Regional Offices of Education

DUTIES – RESPONSIBILITIES – SERVICES
ROEs are Resourceful Offices for Education

Serving Public and Private Schools
Regional Offices of Education are Offices of Public Service Held by an Elected Regional Superintendent
A Partnership in the Delivery of Education
ACRONYM GLOSSARY

- Regional Offices of Education (ROE) – 44 offices in 101 counties
- Intermediate Service Centers (ISC) – 3 offices in Suburban Cook County
- Illinois Association of Regional Superintendents of School (IARSS) – ROE/ISC Leadership
- Regional Delivery System (RDS) – distribution of services though ROEs/ISCs/ISBE
- Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) -state agency for K-12
6 Areas covering all 102 counties
Single or multiple counties
Elected officials (ISCs appointed)
Employing more than 2700 local people
Serving more than 2 million Illinois citizens every year
DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

✓ School Code
  ✓ 105 ILCS 5/3-14 Through 105 ILCS 5/3-15.7
  ✓ 925 citations for the Regional Superintendent

✓ Cooperative Management
  ✓ ISBE
  ✓ Education Cooperative
  ✓ Public School Districts
  ✓ Private Schools

✓ Public Relations
Compliance
By statute, 105 ILCS 5/3-14.2, the regional superintendent of schools shall exercise supervision and control over all school districts within the county.

The Regional Superintendent annually conducts compliance visits of all districts in their region.
COMPLIANCE VISITS

During these visits the regional superintendent verifies the following:

- School Governance and Operations
- General Health and Safety
- Personnel
- Instructional Program and Services
- Transitional Program and Bilingual Education
- Elementary and Secondary Instructional Programs
- Special Education Compliance
Ensures that the mandates passed by the legislature are being observed and implemented.
COMPLIANCE MANDATES

✓ Bullying Prevention
✓ Suicide Prevention
✓ Food Allergy Guidelines
✓ Diabetes Care Act
✓ Bloodborne Pathogens
✓ First Aid/CPR
✓ Educator Ethics Training
✓ Gang Resistance and Education
Health, Life, Safety
HEALTH, LIFE, SAFETY

✓ By statute, 105 ILCS 5/3-14.21, the regional superintendent shall inspect and survey all public schools under his or her supervision and notify the board of education, or the trustees of schools in a district with trustees, in writing before July 30, whether or not the several schools in their district have been kept as required by law.
Health, Life, Safety is funded locally through a 5 cent tax levied by the local districts. The regional superintendent ensures accountability through their oversight of the building and amendment process.
The regional superintendent is the code authority on issues concerning school buildings

- Reviews & Certifies 10 Year Surveys
- Reviews & Certifies amendments
- Conducts Building Plan Reviews
- Issues Building Permits
- Conducts Building Inspections
- Issues Occupancy Permits
The regional superintendent *inspects* each school building under their supervision and control on an annual basis.

From the review the Regional Superintendent makes recommendations for changes and improvements to school buildings.
Reporting
By statute, 105 ILCS 5/3-15.8, districts are required to file documents with the Regional Office of Education to ensure compliance with state or federal law.
REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

- Regional Superintendent certifies to the State Board of Elections a list of each district under their supervision.
- Regional Superintendent reviews and approves district application for recognition of public schools.
- Regional Superintendent reviews and approves district application for recognition of non-public schools.
REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

✓ Regional Superintendent reviews and approves school calendars to allow for GSA payments.
✓ Regional Superintendent reviews and approves district GSA claims.
✓ Regional Superintendent reviews and approves all 10 Year Health Life Safety Surveys and amendments.
✓ Districts file treasurer reports with the regional office.
REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

✓ Districts file report of students who have been expelled, withdrawn, or removed from regular attendance.

✓ Districts file Annual Financial Reports with the Regional Superintendent.

✓ Districts file list of unfilled teaching positions with the Regional Office.

✓ Teachers who plan to apply for CPDU credit for travel must submit a request to the Regional Superintendent for approval at least 30 days prior to travel.
Districts file treasurer bonds with the Regional Superintendent and Regional Superintendent verifies the bond and files an affidavit the bonds are in compliance with state law.

District files petition to opt out of the requires summer meals program with the Regional Superintendent.
District reporting is monitored by the Regional Office to ensure compliance with statute.

District Monitoring Tool
Consolidation & Organization of School Districts
By statute, 105 ILCS 5/11E, Regional Offices of Education are responsible for the oversight of school consolidation and reorganization of districts in their region.

Regional Offices of Education oversee the detachment and annexation of property between school districts, 105ILCS 5/7.
CONSOLIDATION PROCESS

☑ Regional Superintendent provides guidance during the consolidation process.

☑ Regional Superintendent accepts and verifies the petition for consolidation, reorganization, and detachment.

☑ Regional Superintendent validates the petitions.

☑ Regional Superintendent publishes hearing notices and conducts public hearing on petition.
CONSOLIDATION PROCESS

✓ Regional Superintendent certifies the petition and make recommendations to the State Superintendent.

✓ Regional Superintendent is the election authority for the consolidation election.

✓ Regional Superintendent certifies the ballot language.

✓ Regional Superintendent approves all actions of new district until the effective date stipulated on the ballot.
CONSOLIDATION PROCESS

Regional Office shall file a map showing district changes with the county clerk.
DETACHMENT PROCESS

- Landowner files petition for detachment with the regional superintendent.
- Regional superintendent reviews and certifies the petition.
- Publishes legal notification.
- Conducts hearing with Regional Board of School Trustees.
- Issues order based on decision of Regional Board.
Services
By statute, 105 ILCS 5/3-14.9 the regional superintendent is mandated to provide services to elevate the standard of teaching and improve the standards of schools in the region.
SERVICES TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND THEIR COMMUNITIES

✓ Certification
✓ Bus Driver Training
✓ GED Testing
✓ Cooperative Educational Programs
✓ Regional Safe School Program
✓ Truancy Intervention
✓ McKinney – Vento Homeless Services
SERVICES TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND THEIR COMMUNITIES

✓ Early Childhood Education Programs
✓ Illinois Virtual Schools
✓ New Principal Mentoring
✓ Assist Districts with Grant Applications
✓ Conduct Professional Development
VALUE AND BENEFITS

✓ Cost Effective School Services
  ✓ $9 Million of local government support

✓ Efficient Delivery System
  ✓ Rapid Response to Needs of Schools

✓ Accountability
  ✓ Constituents
  ✓ School districts
  ✓ Legislature
Questions