



# LAKE COUNTY Regional Office of Education (ROE)

## Board Presentation

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# ROE VISION

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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."



# ROE MISSION

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To serve as an **advocate for education**, perform **regulatory functions** as directed by the School Code of Illinois and the Illinois State Board of Education, **coordinate and deliver state and local services**, and **disseminate information** to educators, school districts, and community.



# Summary Statistics

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- 45 Public School districts – Unit, High School & Elementary
- Three Special Education Cooperatives
- One Technology Campus
- One Alternative School
- Four Charter Schools
- 135,000+ students & 11,000+ Certified Personnel

# ROE Services

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- Advisory
- Advocacy & Administration
- Alternative School
- Boundaries & Consolidations
- Bus Training
- Calendars
- Certification
- Compliance
- Directories
- Finance
- Health/Life Safety
- Home Schooling
- Homeless Education
- Reading Recovery
- School Vacancies
- Staff Development
- Truancy
- Work Permits

# ROE Services Highlights

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- **Licensure:**
  - More online Educator Licensure Information System (ELIS) improvements.
  - ELIS in fifth full year of operation
  - 200,000 renewals forecast state-wide
  - Staggered registration windows
  - 2000+ renewals in one month.
- **Workshops:**
  - General: 166 regional and in-district workshops (2900 attendees)
  - Bus Driver: 62 workshops (2876 drivers)

# ROE Services Highlights (cont)

- **Truancy:**
  - 915 active student cases in 2017 school year
  - Stricter definition: 5% versus 10% absence rate
  - Attendance is performance measure for ESSA
- **Regional Safe School Program (RSSP):**
  - Expulsion alternative for grades 6 - 12
  - 111 students served in 2017
  - Facility relocating beginning 2018/2019
- **Health/Life Safety/Compliance:**
  - 215 facilities inspected, 12 full compliance visits
  - 129 various building permits

# Things to Watch in the Future

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- FY 2018 budget
- FY 2019 budget (IT PASSED)
- Potential major changes in school funding did not occur
  - School funding formula now in place
  - Teacher Retirement System cost shift
  - Property tax caps freeze
- School code “clean-up” bills are generally positive. Improvements in reciprocity for teacher licensure.
- Teacher shortages, especially substitutes

# Ending on a Positive Note

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- Full FY 2018 & 2019 budgets passed
- Evidence-Based Funding for districts
- Lake County government continues to be fiscally sound (as is county support of Regional Office of Education).
- Communities that support education
- Solid, well-run educational support programs.
- Responsible, student-focused school districts

# Closing

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Thank you!

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