

Annual Report to the Public

September 1, 2016–
August 31, 2017



Why We're Here

The mission of ROE 12 is to provide Clay, Crawford, Jasper, Lawrence, and Richland Counties with educational leadership and assistance in accordance with the Illinois School Code and the highest professional standards in order to bring about a positive impact on student learning.

Regional Office of Education #12

Clay/Crawford/Jasper/Lawrence/Richland Counties

Monte Newlin, Regional Superintendent of Schools

Corrie Ray, Assistant Regional Superintendent



Where to find us

ROE 12 maintains offices in each of our five counties for the convenience of the public and the schools we serve.

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Who we are and serve

ROE 12 staff partners with eleven public and five non-public schools, two EFE Systems, and one Special Education Cooperative.

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What we've achieved

ROE 12 provides a wide variety of services for all age levels of learners and support for the educators who teach them.

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How we're funded

County support leverages state and federal funds to generate a 636% return on investment to local taxpayers.

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Office Locations

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Robinson, Illinois 62454

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Louisville, Illinois 62858

618.665.4817
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Clay County

Clay County Courthouse
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Louisville, Illinois 62858

618.665.3373
Fax 618.665.3155



Richland County

Richland County Courthouse
103 West Main Street
Olney, Illinois 62450

618.392.4631
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Lawrenceville, Illinois 62439

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Our Partners in Educational Excellence

ROE 12 Administrative Staff

Clay County

Tammy Hertenstein
Office Manager/Truancy Administrative Assistant

Crystal Smith
Business Manager

Crawford County

Brandy Sechrest
Office Manager/Homeless Liaison

Christie Butcher
Early Childhood Services Director

Mindy Fiscus
Learning Technology Center Area VI Director

Jill Young
Early Childhood Services Assistant Director

Jasper County

Ann Britton
Office Manager/Licensure Officer

Travis Titsworth
ASSIST Programs Director/Principal

Cathy Arteberry
ASSIST Programs Secretary

Lawrence County

Beth Tarr
Office Manager/Bus Driver Training Coordinator

Chad Loudermilk
Truancy Services Director

Richland County

Jana Baker
Office Manager/Grants Manager

ROE 12 Partner Districts, Schools, and Programs

Clay County

Clay City CUSD 10
North Clay CUSD 25
Flora CUSD 35
Full Armor Christian Academy
Clay-Jasper-Richland-North Wayne Education for Employment
ROE 12 Pre-K Program at Buckeroos

Crawford County

Hutsonville CUSD 1
Robinson CUSD 2
Palestine CUSD 3
Oblong CUSD 4
New Hebron Christian School
ROE 12 Pre-K Programs at Gingerbread House
Twin Rivers Education for Employment

Jasper County

Jasper County CUSD 1
South Eastern Special Education
St. Thomas School
ROE 12 ASSIST Programs
ROE 12 Pre-K Program at St. Thomas

Lawrence County

Red Hill CUSD 10
Lawrence County CUSD 20

Richland County

Richland County CUSD 1
East Orchard Christian Academy
ROE 12 Pre-K Program at Richland County Elementary
St. Joseph School

ROE 12 at a Glance

Public School Districts Served (Listed by Enrollment)

School District	Enrollment (PK-12)	Attendance Centers	Licensed Staff
Richland County CUSD #1	2394	3	171
Robinson CUSD #2	1582	4	120
Flora CUSD #35	1388	3	117
Jasper County CUSD #1	1349	4	107
Lawrence County CUSD #20	1202	3	103
Red Hill CUSD #10	999	3	84
North Clay CUSD #25	655	2	51
Oblong CUSD #4	581	2	47
Hutsonville CUSD #1	341	2	26
Clay City CUSD #10	325	3	25
Palestine CUSD #3	317	2	29
South Eastern Special Education	0	0	53
ROE #12 Totals	11133	31	933

ROE 12 Highlights for 2016-2017

ROE 12 Salutes Region's Illinois State Scholars at 17th Annual Celebration of Excellence Banquet

Over 200 were in attendance to honor the 49 Illinois State Scholars from Clay, Crawford, Jasper, Lawrence, and Richland Counties at the 17th Annual Celebration of

Excellence Banquet on March 21st, at the Robinson Community Center. The program is sponsored annually by the Regional Office of Education #12 and Regional Superintendent of Schools Monte Newlin. Students, school administrators, parents, and other guests enjoyed a catered dinner and an address by Rondrell Moore of WTHI-TV. Each student was presented a certificate commemorating their achievement as an Illinois State Scholar, a designation which only about 10% of the state's high school seniors achieve through a combination of class rank and ACT test scores.



More pics from the evening can be viewed on the ROE 12 website at http://www.roe12.net/crbst_33.html.

ROE 12 Partners With Feed the Children to Provide Backpacks to Local Homeless Students

In the latest example of government working with non-profits and the private sector to help our most vulnerable students, the Regional Office of Education #12 recently joined forces with Feed the Children to distribute backpacks filled with school supplies, non-perishable food, and reading books to qualifying students in the five counties served by the ROE.

On Tuesday, April 4, 2017, ROE 12 officials collected the materials from the Feed the Children drop-off point at Black Diamond Harley-Davidson in Marion. These backpacks and supplies are provided by Feed the Children, an international nonprofit relief organization headquartered in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Feed the Children delivers food, medicine, clothing, and other necessities to individuals, children, and families who lack the essentials due to famine, war, poverty, or natural disaster.

ROE 12 administers the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Education grant for Clay, Crawford, Jasper, Lawrence, and Richland counties. Regional Superintendent of Schools Monte Newlin said that approximately 475 students in the five county region qualified for homeless assistance last school year. So far this school year, 458 students have received homeless assistance from his office. Newlin said, "Even though ours' is a rural area, we still have students who qualify as homeless. Although there are several criteria that must be met, basically, if a student lacks a fixed, regular, nighttime abode, they can be considered as homeless. Whether it's a temporary situation, or an ongoing issue, many families and their children find themselves in a homeless situation. Poverty, domestic abuse situations, and family disfunction are all contributing factors to the relatively high numbers of students who qualify."



Brandy Sechrest is the ROE's Homeless Liaison and works directly with local school districts to identify and provide assistance to those students with the greatest need. Identification is key as the impact of homelessness is profound and severe. Students suffer academically, as recent statistics indicate that half of the children who are homeless are held back for one grade and 22% are held back for multiple grades. Additionally, studies indicate that homeless kids experience higher dropout rates, are two times as likely to have learning disabilities, and are significantly more likely to fall short of meeting statewide standards in math and reading. Regarding physical and emotional wellness, homeless students are three times as likely to have an emotional disturbance as their peers, and are three times more likely to attempt suicide. Newlin said, "By providing assistance to keep kids in school, we can hopefully help to break the downward cycle caused by homelessness." Government-nonprofit-private sector partnerships can provide some of the best efforts at addressing social issues such as student homelessness.

More information can be obtained on the Regional Services page of the ROE's website at www.roe12.org or by calling the Crawford County ROE office at 618.544.2719. (Above) ROE 12's Right Track Truancy Director Chad Loudermilk unloads homeless supplies for transport back to the

five-county region.

ROE 12 Trains Local High School Students in Youth Mental Health First Aid

ROE 12 provided training to student leaders from Hutsonville, Robinson, and Newton high schools on May 9th at Highland Church of Christ in Robinson.

Youth Mental Health First Aid is designed to teach parents, family members, caregivers, teachers, school staff, peers, neighbors, health and human services workers, and other caring citizens how to help an adolescent (age 12-18) who is experiencing a mental health or addictions challenge or is in crisis. Youth Mental Health First Aid is primarily designed for adults who regularly interact with young people. The course introduces common mental health challenges for youth, reviews typical adolescent development, and teaches a 5-step action plan for how to help young people in both crisis and non-crisis situations. Topics covered include anxiety, depression, substance use, disorders in which psychosis may occur, disruptive behavior disorders (including AD/HD), and eating disorders. The training was offered to all ROE 12 high schools.



Regional Board of School Trustees Reorganizes

The RBST reorganized on Monday, May 15th at their meeting in the Richland County Courthouse in Olney. Newly-elected or re-elected members sworn-in included: Travis Farley (Jasper), Marilyn Holt (Richland), and Sheila Mikeworth (Crawford). Julia LaRoche-New (Lawrence) was absent, but will be sworn-in at the next meeting of the Board.



In addition to establishing the meeting dates (first Monday of January, April, July, and October), the Board also set 7:00 pm as the meeting time. William "Bill" Staser (Clay) was re-elected to the position of President of the Board, while Travis Farley was elected Vice President.

The Board also heard updates on the passing of former Board Member, Bob Fear (Jasper), and the introduction of [Senate Floor Amendment 1 to SB 442](#), which proposes to abolish the Regional Boards statewide.

Above: Regional Superintendent of Schools Monte Newlin administers the oath of office to re-elected Board Member Travis Farley-Jasper County

(standing at left), and newly-elected members Sheila Mikeworth-Crawford County (standing, center), and Marilyn Holt-Richland County (standing at right) while current Board Members Gene Allen-Lawrence County (seated, far left) and Kaye Holscher-Crawford County (seated second from right) watch on.

Harris Retires from Regional Board Service

Regional Board Member Bob Harris officially retired from the Regional Board of School Trustees at their Reorganizational meeting on May 15th. His years of service to the citizens and students of the five-county region date back to the days of the prior Crawford Lawrence Regional Board.



Bob Harris accepts a plaque marking his years of service to the RBST from Regional Superintendent of Schools Monte Newlin.



ROE 12 Conducts Yearly Pre-K Screenings

ROE 12 Early Childhood staff finished up Pre-K Screenings in Robinson on Monday, May 15th. Over 100 early learners were registered for screening, which was a joint effort with Robinson CUSD 2. In 2016-2017, ROE 12 Early Childhood programs conducted nine full and half-day sessions in six classrooms throughout five sites in the five-county region, with a total of 173 students served. For more information about ROE 12 Pre-K, visit our website through the Regional Services Page at www.roe12.org.

Silverthorne Auto Group Recognized with Regional Superintendent's CLASS Award

Regional Superintendent of Schools, Monte Newlin is pleased to announce that the Silverthorne Auto Group of Robinson is the second recipient of the Regional Superintendent's CLASS Awards Program. CLASS (Community Leaders Assisting School Success) spotlights local business and community entities that have made a significant, positive contribution to the quality of education for the students of Clay, Crawford, Jasper, Lawrence, and Richland Counties. "Silverthorne Auto has proven again and again that they are not only community-focused, but community-invested." said Newlin. Over the past several years, Silverthorne has generated up to \$6000 a year for the extracurricular programs of Robinson High School through their local sponsorship of the Ford Drive 4 UR School Program. More recently, Silverthorne sponsored a new car raffle with the proceeds going to all four Crawford County high schools. Palestine High School won the competition. PHS Dean of Students Tangi Waldrop noted, "It gave us an opportunity to say, "yes" to many things that had been denied in the last several years. I had no idea the impact it was going to have on our students and school! It was as if \$17,000 fell from the sky over PHS!" Robinson Unit 2 Superintendent Josh Quick observed, "...it generated a lot of excitement in the community." Newlin added, "With declining enrollments and shrinking, inconsistent state support, schools across our five-county region are having to cut programs that are not mandated, but they are ones that have proven to be every bit as essential to a student's overall education, but are just not required by law. That makes every dollar generated by entities like Silverthorne even more meaningful to the quality of learning available to local students." Owner Scott Silverthorne is considering expanding the program and making some changes to increase the competition in order to generate more dollars for students.

Hutsonville Unit 1 Board President Tina Callaway remarked that, "The generosity of Scott Silverthorne and the Silverthorne Auto Group is most deserving of the CLASS Award for injecting over \$41,000.00 directly into the four Crawford County high schools. If that's not CLASS, I don't know what is."

To nominate a local business or community group for a CLASS Award, contact Regional Superintendent of Schools Monte Newlin at mnewlin@roe12.org.



ROE 12 Trains Local School Administrators To Make Them More Effective Teacher Evaluators

On August 1st, ROE 12 conducted Administrator Academy #1448 Teacher Evaluator Competency Skill Building for Pre-Qualified



Teacher Evaluators (Part 1 of 3) at the Highland Church of Christ in Robinson. As part of the Performance Evaluation Reform Act (PERA) legislation passed back in 2011 by the Illinois General Assembly, all licensed administrators who evaluate teachers are required to receive additional training before renewing their licenses. These trainings provide a key link between the evaluation of a teacher's performance, the improvement of instruction, and the improvement of learning.

ROE 12's Crawford County Pre-K Program Relocates

Regional Superintendent of Schools Monte Newlin announced today that ROE 12's Storybrooke Pre-K Program has relocated for the 2017-2018 school year to a new facility at the Senco Training Center on Eaton Street.

"Over the past many years, our Robinson Pre-K Program partnered with Gingerbread House Daycare, and was located at their south facility on Pine Street. With the start of the new school year, we have been fortunate to have offered to us the training facility at Senco. Chad Brown and his team at Senco helped us fulfill a need and really went above and beyond in offering their training area for our program. They saw a need, and didn't hesitate in stepping up to the plate." The modification of the facility has allowed what was one large area to become two nice-sized classrooms. Along with the existing kitchen and handicapped-accessible restrooms, the addition of a new playground area makes the transition complete.

The Regional Superintendent's Office operates five Pre-K programs in four counties (Clay, Crawford, Jasper, and Richland) serving 180 students annually through a state-funded Preschool for All Grant.

"We're grateful for our long association with Gingerbread, and we're excited about the modern facilities that have been made possible by Senco," said Newlin. Newlin noted that the ROE's Pre-K Director, Christie Butcher, worked tirelessly to forge new relationships that have blossomed into new collaborative opportunities for the Pre-K students served by the program. "Christie is a dynamo with a heart for kids and a passion for meeting their individual needs. Her efforts, especially over this summer, have yielded something special for the kids of our community." An open house will be scheduled in the weeks to come. For more information about ROE 12's Pre-K Programs, visit the Regional Services page at www.roe12.org or contact Christie Butcher at 618.544.2719.



ROE 12 By the Numbers

Adult Education - High School Equivalency Exam Verifications (GED Records)

Number of Records Requests/Verifications
285

Aiding Homeless Students - Homeless Services

Number of Students Served	Staff Training Events	Number of Participants in Staff Trainings
522	7	54

Alternative Educational Opportunities - Truant Alternative/Optional Education/Regional Safe School Programs (ASSIST Programs)

Number of Students Enrolled in Truant Alternative	Number of Students Enrolled in Safe School
78	30

Authorizing Student Employment - Student Work Permits

Number of Permits Issued
72

Celebrating Student Achievement - TeamQuest Competitions and Celebration of Excellence Banquet

Number of Events	Number of Participants
5	352+

Certifying the Qualifications of Teachers, Administrators, and Other Licensed Staff

Type	Total
Total Licenses Issued	169
Total Educators Registered	362
Total Licenses Registered	366
Total PEL Endorsements Issued	22
Total Substitute Authorizations Issued	73
Total Substitute Licenses Registered	69
Total Educator License with Stipulations (ELs - Paraprofessionals) Issued	50

Detachments and Annexations - Regional Board of School Trustees

Meetings	Action
1	Board Reorganization (2 Newly-Elected, 2 Re-Elected)

Disbursing County School Facilities Sales Tax Proceeds

Total Dollar Amount Disbursement to Lawrence County School Districts
\$675,401.35

Early Childhood Education - Early Childhood Services

Number of Sites	Number of Classrooms	Number of Sessions	Total Students Enrolled	Number of Family Outreach/ Parent Education Events
5	6	9	178	42

Ensuring the Safety of Students in the Classroom

Number of Fingerprint Scans/Criminal Background Checks Conducted		
496		
Number of Buildings Inspected (HLS)	Building Permits Issued	Occupancy Permits Issued
32	5	2

Ensuring the Quality of Instruction

School Recognition Compliance Visits
11
Home School Registrations Processed
23

Getting Kids to School Safely - Bus Driver Trainings/Certifications

Number Initial Trainings	Number of Initial Training Participants	Number Refresher Trainings	Number of Refresher Training Participants
5	38	9	251

Improving the Quality of Teachers - Providing Training and Professional Development to Educational Professionals

Number of Events/Trainings	Number of Participants
41	397

Improving the Quality of Teachers - EIU Cohorts Offered Through ROE #12

Current Number of EIU Courses In Progress	Total Number of Enrollees
0	N/A

Improving the Quality of Teachers - Providing Technology Training and Support to Schools

Number of Districts/Entities Served	Number of Events/Trainings	Estimated Number of Participants
189	42	972

Keeping Kids in School - Right Track Truancy Program

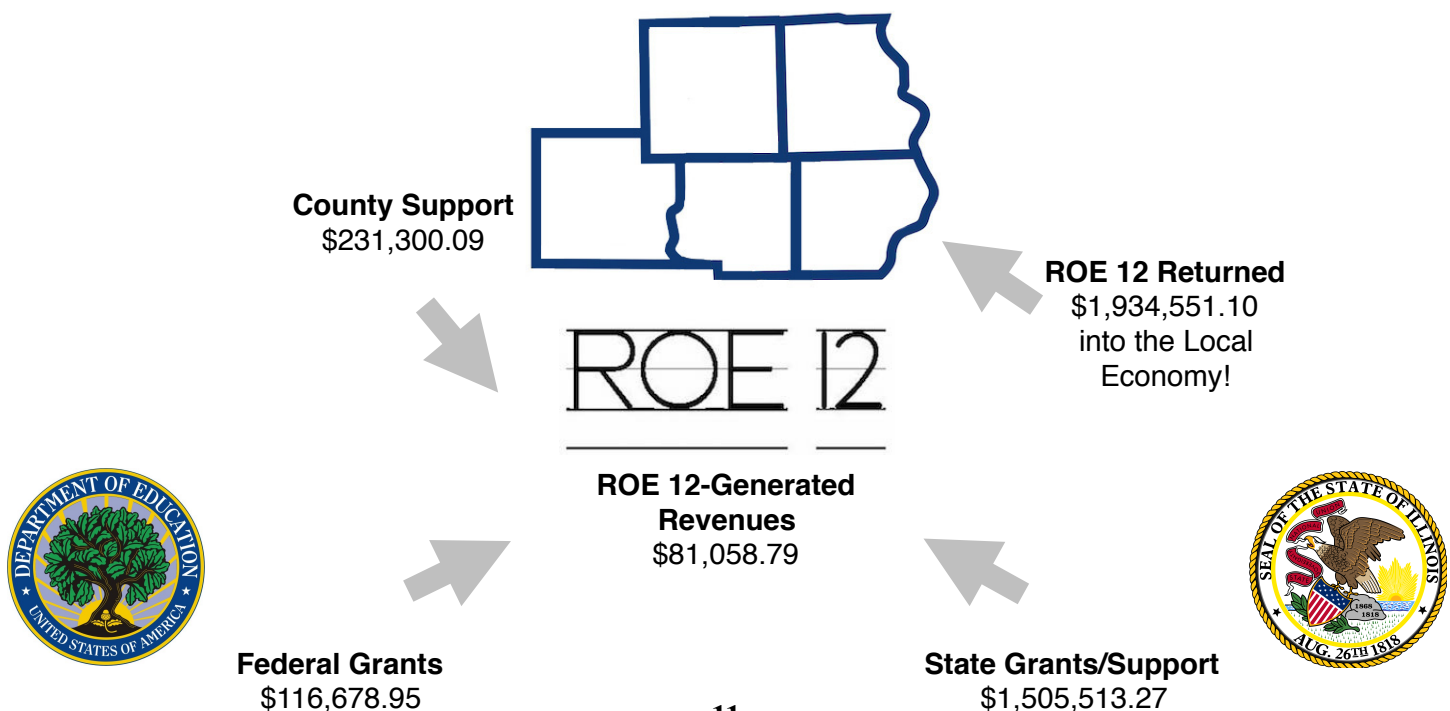
Students Receiving Services	Truancy Review Board (TRB) Mtgs	Court Cases Initiated	Student Intervention Meetings	Home Visits Conducted	Meetings with School Administrators	TRB Summons Delivered
307	43	13	108	16	318	49

Providing Direct Service to Each County

Total Non-Commuting Miles of the Regional Superintendent and Assistant Regional Superintendent
21,346

ROE #12's Economic Impact on the Counties We Serve

Based on FY17 Revenues, the Regional Office of Education #12 provided a **636% Return on Investment** made collectively by the five County Boards. We employ 25 Full-Time and 8 Part-Time employees, in addition to 18 Substitute Teachers working in our Early Childhood and ASSIST Truant Alternative and Safe School Programs!



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http://www.roe12.net/crbst_1.html

A Message From the Regional Superintendent

I hope you will find the information in this Annual Report helpful in your understanding of the role and function of the Regional Office of Education #12. It is not only our mission to serve the students and educational professionals of our five-county region, but it is indeed, our honor. We strive everyday at ROE 12 to help make the most of the opportunities to provide a positive and lasting impact on the students of our region. By working together collaboratively with our local school officials, the Regional Office can effectively serve as a vital link between the laws passed by the Illinois General Assembly, regulations enacted through the Illinois State Board of Education, and the administrators, teachers, and support staffs in our schools. The actions taken by these adults have a daily impact on the students the classroom. Please let us know how we can serve you better and more effectively fulfill our mission!

Yours for Kids,
Monte Newlin, Regional Superintendent of Schools

