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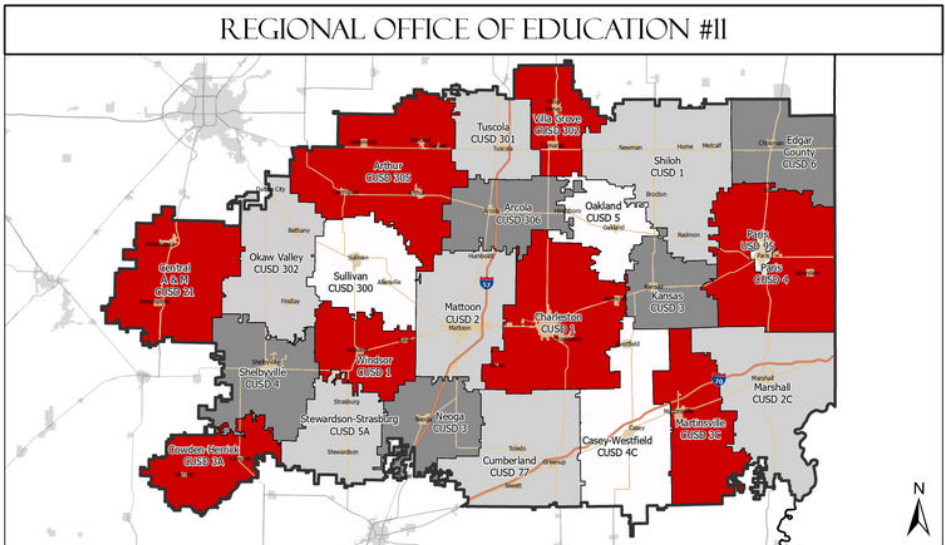
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Regional Superintendent

ANNUAL REPORT

JULY 1, 2025 - JUNE 30, 2026

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Map last updated July 2022
Important: School district boundaries
are believed accurate as of July 2022,
but no warranty is made of accuracy.



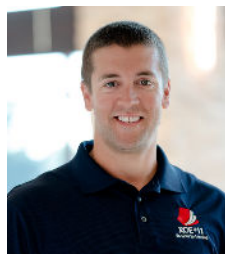
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WHO WE ARE

MISSION STATEMENT

Provide Services for Learning Using Excellent Leadership, Professional Development, and Student Programs.

A MESSAGE FROM DR. KYLE THOMPSON Regional Superintendent



It is my honor to serve as the Regional Superintendent of Clark, Coles, Cumberland, Douglas, Edgar, Moultrie, and Shelby Counties. As a part of my legally required duties, I hereby submit the annual report of activities from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

This report, while not all-inclusive, is an overview of the services and collaborative partnerships engaged in by Regional Office of Education #11. It highlights the ways in which ROE #11 is an educational leader benefitting the schools and communities of East Central Illinois.

The information within this report has been compiled from end of year reports detailing ROE #11 programs and services as well as data housed on the Illinois State Board of Education website. Every effort has been made to assure that the information contained is accurate and as comprehensive as possible.



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WELCOME TO THE REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION #11

Office Hours:
Monday - Friday 8AM-4PM

Associated Boards and Committees

Regional Board of Trustees

James Young, President—Douglas County
Alan Zuber—Edgar County

Regional Office of Education Committee

Susan Guinnip—Clark County
Nancy Purdy—Coles County
Janet Blade—Cumberland County
Travis Wilson—Douglas County
Samantha McCarty—Edgar County
Arlon Long—Moultrie County
Judy Wood—Shelby County

Professional Development Advisory Board

Dr. Kyle Thompson	Susan Wyatt	Sharon Stahler
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Kelly Schluter	Angie McElravy	Bob Waggoner
Angie Gentry	Katie Dudley	Anne Anderson
Steffanie Seegmiller	Lara Macklin	Nathan Ogle
Jerry Calandrilla	Kirstin Mills	Bobby Beck
Shantel Parks	Heather Robinson	

Regional Information

141,163

Population

124

Administrators

3,583

Square Miles in
Region

73

Buildings

24

Public School
Districts

1

Alternative
Programs (Bridges)

1

Cooperative
High School

19,955

Student
Enrollment

1

Special
Education
Cooperative
(EIASE)

6

County Retired
Teachers
Associations

1,589

Teachers

ROE #11 School Districts

Arcola CUSD #306
Arthur CUSD #305
Casey-Westfield CUSD #C-4
Central A & M CUSD #21
Charleston CUSD #1
Cowden-Herrick CUSD #3A
Cumberland CUSD #77
Edgar County CUSD #6
Kansas CUSD #3
Marshall CUSD #C-2
Martinsville CUSD #C-3
Mattoon CUSD #2
Neoga CUSD #3
Oakland CUSD #5
Okaw Valley CUSD #302
Paris CUSD #4
Paris Union School District #95
Shelbyville CUSD #4
Shiloh CUSD #1
Stewardson-Strasburg CUSD #5A
Sullivan CUSD #300
Tuscola CUSD #301
Villa Grove CUSD #302
Windsor CUSD #1

Non-Public Schools (ISBE Recognized)

Mid-America Preparatory School
St. John's Lutheran School
St. Michael's School
Trinity Lutheran School

Associated Programs

Eastern Illinois Area Special Education
Eastern Illinois Education for Employment System
Lake Land College Adult Education Center
Sarah Bush Lincoln Healthy Communities
Dolly Parton's Imagination Library
One Stop Community Christmas

Public School Recognition

(Districts Evaluated for Compliance)

This process was postponed one year due to delays at the State level.

Life Safety Inspections

All buildings were inspected and reports filed with the respective Board of Education and the State Board of Education.

71

Public School
Buildings

4

Special Education
Facilities

3

Alternative
Schools

Permits Issued

All buildings were inspected and reports filed with the respective Board of Education and the State Board of Education.

27

Building
Permits

24

Building
Occupancy
Permits

3

Temporary
Facility
Occupancy
Permits

1

Demolition
Permits

Friends of Education Award

Nancy Purdy
Staci Garzolini-Skelton

Josh Norman
Teresa Metzger

YOUTH SERVICES

Bridges (RSSP)

Students Served	151
Students Earning HS Credit/Adv. in Grade Level	110
Returned to Home School in Good Standing	36
School to Work (Cooperative Education Program)	67

Bridges (TAOEP)

Students Served	41
Students Earning HS Credit/Adv. in Grade Level	38
High School Graduates	4
School to Work (Cooperative Education Program)	7

Attendance Improvement Matters (TAOEP)

Students Served (Includes Bridges)	536
Graduated from High School	3
Met Goal of 90% Attendance Rate	143
Advanced in Grade Level K-8	301
State's Attorney Referrals	13

McKinney-Vento Homeless Grant

Children and Youth Served	943
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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Type	Workshops	Participants
Administrator Academy	4	125
Book Studies Content	8	153
Area PLCs	17	155
McKinney-Vento	3	58
Technology	8	173
Literacy	10	123
Substitute Training	1	37

Retired Teachers

Retired Teachers Association Newsletters Mailed	1,530
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Educator Licensure

Licenses Registered	772
Subs Registered	282
Background Checks/Fingerprints	174
Licensure Tests	268

GED Testing

Tests Taken	327
GEDs Completed	142
GEDs Certified	87
Official Transcripts	128

Bus Driver Training

Initial Trainings	6
Refresher Trainings	10
Entry Level Driver Trainings	6
Entry Level Driver Training Participants	51
First Division Initial Trainings	2
Initial Drivers	70
Refresher Drivers	333
First Division Initial Drivers	26
First Division Refresher Training	1
First Division Refresher Training Participants	23

ASSOCIATED PROGRAMS

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

Coles County Registrations	873
Cumberland County Registrations	226

Eastern Illinois Education for Employment System

Health Occupations: 133 Students from 22 Schools
CTEI: \$1,023,526
Carl Perkins Funds: \$303,566
METT Manufacturing: \$250,044

Sarah Bush Lincoln Healthy Communities

Dental Bus: 69 Schools from 10 Counties	
Healthy Kids: 25 Schools from 7 Counties	
Dental Procedures Completed	25,732
Preventative Dental Treatments Completed	23,256
Healthy Kids Students Reached	47,375

REVENUE INFORMATION

July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

RTA Postage Reimbursement	\$892
ROE Admin Fees	\$136,618
Workshop Fees - Local	\$15,433
Testing Fees - Local	\$8,009
Shared Services - Local	\$25,000
Teacher Licensure and Renewals - Local	\$49,755
Fingerprint Fees - Local	\$6,543
Bus ELDT Workshop Fees - Local	\$4,050
Bus Driver Training - Local	\$3,320
GED Applications and Certificates - Local	\$3,029
APEX Consortium - Local	\$41,118
County School Facility Sales Tax to Districts - Local	\$14,751,122
Food Service Account - State Free Lunch & Breakfast	\$2,566
Evidence-Based Funding - TAOEP	\$551,838
TAOEP/AIM ISBE Grant	\$124,163
RSSP Bridges - ISBE Grant	\$144,179
RSSP Co-op - ISBE Grant	\$1,009,020
Bus Driver Training - State	\$3,320
ROE-ISC Operations - ISBE Grant	\$346,621
Family Violence Council - IVPA	\$11,716
Food Service Account - Nat'l Lunch and Breakfast	\$40,442
Homeless/McKinney - Vento - ISBE Area IV Grant	\$403,543
Homeless - Fed Rev. - Sub-Grantee	\$68,689
Homeless - Fed REv. - ARP	\$0
ESSER III	\$422,431
County Support Funds	\$119,059

YEAR IN REVIEW WITH KYLE

As I begin to reflect on the 2025-2026 school year in about 300 words, I want to be clear that this was not written by Artificial Intelligence. I'll be honest, though, it crossed my mind. I do use it sparingly as it makes certain aspects of my life easier and more efficient. The 30 minutes it once took to write a letter of reference can now be done in a matter of seconds with a quality prompt. At the same time, I have noticed my writing skills waning just a bit, particularly my desire to think deeply about what to write. As such, I am carefully watching what I use AI for and how often I use it..

Artificial Intelligence is omnipresent, a mainstay in our society. It is here and it is not going away. Over the past year, we have strived to educate educators on the topic, and will continue to do so. It is a topic on which almost everyone has a different opinion. As we continue to teach and lead in the age of AI, it will be imperative to develop clear governance, transparency standards, and teach good digital citizenship practices.

ROE #11 now has four school districts who made the commitment to move fully phone free. Joining Windsor and Martinsville from last year are Kansas and Sullivan. My office proudly invested in their commitments to remove the distractions of cell phones in the classroom. Recently, the Illinois General Assembly passed bipartisan legislation banning cell phones from bell-to-bell. This law begins in the 2027-2028 school year, which gives districts the year to prepare for policy and procedural changes.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to building stronger, safer, and academically driven school communities. Thank you for your unwavering support as we navigate challenges, celebrate successes, and work together to shape a bright future for our students.

- Dr. Kyle Thompson, Regional Superintendent

RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE

2026 ROE #11 Recognition of Excellence Award

We are privileged to have so many outstanding school professionals within our region who are passionate about education and dedicated to our students. It's an honor to recognize and validate their meaningful efforts. Education is truly a work-of-heart and these school professionals work with relentless persistence, creativity, flexibility, and competence. Our students, schools, and communities benefit from their skills, knowledge, and compassion. Congratulations to the following 2026 ROE #11 Recognition of Excellence Award Recipients:

- Arcola CUSD #306: Eric Butler
- Arthur CUSD #305: Hillary Chupp
- Bridges: Teresa Metzger
- Casey-Westfield CUSD #C-4: Brett Ritter
- Charleston CUSD #1: Tiffany Oakley
- Cowden-Herrick CUSD #3A: Angela Jefferies
- Cumberland CUSD #77: Todd Hall
- EIASE: Laura LaFrence
- Edgar County CUSD #6: Nicole Cox
- Kansas CUSD #3: Anne Happ
- Marshall CUSD #C-2: J.J. McFarland
- Martinsville CUSD #C-3: Lynn Smith
- Mattoon CUSD #2: Tracey Perry
- Mid-America Preparatory School: Samantha Allen
- Neoga CUSD #3: Amy Brown
- Oakland CUSD #5: Amanda Coffey
- Okaw Valley CUSD #302: Ronda Yantis
- Paris CUSD #4: Chrissy Carrell
- Paris Cooperative High School: Brett Block
- Shelbyville CUSD #4: Rebekah Drone
- Shiloh CUSD #1: Amy Nickell
- Stewardson-Strasburg CUSD #5A: Andria Verdeyen
- St. John's Lutheran School: Brittney Johns
- St. Michael School: Becky Schumacher
- Sullivan CUSD #300: Tara Bates
- Tuscola CUSD #301: Mark Sweeney
- Trinity Lutheran School: Doreen Whybrew
- Villa Grove CUSD #302: Lauren Wendling
- Windsor CUSD #1: Kathy Newlin



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