Mission Statement

The mission of the Lake County Regional Office of Education is to serve as an advocate for education by providing effective leadership, performing regulatory functions in partnership with the Illinois State Board of Education as directed by The School Code of Illinois, coordinating and delivering state and local services, and disseminating information to educators, school districts and the community.

To effectively actuate this mission, the Lake County Regional Office of Education supports and assists the 45 school districts in Lake County by:

1) Exercising supervision and control over all school districts with regard to compliance to statutory mandates;

2) Serving as the official advisor and assistant to school officers, administrators and teachers in the region;

3) Administering programs for students with special needs such as High School Equivalency testing, drug abuse and truancy prevention programs and alternative education via the Safe School;

4) Providing technical support for schools, including professional development activities for teachers and administrators, and certification services for more than 11,750 educators annually;

5) Conducting school compliance visits to ensure that all Lake County school districts meet state standards, especially in the area of curriculum;

6) Ensuring the safety of children in school buildings, school transportation vehicles and food service facilities – in the total educational environment;

7) Safeguarding the resources that are used in the education of children by upholding fiscal standards;

8) Facilitating the resolution of school legal issues;

9) Helping to draw state and federal dollars back to Lake County for educational programs that benefit county citizens.

Additionally, the Lake County Regional Office of Education works closely with numerous agencies within the community and state and local governments in order to provide children in Lake County with the necessary tools for success in all areas of life and to shape and enrich their view of the world.

The Regional Superintendent of Schools maintains that any Lake County citizen who has the need and the desire for educational opportunity shall have it. The Regional Office of Education stands firm in the belief that every child must have the opportunity to achieve success every day.
As Regional Superintendent of Schools of the Lake County Regional Office of Education, I am pleased to submit the annual report of the activities of the office from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. I am certain that it will provide you with an overview of the services that are offered by the Lake County Regional Office of Education, and that it will also give you a better understanding of the tasks that our office undertakes to fulfill our continued mission of meeting the needs of our students, parents and educators.

I want to express my appreciation to the outstanding staff members in the Lake County Regional Office of Education Administrative Center, the Educational Services Division, Attendance & Truancy Division and the Regional Safe School Program for their committed and dedicated work on behalf of our students and educators. We are all fortunate to have the continued cooperation and support of the Illinois State Board of Education, the Lake County Board, the Regional Board of School Trustees, and the other fine committees with whom we interact and work.

On behalf of myself, Gary Pickens, Assistant Regional Superintendent of Schools, and the entire staff of the Lake County Regional Office of Education, our best wishes to the students, administrators, and teachers in our 45 school districts, 3 special education cooperatives, the Lake County High Schools Technology Campus and the Prairie Crossing, LEARN 6, LEARN 9 and LEARN 10 Charter Schools for continued success in the current school year and in the future.
Regional Board of School Trustees
Lake County, Illinois
2017-2018

Term Expires
Alison Baker Frank 2019
(Chairman)
William Gentes 2023
Julie C. Gonka 2019
Jim Moran 2021
Donald Fontana 2023
Larry Mc Shane 2021
Phillip DeRuntz 2019

The Lake County Regional Board of School Trustees consists of seven members, each from a different congressional township within Lake County, who are elected to six-year terms of office by the voters of Lake County. The Lake County Regional Superintendent serves, by law, as an ex officio member of the board so that all matters regarding school boundary changes under Article 7 of The School Code of Illinois are handled through the Regional Office of Education.

The Regional Board of School Trustees conducted 9 boundary hearings during the 2017-2018 school year.

School Finance
During the 2017-2018 school year $4,630,050.28 in state and federal funds were distributed through the Lake County Regional Office of Education. These funds include $3,521,650.28 in regular General State Aid. Local property taxes are distributed through the County Treasurer. The local tax extension for Lake County Schools for the 2017-2018 school year was $1,555,704,644.70.

State and/or Federal Disbursements
Common School Fund $3,521,650.28
State Grants $1,096,227.00
Federal Grants $12,173.00
Total 4,630,050.28*

* $374,176.00 FY16 payments

Institute Fund
Balance Brought Forward FY17 $850,038.06
Revenue FY18 $414,194.30
Expenditures FY18 $201,922.00
Ending Balance FY18 $1,062,310.36
Teacher Licensure

Educators Registered: 3,732
Licenses Registered: 3,919
Substitute Licenses Registered: 1,034
Licenses Issued: 1,929
Endorsements Issued: 894
Paraprofessional Licenses Issued: 411
Public School Administrators
Employed for FY18: 976
Public School Teacher Employed
For FY18: 8,982
Public School Service Personnel
Employed for FY18: 3,638

Educators Fingerprinted in FY18: 486

Annual Building Inspections

Annual Building Inspections are conducted for ALL public school facilities in Lake County each year. There are 216 public school buildings in Lake County that are inspected each year. The Lake County Regional Office of Education has 3 Educational Health Life Safety Consultants that have been trained and qualified to conduct these inspections.

School Construction

Building & Occupancy Permits Issued:
New Structures: 5 Building Permits, 3 Occupancy, 2 Demolition Permits

Major Renovations: 20 Building Permits, 17 Occupancy

Building Additions: 11 Building Permits, 7 Occupancy

Miscellaneous Projects: 98 Building Permits, 76 Occupancy

Total Partial Occupancy Permits
Total Building Permits Issued for FY18: 134 Permits
Total Occupancy Permits Issued for FY18: 103 Permits

Bus Driver Training

Initial Classes Held 17
Refresher Trainings 45
Active Drivers in Lake County 2,855

2017-2018 Compliance Visits

2017-2018
Winthrop Harbor District 1
Zion District 6
Antioch District 34
Grass Lake District 36
Woodland District 50
Lake Bluff District 65
Lake Forest District 67
Wauconda District 118
Stevenson High School District 125
Zion-Benton High School District 126
North Chicago School District 187
Lake County H. S. Technology Campus 849

Compliance visits are conducted every four years for each school district. A rotation cycle has been developed so that each year one quarter of the school districts in Lake County have a compliance visit that includes a Licensure audit for the district’s personnel.
**Northern Illinois Reading Recovery Consortium**

* Concluded 24th year
* Regional Consortium
* 5 Lake County Districts
* Early Intervention reading program for first-graders
* Lake County ROE provides administrative agent and coordinator services

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**ROE Alternative Program (Safe School)**

* Regional Program for students in grades 6-12
  - Disruptive
  - Multiple suspensions
  - Expulsion Alternative
* Develop Skills & Strategies
  - Improve decision-making
  - Improve compliance with discipline expectations
  - Improve/maintain academic performance
* Alternative Education Plan (AEP) for each student
* 45 participating districts, 108 students FY18

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**High School Equivalency (HSE)**

Illinois law requires the Regional Superintendent of Schools to administer the High School Equivalency (HSE) testing program. The Lake County office does this in coordination with the Illinois Community College Board and the College of Lake County (CLC). Currently Illinois offers three HSE Exams. These tests can be taken at testing centers operated by CLC at its Grayslake and Waukegan campuses. During the 2017-18 school year, 218 people passed the new version of the High School Equivalency tests. Over 1,273 request verifications, including requests for new and duplicate certificates and transcripts, were processed by Lake County.

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**Spelling Bee**

The Lake County Regional Office of Education and the Jelly Belly Candy Company sponsored the 2017-2018 Spelling Bee. 120 public and nonpublic schools participated with 12 finalists competing in the Lake County Final Spelling Bee that was held at the College of Lake County on March 15th 2018. Co-winners, Sharanya Pastapur an 8th grade student at Lake Zurich MS North and Anmol Dash and 8th grade student at Daniel Wright Jr. HS both received an all expenses paid 7-day trip to Washington, D.C. to compete May 27, through June 2, 2018, in the Scripps National Spelling Bee; they both did a fine job representing the office and Lake County in general.
### Attendance and Truancy Division (ATD)

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Attendance Week 2017
Educational Services Division (ESD)

● ESD 2017-2018 Highlights ●

Professional Development Services
- 35 Administrator & Evaluator Retraining Academies conducted with 803 attendees receiving Full or P.D. A.A. credit
- 162 In-District Staff Development & Foundational Services Sessions conducted with 1499 attendees
- 19 Regional Content Specific Staff Development Workshops conducted with 275 attendees receiving professional development credit hours
- 49 School Districts outside of Lake County attended Regional Administrator Academies or Professional Development workshops
- FY17 PARCC Data Analysis conducted at 12 School Districts

● Professional & Staff Development ●

Administrator Academies
- Regional & In-District Academies
- Regional & In-District Retraining Academies
- Retraining Presenters for In-District Sessions

Facilitation & Planning Services

In-District & Regional Content Workshops
Regional Content Coordinators
- Math, Language Arts, Science, Social Sciences, & Technology

● School Improvement ●

PARCC/MAP Data Analysis
School Improvement Planning Support
Instructional Improvement Resources
Technology Support and Planning
Curriculum Improvement, Assistance, & Planning
- Math, Language Arts, English, Reading, Science, Social Studies, & Foundational Services

Regional Administrator Academies and Content Workshops for P.D. Credit are held at the Lake County High School Tech. Campus Building in Grayslake. To schedule an In-District Academy or Retraining Academy please contact Dr. Julie Retzlaff at jretzlaff@lake.roe34.org or 847-223-3400 x.221
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**Totals**: 135,714, 134,730, 134,336, 133,433, 132,179

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**Lake County Public School Enrollment Growth**

- **2013**: 135,714
- **2014**: 134,730
- **2015**: 134,336
- **2016**: 133,433
- **2017**: 132,179
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