

Regional Office of Education Report

October 2022

District Financial Audits and Annual Financial Reports

Every year I get questions from the public about our office role with each district's budget. It is interesting to note that the school districts are required to upload their annual budget with ISBE and file a copy with the county clerk but they do not submit their budgets to our office. We do work with our districts because each school district shall, as of June 30 of each year, cause an audit of its accounts to be made by a person lawfully qualified to practice public accounting as regulated by the Illinois Public Accounting Act. Each school district shall on or before October 15 of each year, submit an original and one copy of such audit to the regional superintendent of schools in the educational service region having jurisdiction in which case the regional superintendent of schools shall be relieved of responsibility in regard to the accounts of the school district. Our office then submits each district's audit and financial reports to ISBE by November 15th of every 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 Aimee Babon Howard as our new Coordinated Intake Specialist. Coordinated Intake is a collaborative process that provides families with a single point of entry for early childhood home visiting programs and other social services within a community. Aimee will manage our IRIS platform, work with families, and build partnerships with community service agencies.

Upcoming Events - October 2022

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)

1st Annual Pathway Playground for Middle School Students to be Held October 14 at SVCC

The Regional Office of Education #47 and Sauk Valley Community College invite area businesses to participate in the first annual Pathway Playground event to be held at Sauk Valley Community College on **Friday, October 14, 2022, from 8:00- 3:00 p.m.** The Pathway Playground is an exciting new regional event for Lee, Ogle & Whiteside county 8th grade students to promote career exploration and engagement with community organizations and businesses. This is a hands-on exploration event, where students engage in small activities to

build their interests in various career fields. Our goal is to provide students with this opportunity to explore what careers our area has to offer and guidance in their future endeavors.

There is no better way to explore a potential career than to witness it first hand. We are gathering local industry leaders to provide an experience that will help students make the connection between school work and the world of work. Area eighth grade students will cycle through 50 or more booths divided into 7 career cluster zones representing area businesses. Students will have twenty minutes in each of the 7 areas to explore what our area has to offer and to see your local business care about the success of our students. The ROE47 pathways team is asking area businesses to showcase their industry with a hands-on activity that will intrigue the minds of eighth grade students and truly show what the vocation is about. **If you know of anyone who is interested in participating in this special event or need additional information, please email Chanda McDonnell or Heather Waninger at ROE 47.**

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

September Participants – 210

Tuesday, September 6

Librarians & School Library Media Specialist Networking Session @ 2:30 pm

Monday, September 12

New Teacher Cadre @ 3:30 pm

Tuesday, September 13

High School Ed Pathways Cohort @ 3:15 p.m.

Wednesday, September 14

Preschool Family Support Specialist Networking & Collaboration @ 1:00 pm

Special Educators Community Cohort @ 3:30 pm

Thursday, September 15

Administrator Networking Session @ SVCC

Tuesday, September 20

Middle School Ed Pathways Cohort @ 3:15 p.m.

Wednesday, September 21

Transitional English: Getting Started @ 9:00 am

Deanery School Improvement Networking Session @ Newman

Thursday, September 22

Superintendents Meeting @ SVCC

Friday, September 23

Take your Classroom to New Heights with Drones @ SVCC

Wednesday, September 28

School Counselors & Social Workers Networking Session @ 1:00 pm

Career Pathways Training Strategy @ 3:30 pm

Friday, September 30

Special Education Summit @ SVCC

Nexus

We are working with families across the three counties. 90% of the families we work with are new to our Nexus Program. We are working with families on multiple topics such as: finding affordable housing, applying for services, domestic violence concerns, behavioral supports, finding access to medical services, accessing scholarship and employment advancement, and the list goes on and on. We have also been out in the community at various community events across the three counties. We are prepping for Trunk or Treat events, and a presenter, Joseph Green, is coming to the area to speak to 10 middle schools. We are working with community agencies to ensure we can support our families with a Happy Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday season. Finally, we are enlisting our community's help since Sauk Valley Toys for Tots is no longer running.

- 58 Families
 - 6 Lee County
 - 34 Ogle County
 - 18 Whiteside County

50% of Current Families experiencing Homelessness

87% of Current Families experiencing Extreme Trauma

Over 1000 contacts with parents to date

Parents as Teachers First Years

It's hard to believe that we've finished our first quarter already! We know that we still need a few families, so keep sending those referrals our way. September was also a baby boom month for us. We have 5 new babies born in in our families in less than a month's time and two newly announced pregnancies.

We have also started working on two big upcoming projects designed to evaluate our program's quality. First, we have program monitoring by our grant funder (ISBE) happening early this winter. Second, we are participating in the Parents as Teachers Quality Endorsement process that's a requirement of our program model (PAT). The PAT quality endorsement process takes most of the year with the written narrative and data due for submission in April.

Monitors for both programs will review family file documentation completed by staff for completeness and ISBE requires staff to videotape home visits so monitors can assess the quality of the services offered to families. It's a busy year for everyone!

In other Early Childhood news...

We received an Early Childhood marketing grant to help families get back into programs. Be on the lookout for local marketing campaigns and for our staff to be at community events! Booked for September so far, we will be at the Morrison Paint the Town and Rochelle's Fiesta Hispana.

Education Outreach Program

We are off to a great start this fall and have been enrolling new students who are already making progress towards achieving their goals. Students have been busy learning, taking exams, writing resumes, and participating in job shadows and work experience.

We want to congratulate our most recent graduates - Nick and Keaton. They both earned their State of Illinois High School Diploma in September. One is participating in job shadows arranged by BEST Inc. to explore different career opportunities. The other is pursuing a career in manufacturing or possibly the transportation industry. We are proud of both of them!



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UPCOMING DATES:

October 10th: No School Columbus Day

October 14th: Pizza Day

October 18th: End of the Quarter

October 20th: Picture Day

October 26th: Parent Teacher Conferences 3:30 to 5:30 pm

October 27th: Parent Teacher Conferences 6:00 to 8:00 pm and Selmi's from 9:00 am to 11:00 am

October 28th: Parent Teacher Conferences 9:00 to 11:00 am **NO SCHOOL STUDENTS**

October 31st: 1st Quarter Assembly 8:45 to 9:30 am. Teacher Insitute - Half-Day Students

October Theme: Attendance Matters! Every day a student is present they receive 1 ticket.

Teachers will drop the tickets in the office at the end of each day for students who are present.

Ms. Ashley will keep the drawing bin in the office to place the tickets in. At the October Assembly 5 tickets drawn and 5 winners announced! **1 FULL WEEK OF DRESS DOWN (Including hoodies)**

November 1st through November 7th - 5 days!!!

Truant Alternative Program

Our program has been extremely grateful to start this year off with a collaboration with the Whiteside Community Healthier Partnership Program in which they received a grant to service

the needs of Sterling Truancy students and address areas that impact student's academic success. With these funds we have been able to assist families with concerns of stable living, provide required services for alternative options for advancement of credits, musical instruments for class, and safety gear for students riding bikes to school. Some of the steps have been big and some have been small, but each helps us to connect with our families and help our students to stay connected to their school. In addition, the Truancy Team puts together hygiene kits with encouragement cards for students in need and we always have our parent/child engagement materials (i.e. reading and writing books, flash cards, calendars, etc.) to support parents when we meet. Our staff will continue to provide prevention and intervention services as well as linkage to resources through the schools and/or community. We have daily contacts with schools, contacts with families as needed, and (minimal) monthly visits with each student. We collaborate with school administration and families to develop a service plan to address the needs of each student to assist with their educational success.

McKinney Vento Homeless Program

The new school year is underway and it is one of the main times to identify students that are now experiencing a transitional living situation. Work is being done to help the registration persons to be aware of signs to identify and address the issues that our students are dealing with. Families are forced to live in unique and non-traditional housing situations. Therefore, it is even more vital to keep the school as a place of stability for our students. .