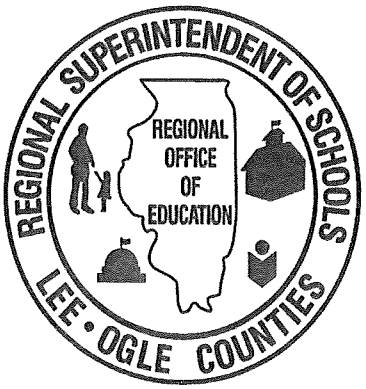

Lee/Ogle Regional Office of Education

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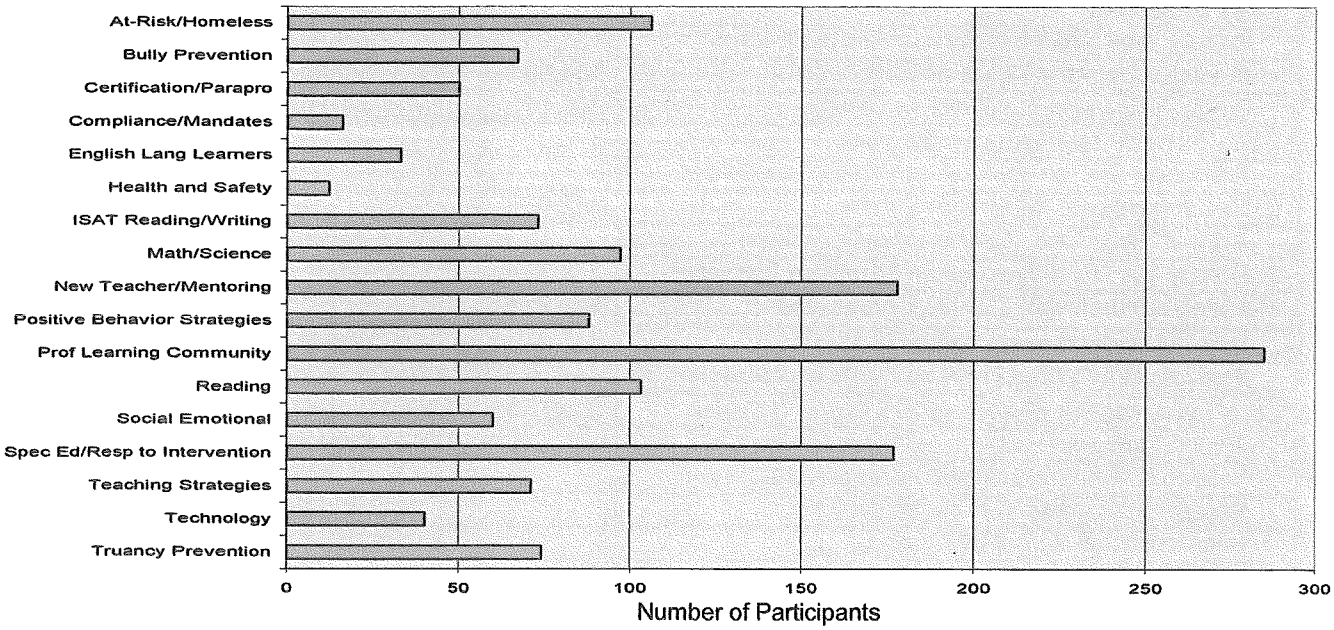
"Reaching Out to Educate"
...inspire and achieve...

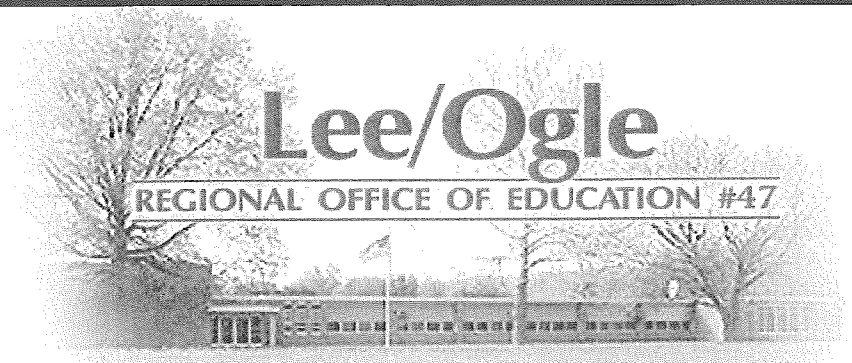
During **2007-2008**, Lee and Ogle County Boards have been supporting K-12 education through the Lee/Ogle Regional Office of Education. As can be seen in this annual report, our duties are divided into three areas: *providing high quality educators for our children, assisting children and families who are struggling and maintaining oversight of the school districts to ensure a safe and healthy learning environment.* We invite you to read this report to learn how both counties have benefited by combining local, state and federal funding for all students!

Providing high quality educators for our children.

The Lee/Ogle ROE provides professional development to thousands of educators in areas such as research-based classroom strategies, reading, math/science and technology.



Funding		
Bus Driver Training	Initial training for new drivers and mandated annual refresher training	$1,806
English Language Learning	Workshops for general ed teachers with English Language Learners in their classroom	$5,000
Lee County Film Coop	Cooperative for videos/online united streaming	$10,305
Northwestern IL Math/Science	Summer courses in math and science content for teachers from 17 counties	$239,525
Mentoring Pilot Program	Cooperative with districts to create new teacher mentoring programs	$107,195
Migrant Student Identification	Grant to train school personnel in identifying students of migrant workers	$5,000
New Principal Mentoring	Provide mentors to new principals	$6,787
ROE School Services Grant	Support for educators in technology, administrator training, and other mandated areas	$80,616
School Improvement Cooperative	Coop w/districts to provide training on areas identified in local school improvement plans	$55,266
Regional System of Support	Local support for schools and district not meeting adequate yearly progress	$40,502
Workshop Fund	Providing training in research-based strategies for the classroom	$69,640
Total Funding		**$621,602**



Lee/Ogle HEART Center

(Homeless Education and At-Risk Team)

The Lee/Ogle Regional Office of Education H.E.A.R.T. program provides collaborative services to promote the success of all learners, especially children who struggle in school.

Lee/Ogle Programs for Struggling Students	Funding	FY08 Outcomes
Balanced and Restorative Justice (BARJ)	**$ 6,497**	
Victim/Offender Referrals From Ogle County		26 referrals
Victim/Offender Conferences		5 conferences held
Early Childhood		
A Great Start—teacher for home-visits (Birth-3 yrs)	**$31,848**	18 students enrolled
Pre-School for All in Mt. Morris (Children 3-5)	**$84,031**	38 students served
Pre-School Monitor for Quality Assurance	**$25,500**	23 pre-schools visited
GED (General Equivalency Degree)	**$ 6,870**	
Administer GED program w/Sauk Valley Com College		193 students tested
GED Correctional Testing Program	**$12,656**	
Students tested in IL Department of Corrections		59 students tested
IL Family Violence Prevention Program Training	**$32,274**	125 trained
Workforce Investment Act Program—LINC	**$40,975**	
Drop out students re-enrolled (ages 19+)		15 students enrolled
Students meeting goals such as credits or graduation		15 meeting goals
Lee/Ogle Dropout Intervention System (LODIS)	**$180,615**	
Truancy prevention services by 3 caseworkers		730 students served
Credit recovery program for drop out prevention		373 students earning credits
Reports on students no longer enrolled		16 districts/quarterly
Home-schooled student registration		67 students registered
LODIS GED Program for court-mandated truants		10 students enrolled
McKinney Vento Homeless Education	**$291,643**	
Districts with trained Homeless Liaison		148 districts, 17-county area
Homeless students identified and served		2,641 total students served
Homeless students served in Lee/Ogle Counties		167 served in Lee/Ogle
Nachusa Campus School (Alternative School)	**$220,517**	
School for drug/alcohol and court—detained students		42 residential students
School for drug/alcohol transition & school-avoidance		88 students enrolled
Regional Safe School (Chana Education Center)	**$320,274**	
Students enrolled in expulsion-alternative		42 students enrolled
Students successfully transitioning back to home		15 returned to home districts
School Crisis Assistance Team (SCAT)		No assistance needed
Social/Emotional Learning Grant	**$60,387**	Ongoing coaching with 9 schools
Total HEART Funding	**$1,314,087**	

Regulatory Services

The Lee/Ogle Regional Office of Education provides oversight to school districts to ensure a safe and healthy learning environment for our children.

ROE Oversight Responsibilities	Funding	FY08 Outcomes
Lee County Support	**$48,773**	
Ogle County Support	**$53,712**	
ROE School Supervisory Grant	**$ 2,000**	
Public School Compliance		
District compliance with state mandates		4 district reviews
Approving the recognition status of all public and private schools		45 buildings reviewed
Reviewing and monitoring school calendars		16 districts
Visiting all school buildings at least once per year		All buildings
Maintaining maps of all boundaries		Maps are available
Certification		
Registering teacher and administrator certificates		1,278 educators
Certifying and reviewing the assignments of all teachers		4 districts reviewed
Hearing officer in certificate suspension procedure		No hearings
Maintaining listing of unfilled teaching positions		Monthly
Facilitating Regional Professional Development Review Committee		8 committee members
Health/Life Safety		
Approving/monitoring all school health/life safety projects		16 districts;45 buildings
Reviewing and approving all blueprints		3 review meetings
Issuing building permits and occupancy permits		33 building; 5 occupancy
Condemning unsafe buildings		None
Regional Board of School Trustees		
Ex-Officio Secretary to the Board		Spring '09 election
Petitions filed for annexation/detachment	**$ 750**	1 family petition
Petitions filed for special education coop withdrawal	**$ 2250**	3 districts
Other Regulatory Services		
Impact fees collected and distributed to Ogle County districts	**$47,338**	25 new homes
Shared Services in Cooperative Purchasing	**$8,320**	Paper Bid

Lee/Ogle Regional Advisory Board

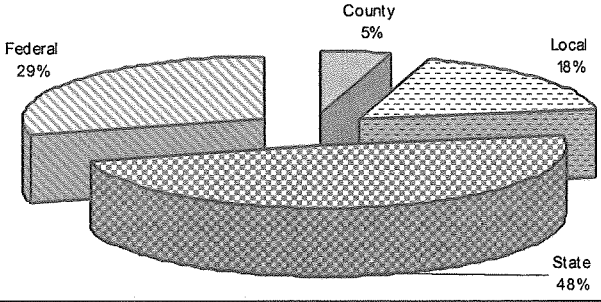
Traci Gittleson, President, A-FC
Jennifer Koch, Vice President, Dixon
Margo Wilkinson, Rochelle Elementary
Jane Hamilton, Public Member
Becky Roush, Public Member
Lindsay Senn, Public Member
Carol Schneider, Public Member
Tammy Harvey, Administrator Rep
Michael Mandzen,
Administrator Rep

Lee/Ogle Regional Board of School Trustees

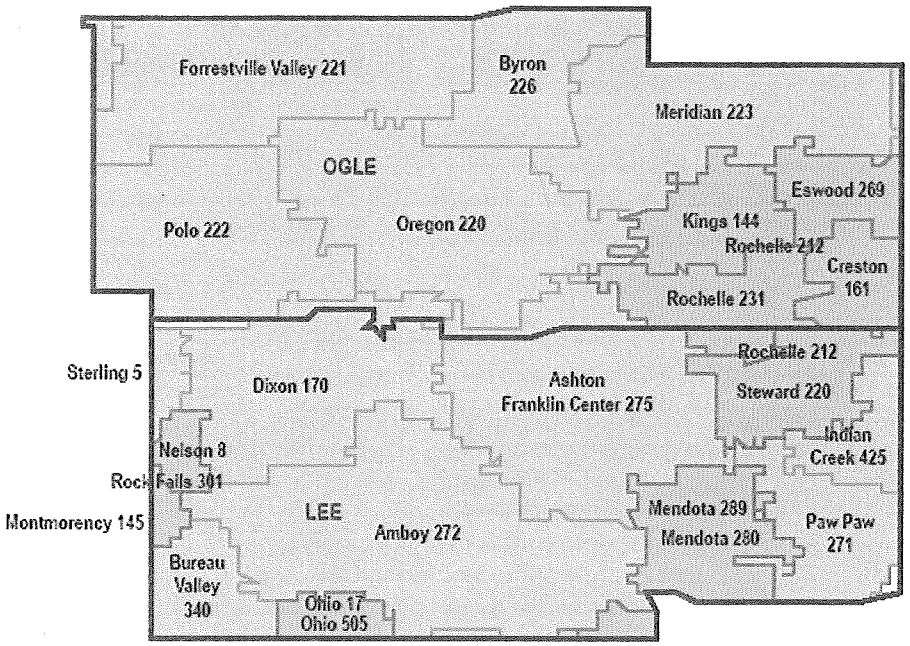
Roger Hickey, Ogle County, President
Connie Shannon, Lee County, Vice President,
Carol Biester, Lee County
Thomas J. Brooks, Ogle County
James Detig, Ogle County
Francis Drew, Ogle County
Bud Melvin, Lee County

Lee/Ogle Institute Funds	2007-2008
Beginning Balance	$57,483
Deposits	$18,221
Disbursements	$19,123
Ending Balance	**$56,581**

ROE Total Revenue Sources



Lee/Ogle County Map of Districts



District Enrollment Information

	Fall 07	Fall 08	Change
Amboy Community Unit School District #272	970	919	- 5.3%
Ashton-Franklin Center Comm. Unit School Dist. #275	609	631	+ 3.6%
Byron Community Unit School District #226	1704	1682	- 1.3%
Creston Comm. Consolidated School District #161	109	117	+ 7.3%
Dixon Unit School District #170	2929	2874	- 1.9%
Eswood Community Consolidated District #269	107	104	- 2.8%
Forrestville Valley Comm. Unit School District #221	987	935	- 5.3%
Kings Consolidated School District #144	131	120	- 8.4%
Meridian Community Unit District #223	1953	1977	+ 1.2%
Nelson Elementary School District #8	29	21	- 28%
Oregon Community Unit School District #220	1679	1674	- 0.3%
Paw Paw Community Unit School District #271	314	323	+ 2.9%
Polo Community Unit School District #222	724	707	- 2.3%
Rochelle Community Consolidated District #231	1734	1798	+ 3.7%
Rochelle Township High School District #212	1113	1094	- 1.7%
Steward Elementary School District #220	79	85	- 7.6%
Lee/Ogle Total	**15,171**	**15061**	**- 0.7%**

History of the County Regional Offices of Education

The Regional Superintendent is the direct successor to the Commissioner of School Lands.

- *In 1829, the Sixth General Assembly made it the duty of the body known as the County Board to appoint a competent and responsible person to act as commissioner and agent for the county in the sale of public lands.*
- *In 1841, the legislature changed the title to County Commissioner, an ex-officio County Superintendent of Schools.*
- *In 1865, the legislature called for the election of the County Superintendent of Schools.*
- *Until 1973, there were 102 County Superintendents in Illinois, one for each county.*

In 1995, by consolidation of smaller counties into regions, the number was reduced to 45. At that time, Lee and Ogle Counties joined to form the Lee/Ogle Regional Office of Education.

Did you know?

District information such as calendars, members of the board of education, building addresses and telephone numbers, administrators' contact information and even staff members and assignments can be found on our Website!

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