



2020-2021

Annual Report



LETTER FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Lake County Education Stakeholders,

I am honored to present the Lake County Regional Office of Education's 2021 Annual Report. This report provides insight how the ROE supported education stakeholders during the 2020-2021 school year.

This report is an overview and is not inclusive of all the services and collaborative partnerships the Regional Office of Education provides as an educational leader for the benefit of the schools and citizens of Lake County.

This report uses information from end-of-year reports of our programs and services and from end-of-year school reports from the Illinois State Board of Education website to make this Annual Report as comprehensive as possible.

Due to COVID 19, the Lake County Regional Office of Education programs adapted to the regulations as mandated by Governor J.B. Pritzker and the Illinois State Board of Education. We hope it will help you better understand the work our office and the educators of Lake County provide to ensure our schools are safe and nurturing places of learning.

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



Dr. Michael Karner

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.

Not only are we determined that any Lake County citizen who has a need and a desire for an educational opportunity shall have it, we are firm in our belief that "every child should have an opportunity to be successful every day."

On behalf of the Regional Office of Education, I would like to say Thank-you! Our best wishes to the students, administrators, and teachers in our 45 school districts, 3 special education cooperatives, the Lake County High School Technology Campus and Lake County Charter Schools for a continued success in the current school year and in the future.

Sincerely,

Dr. Michael Karner

WHAT'S NEW AT THE ROE

The Regional Office of Education is currently open by appointment only, Monday through Friday from 8am to 4pm. Appointments can be booked for Fingerprinting, Licensure Support, and to obtain a GED Transcript and/or Certificate. To book an appointment, please click [here](#).

The Regional Office of Education also issues Work Permits for minor children, ages 0-15. Please click [here](#) for all required documents and more information.

We recently updated our Resource Links document with IL learning standards, Teacher Resource Links, Professional Development links and more, which can be found [here](#). Our website has been updated, it can be found [here](#).

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Regional Office of Education - Divisions

Educational Services Division (ESD)

Provide a wide variety of professional learning opportunities that are action-oriented and focused on measurable results. We collaborate with educators and school leaders to implement research-based best practices in education that support the development of 21st century skills in students. Through partnerships with Lake County school districts, we develop and facilitate engaging workshops as well as on-site training that aligns to district goals. We are committed to providing high quality personalized professional development for our educators and administrators. We are continuously seeking opportunities to form new partnerships to support Lake County districts who are working towards continual school improvement.

Illinois Teachers and Administrators are required to complete continuing professional development courses as part of their license renewal process. The Lake County Educational Services Division offers these courses to teachers and administrators at a reasonable cost. Lake County Professional Development Cooperative districts receive a discount on our workshops as well as in-district consultant assistance.

Attendance & Truancy Division (ATD)

The Attendance and Truancy Division is Lake County's truancy and dropout prevention program funded by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) since 1985 and administered by the Lake County Regional Office of Education.

The division is an intervention tool that is available to all schools in Lake County. Intervention occurs when schools refer students for poor attendance/truancy. Attendance and truancy staff complete an assessment of all students referred and, with input from both the school and family, develop an individualized service plan tailored to each student. The staff acts as referral agents and on-going liaisons between the schools, families, and community resources.

Regional Safe School

The Regional Safe School Program of Lake County serves disruptive students in grades 6 – 12 who have received multiple suspensions, are eligible for expulsion, or have been expelled from school in Lake County, Illinois. The students we serve often face long-term issues such as domestic violence, poverty, and drug and alcohol abuse, which influence their behavior in the classroom.

Our goal is to provide students with techniques to improve their decision-making skills that affect their:

- * School, home, and community life
- * School attendance and academic performance
- * Ability to transition successfully to a traditional school, work, or other positive environment

Attendance and Truancy Division



Total Referrals (Oct '20—May '21) : 464

Primary Referral

Dropouts = 0

Chronic Truant = 278

Truant = 0

Comparison by Gender

Female = 112 (40.3%)

Male = 166 (59.7%)

Comparison by Grade Placement

Elementary School (K-5) = 126 (45.3%)

Middle School (6-8) = 105 (37.8%)

High School (9-11) = 47 (16.9%)

Free/Reduced Lunch

Yes = 227 (81.7%)

No = 51 (18.3%)

504 Plan

Yes = 33 (11.9%)

Special Education = 71 (25.5%)

Intellectual Disability = 6

Special Learning Disability = 23

Hearing Impairment = 1

Deafness = 1

Speech/Language = 6

Emotional Disability = 12

Other Health Impairment = 4

Development Delay = 3

Autism = 1

With Two Disabilities = 14

Multiple Disabilities = 1

Comparison by Race

American Indian or Alaska Native = 9 (3.2%)

Asian = 5 (1.8%)

Black or African American = 87 (31.3%)

Hispanic or Latino = 92 (33.1%)

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander = 1 (0.003%)

Two or More Races = 20 (7.2%)

White = 62 (22%)

Referrals are unable to be processed for a variety of reasons – did not meet criteria of school code, school did not give required documentation to legitimize/prove unexcused absences, schools unable to differentiate between unexcused and excused, previously submitted student, end of year attendance policies changed due to pandemic and student did not meet 9 unexcused absences, moved out of district/moved out of state, etc.

ATD continues over the summer to work with families who request our services over the summer, i.e. attendance support, connecting families with outside agencies, etc.

Who We Serve

Schools/Buildings

- * 214 public Schools
- * 29 Non-public Schools
- * 25 Stand Alone Administration Buildings
- * 4 Charter Schools
- * 1 Regional Safe School
- * 1 Technology Campus

Professionals

- * 8151 Teachers
- * 1198 Substitutes
- * 1108 Administrators
- * 2499 Paraprofessionals
- * 3302 Service Personnel
(Social Workers, Psychologists, School Nurses, Speech Language Pathologists, School Counselors)

[Elementary School District Boundary Map](#)

[High School/Community District Boundary Map](#)

Health Life Safety and Compliance Visits



ROE – Health Life Safety

- * All public Schools in Lake County are inspected annually
- * Compliance audits are conducted in rotation on four-year cycles.

Compliance Visits 2020-2021

Lake Villa District 41
 Grayslake District 46
 Oak Grove District 68
 Mundelein District 75
 Diamond Lake District 76
 Lake Zurich District 95
 Kildeer-Countryside District 96
 Deerfield District 109
 North Shore District 112
 Community High School District 128
 NSSED

Construction

The ROE issues building permits for all school building projects subject to the requirements of Administrative Code. The ROE architect reviews the plans, communicates with the district and the Health/Life Safety team.

Total Building Permits Issued	234
New Construction	6
Major Renovations	34
Building Additions	15
Miscellaneous Projects	179

Bus Driver Trainings



FY21

Initial Classes: 177 Drivers

Refresher Classes: 1762 Drivers

High School Equivalency (GED)

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.

- * 209 Passed the new version of the HSE
- * 1124 Requests for verification including requests for new, duplicate certificates and transcripts

Work Permits

- * 210 Work Permits issued to students.

Licensure Department

Our licensure department assists teachers, paraprofessionals and substitute teachers with registration and renewal each year.

- * Teachers & Paraprofessionals helped: 4,042
- * Substitute teachers helped: 869



Educational Services Division

-69 Workshops -1028 Attendees -COOP For in-service development of 165 days.

A Sample of Workshop Topics and attendees

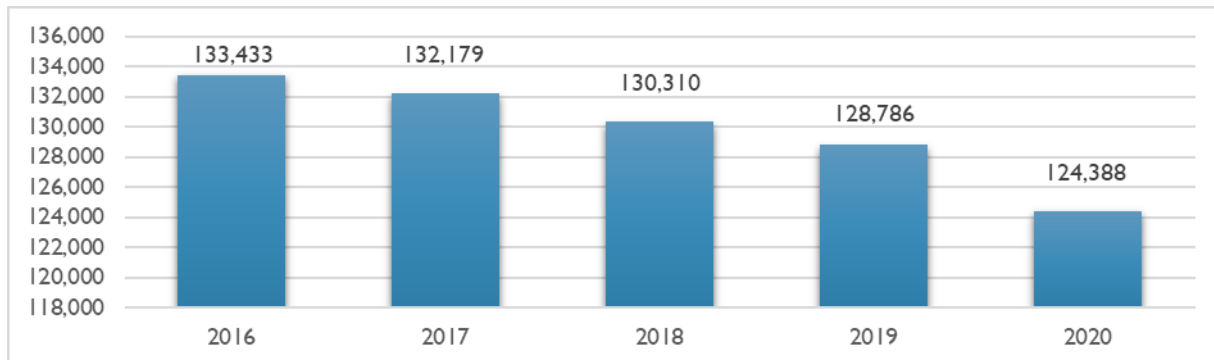
Title	Attended
Teacher Talk: Teaching Plot and Character through Creative Robotics	1
Jump-start the School Year with Book Creator	57
Google Certification Level 1 Workshop	19
Tech Tools to Use for 20-21	8
School Library Reopening Ramp-Up	22
Reimagining Research	7
Designing a Scientific Investigation Aligned to the Scientific Method and NGSS	3
Engaging Student Voice for Inquiry When Teaching Remotely	17
Blended Learning: Meeting the Literacy Needs of All Learners	8
Summer Coaching Summit	61
AA #1923 Establishing and Enhancing Good School Climate and Culture	23
Understanding the Proven Practice of Current and Controversial Issues Discussions	8
Improve Math Fluency with Math Talks & Number Strings (K - 8)	3
School Anxiety and School Refusal: Managing School Engagement during Uncertain Times	13
Teaching the 2020 Election and Beyond	16
K-2 Writing with Vigor	9
AA #1631 Strategies to Successfully Implement Change to Best Practice Initiatives	14
AA # 3729 Through A Different Lens: Understanding and Supporting Students With Mental Health Issues	9
Building Literacy through Science with the 5E's	4
Talk Saves Lives	12
2020 - 2021 Instructional Coaching Network	43
Working with ELs in a Remote Environment	19
Back to School Projects with Book Creator	23
Enhance Remote Learning & Digital Instruction with Seesaw	8
Leading Instructional Change Through Partnerships	16
The Book Creator You Never Knew & More	31
AA #3000 Teacher and Administrator Evaluator Retraining: Student Growth	13
AA #1865 Principal Evaluator Competency Skill Building for Pre-Qualified Principal Evaluators	13
Mind the Gap: Using NWEA Map Data to Inform Instruction	24
AA #1448 Teacher Evaluator Competency Skill Building for Pre-Qualified Teacher Evaluators (Part 1 of 3)	5
Getting Started with Freckle ELA	2
Remote Learning in the Math Classroom (5-8) (PM)	2
Using Freckle for Distance Learning	1
Strategies for Working with English Learners (ELs) in a Remote Environment	42
AA #3752 Title IX: Responding to Discrimination on the Basis of Sex in K-12 School Systems	22
AA #1159 Leadership Capacity Through Teacher Leaders	8
Become the teacher your students remember... online in 3-Steps	5
AA #3010 Leading for Equity and Excellence in the School Setting	20
AA #1541 Proactively Dealing w/ Difficult Conversations: Bringing Out the Best in People At Their Worst	14
AA #1414 Communicating with Staff Regarding Performance Assessments	13
AA #1865/2000 Principal Evaluator Competency Skill Building for Pre-Qualified Principal Evaluators	8
AA #686 Legal Implications of the Use of Technology in a School District	14
AA #2001 - Teacher Evaluation Training	5
AA #3752 Title IX: Responding to Discrimination of the Basis of Sex in K-12 School Systems	8
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AA #3000/2000 Teacher and Administrator Evaluator Retraining: Student Growth	16
AA #1801 Gathering Evidence During Observations and Conferencing Using the Danielson Model	13

Sixth Day Enrollment Figures

September 2016 – September 2020

District	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Winthrop Harbor School District 1	573	551	539	555	572
Beach Park School District 3	2225	2176	2141	2140	1967
Zion School District 6	2721	2690	2504	2397	2326
Millburn School District 24	1205	1155	1130	1126	1164
Emmons School District 33	320	298	316	303	295
Antioch School District 34	2935	2844	2810	2803	2590
Grass Lake School District 36	184	187	190	177	184
Gavin School District 37	855	849	840	840	761
Big Hollow School District 38	1800	1781	1778	1792	1680
Lake Villa School District 41	2634	2613	2606	2555	2396
Grayslake School District 46	3819	3831	3711	3678	3377
Woodland School District 50	5774	5620	5388	5261	5017
Gurnee School District 56	2122	2077	1791	2018	1912
Waukegan School District 60	16259	16,088	15486	14940	13521
Lake Bluff School District 65	911	889	881	904	869
Lake Forest School District 67	1725	1682	1669	1668	1608
Oak Grove School District 68	873	908	912	932	914
Libertyville School District 70	2327	2323	2255	2285	2263
Rondout School District 72	135	130	141	138	143
Hawthorn School District 73	4191	4257	4123	3998	3743
Mundelein School District 75	1665	1637	1714	1726	1648
Diamond Lake School District 76	931	987	959	929	875
Fremont School District 79	2152	2196	2218	2202	2157
Lake Zurich School District 95	5673	5,677	5590	5595	5513
Kildeer-Countryside School District 96	3255	3,229	3308	3259	3187
Aptakisic-Tripp School District 102	2235	2,327	2401	2531	2517
Lincolnshire-Prairie View School District 103	1735	1,781	1795	1899	1807
Bannockburn School District 106	178	161	147	144	155
Deerfield School District 109	2940	2,871	2892	2880	2722
North Shore School District 112	4044	3,929	3882	3885	3681
Township High School District 113	3770	3,684	3690	3532	3408
Fox Lake School District 114	795	796	744	729	704
Lake Forest High School District 115	1693	1,628	1611	1554	1505
Round Lake School District 116	7298	7,020	7004	6543	7017
Community High School District 117	2685	2,724	2695	2659	2645
Wauconda School District 118	4626	4,554	4631	4596	4454
Mundelein High School District 120	2033	1,964	2022	2041	1981
Warren High School District 121	4231	4,131	4008	3949	3931
Grant High School District 124	1912	1,862	1890	1843	1812
Adlai Stevenson High School District 125	4082	4,229	4325	4336	4316
Zion-Benton High School District 126	2621	2,615	2639	2575	2681
Grayslake High School District 127	2937	2,891	2882	2819	2750
Community High School District 128	3347	3,391	3393	3347	3383
North Chicago District School 187	3494	3,463	3227	3303	3125
Barrington Community School District 220	8737	8,663	8595	8554	8252
Prairie Crossing Charter School 900	423	428	432	431	432
LEARN 9 Campus in Waukegan	353	392	405	415	428

Totals	133,433	132,179	130,310	128,786	124,388
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Regional Board of School Trustees

The Lake County Regional Board of School Trustees is an elected board comprised of seven members. This elected board hears petitions for annexations, detachments, and changes in school district boundaries. The Regional Superintendent acts as the Ex-Officio Secretary to the Board. The Regional Office maintains all records of petitions filled in the region.

The main responsibilities of the Regional Board of School Trustees are:

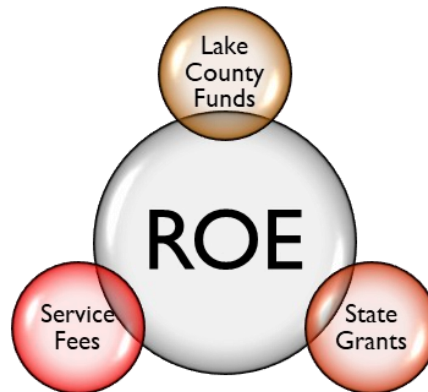
- Hearing and disposal of petitions for change of school district boundaries
- Hearing and disposal of petitions by school districts to withdraw from Joint Agreements/Cooperatives
- Appointment of appraisers and approval of final settlements in the division of assets when new districts are formed

Regional Board of School Trustees meetings are held quarterly in January, April, July, and October; special meetings are scheduled as necessary. We appreciate the service of the following individuals who are currently serving.

Trustee	Congressional Township	Service Began	Current Term Expires
Alison Baker Packer Frank	43-12 West Deerfield	1992	2025
Phillip DeRuntz	45-11 Warren	2019	2027
Chase Thomas	46-10 Antioch	2019	2025
Donald Fontana	46-11 Newport	2003	2023
Julie Gonka	46-12 Zion Benton	2007	2025
Larry McShane	45-12 Waukegan	1997	2027
William Gentes	45-09 Grant	2017	2023

ROE Finance

The ROE is funded by the following revenue resources:



105 ILCS 5/2-3.17a – Requires the Auditor General to audit as of June 30th each year the financial statements.

ROE's contract with an independent accounting firm to prepare their financial statements. These statements must be available no later than August 31st.

Per the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) it is required the following documents to be submitted through the GATA portal:

- * Financial Statements
- * Independent Auditor's Report
- * Consolidated Year-End Financial Report w/in Relation to Opinion.
- * Audit Firm's Peer Review Letter.
- * Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings (200.511(b)), if applicable.
- * Corrective Action Plan (200.511(c)), if applicable.

Fiscal Responsibility

The Teacher Institute Fund is a restricted fund to support educator licensure and professional development opportunities for the purpose of increasing student academic achievement. (Illinois School Code 105 ILCS 5/3 – 12).

BEGINNING FUND BALANCE (UNAUDITED)	
<i>July 1, 2020</i>	1,126,666.48
Revenue	
Certification	252,702.03
Interest	8.14
<i>Total Revenue (+)</i>	252,710.17
Expenditures	
Salaries & Benefits	213,680.78
Purchased Services	2,139.05
Supplies and Materials	449.98
Capital Outlay	-
Refunds	61.35
Non-Capitalized Outlay / Transfers	26,300.00
<i>Total Expenditures (-)</i>	242,631.16
ENDING FUND BALANCE (UNAUDITED)	1,136,745.49
<i>June 30, 2021</i>	

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