

It's been a busy month of enrolling new families in PAT! We've been out recruiting at community events and have also received some referrals from DCFS and other Preschool programs. We love it when our community partners help us to identify potential families. If you know anyone who might be interested in hearing more about our home visiting program, please contact Lois at the ROE.

Education Outreach Program

The Education Outreach Program is continuing to enroll new students for this program year. Since July, we have enrolled 12 new students and have carried over an additional 61 students for services.

GED classes are held at the Wallace Educational Center in Sterling on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. In addition to the academic focus of the program, our students are provided opportunities for employment skills training, job shadowing, and paid work experience jobs to help prepare them for employment upon completion of the program. Additional services include transportation, financial assistance with GED testing fees, and stipends for completing GED exams.

We want to congratulate our October graduates - Brandon, Mykwana, and Matthew!

Regional Center for Change

We have surpassed the 70 mark and have a current enrollment of 71 students! I have made the decision to hold our numbers in Options at 13 and Safe School at 11 until further notice. That means safe school will now have a waiting list and Options has 3 openings for a total of 74 students. I believe we have all done our best to reinforce expectations and encourage our new and returning students to feel comfortable and a part of the C4C Family. With that being said, we have felt the walls closing in with our increased numbers and new students. Approximately 40% of our current roster is students that are new to C4C this year...wow...that is a lot! The number of referrals is a testament to the staff at C4C!!! The effort and the success we have seen with students in both our Safe School and Options programs is amazing! We want to continue to create an atmosphere that encourages relationships with each and every student. No student at C4C is a "number" or "just a student". They are one of us...a phoenix, a child, a second chance. We will continue to cultivate a climate that supports students, families, and staff.

Truant Alternative Program

In addition to working with the Whiteside County Healthier Communities Partnership to assist truant and at-risk students with needs that affect their education, our truancy team partners with the McKinney-Vento Regional Liaison to identify and provide necessary services to students eligible under the Federal Law. We work with districts to provide education on homelessness definition within their schools and we assist in the mediation for services between families and schools at local, regional, and State levels. In October, we also provided training for at-home visitors with Community Based Youth services (CCBYS) and participated in their presentation of "Hidden In Plain Sight". Truancy staff depend on outside counseling services for our at-risk students...especially with the increase and need to address social and emotional support during the past few years. TAP has created a collaboration with CCBYS to promote healthier living in a supportive environment. In September, the truancy team reached out to collect homecoming and prom dresses that were donated to Rock Falls High School. Over 15 dresses were donated and many students were able to take home a dress that they may not have been able to afford on their own.

McKinney Vento Homeless Program

The National McKinney Vento Homeless Conference took place in October. All 50 States were represented. It is an excellent opportunity to talk and share ideas with a wealth of different people. The States may have some different approaches to handling situations, but the overall situations and frustrations are throughout every State. We have experienced an increase in situations with students being in boarding school districts. With this being a Federal Program, State lines are not a factor in the services and needs for our students. Communication as always is the key to success for our students. With the nicer fall temperatures, we had an increase in students living temporarily at Campgrounds. Unfortunately, many closed at the end of October and this has increased our need to locate other temporary housing options for our students. All of this happening in our students' lives, we continue to strive for their educational success.