Lee/Ogle Regional Office of Education

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

During **2008-2009**, 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 services 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 all communities by combining local, state and federal funding in the Lee/Ogle ROE! - Amy Jo Clemens

Lee/Ogle Regional Institute—October 10, 2008

Just the Facts...

- Keynote—Professional Learning Communities by Dr. Anthony Muhammad
- Dixon High School hosted 621 Elementary Educators
- Rochelle Township High School hosted 674 Middle and High School Educators
- 34 Teacher Leaders Facilitated Sessions in Grade Levels or Subject Areas
- 43 Principals Concluded the Conference with Building-wide Planning Meetings
- 1300+ lunches served by Arbor Management
- Student Groups provided assistance— DHS Key Club and DHS Leo Club

Website is www.allthingsplc.info

Professional Learning Community Four Fundamental Questions

1. What is it we want all students to know and be able to do?
2. How will we know if they can do it?
3. How will we respond when they can't?
4. How will we enrich their learning when they can?

Comments from the Participants...

- I am a 30+ veteran teacher and this was one of the best!
- Best institute I have attended (I have taught 25 years)
- Bravo!
- This was the best in 20 years – well done!
- Best inservice I have been to.
- Awesome – followup? One of the best institute days ever
- Thank you – got a lot out of this day
- This was my first teachers institute and I really enjoyed it.
- I am a believer!

Lee/Ogle Regional Office of Education Services

How do ROE services assure our schools are safe and in compliance with laws and regulations?

Administration
- Citizen Ombudsman Services
- Directories/Website
- Financial Services
- Ogle County Impact Fees
- Paper Bid Cooperative

District Compliance
- Annual Financial Report Review
- Bus Driver Training
- Criminal Background Checks
- District Compliance Checks
- General State Aid Forms
- Health/Life Safety Monitoring
  - Annual Walk-Through Visits
  - 10 year Surveys/Amendments
- School Calendars
- School Recognition
- Strike Monitoring
- Transportation Services
- Work Permits

Lee/Ogle Regional Board of School Trustees

Roger Hickey, Connie Shannon
James Detig, Carol Biester
Francis Drew, Boyd Melvin
Thomas J. Brooks

Lee/Ogle Regional Advisory Board

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

How do ROE services increase the quality of our teachers and administrators?

Educational Services
- District/County/State Liaison
- English Language Learning
  - Professional Development
  - Migrant Education Program
- Fundamental Learning Areas
  - Language Arts & Reading
  - Mathematics & Science
  - Physical Education & Health
  - Social Science
  - Foreign Language
  - Fine Arts
- Gifted Education
- Mentoring
  - New Teachers
  - New Principals
- No Child Left Behind
  - School Improvement Planning
  - Data Collection and Analysis
  - Regional Support System
  - Standards Alignment
- Professional Development
  - Graduate Courses/Cohorts
  - Workshops/Meetings
  - School Improvement Coop
  - Regional Institutes
- Technology
  - Technology Plans
  - Erate
  - Internet Safety

Certification Services
- Teacher Certification
  - Educator Certification System
  - Certificate Processing
  - Endorsement Services
  - Transcript Review
  - Certificate Renewal Approval
  - Certificate Audit
  - Highly Qualified Teacher Status
  - Regional PD Review Committee
- Teacher Paraprofessional
  - Testing
  - Processing Credential
- Substitute Teacher
  - Registration
  - List and Personnel Files
- Teacher Service Records

How do ROE services help struggling children and families?

Student Services
- Alternative Learning Opportunities
  - Regional Safe School
  - Nachusa Campus School
  - GED Preparation and Testing
  - Workforce Investment Act (WIA)
- Children's Mental Health Services
  - Counselor Networking Meetings
  - Social/Emotional Learning
  - School Crisis Assistance Team
- Early Childhood
  - Preschool For All Classroom
  - Birth to 3 Home Program
  - EC Program Monitor
- Family Violence Prevention
- Homeless Education
- Home School Registration
- Juvenile Justice Councils
- Spelling Bee
- Truancy Prevention and Intervention
  - Credit Recovery Programs
  - Positive Behavior Supports

Lee/Ogle Regional Office Program Funding and Outcomes 2008-2009

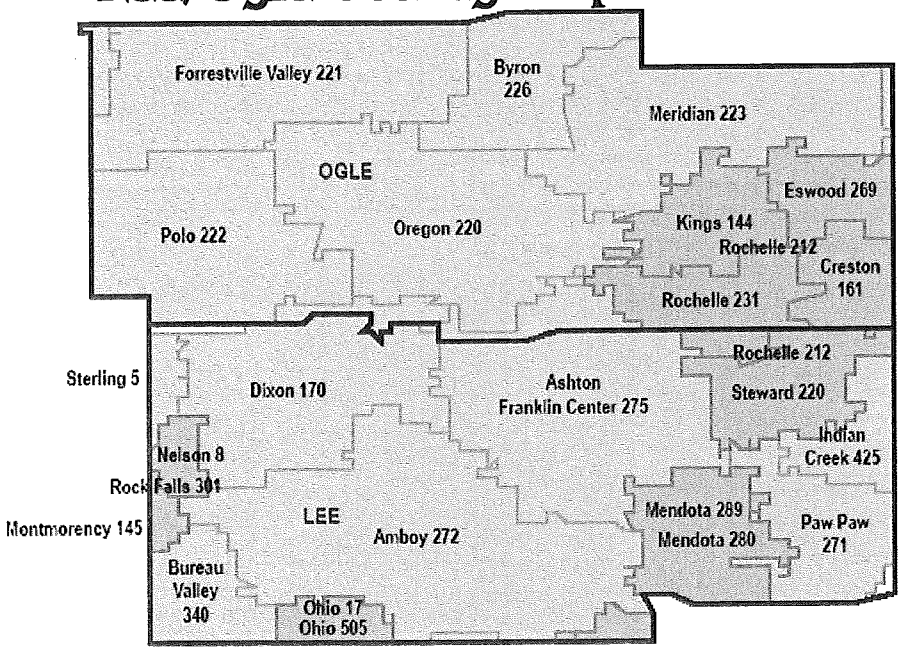
Total FY 2009 Expenditures = $2,135,133

District Oversight	Lee County – $51,234 Ogle County -$53,712	16 Districts, 43 Buildings and 2 Special Education Cooperatives
Educator Certification	$55,377	1294 Teacher and administrator certificates registered 46 Teacher parapro tests given
Health/Life Safety-Bldgs		45 School buildings visited 11 Building plans reviewed 11 Building permits and 9 occupancy permits approved
Ogle County Impact Fees	$30,912	16 New homes - collected for Ogle County schools
Public School Compliance	$ 2,000	4 Districts reviewed and 16 Calendars approved 43 Building recognition applications
Regional Board of School Trustees	$ 1,748	One annual meeting One special education coop withdrawal petition
Training	$ 2,501	313 Bus Drivers Trained 8 in Transportation directors' meeting 24 in Maintenance directors' meetings

Educator Quality		Participants in Professional Development
Administrator Training		4 Administrator Academy workshops 214 in Lee/Ogle Administrator networking meetings
English Language Learners	$ 6,000	9 in Cadre trainings
Fundamental Learning Areas	$ 58,345 $ 79,769 $112,025 $ 60,535	16 Districts in school improvement cooperative ROE school services grant 38 in Illinois Math and Science Partnership grant program Workshops and courses: 526 in Language Arts, Reading and Writing 99 in Math and Science
Mentoring	$114,278 $ 7,962	56 New teachers mentored 315 in Trainings about mentoring new teachers 5 New principals mentored
No Child Left Behind and School Improvement	$102,848 $ 4,000	Regional Support System for 4 schools in status 52 in Trainings on Standards-Aligned Classroom project 149 in Professional Learning Communities' workshops
Technology	$ 15,085	21 in technology classroom integration workshops 3 district assistance with state tech plans 62 in Internet safety and other district tech issues

Student & Family Services		Students and Educators Served
Alternative School Programs	$235,219 $343,922 $ 29,439	44 Students enrolled at Nachusa Campus School 72 Students enrolled at Regional Safe School in Chana 15 Students enrolled in LINC (Workforce Investment Act Program) 35 in Trainings on creating/improving alternative programs
Children's Mental Health Services	$ 80,973 $ 18,387	122 Lee/Ogle Counselors at networking meetings 169 in Social Emotional Learning trainings 272 in Trainings on Understanding Students from Poverty 941in Trainings for bully prevention and effects of trauma 1 conference for Family Violence Prevention for 15th Circuit
Early Childhood Programs	$100,289 $ 32,485 $ 25,500	34 Children enrolled in Preschool For All Classroom 20 Children and families enrolled in Birth-3 home visitation program 24 Programs monitored (with more than 60 classrooms visited)
General Equivalency Degree (GED)	$ 5,135 $ 18,328	238 Tested with Sauk Valley Community College program 52 Tested in IL Department of Corrections and Juvenile Justice
McKinney-Vento Homeless Education	$333,004	17 Counties with subgrants and 227 Homeless students in Lee/Ogle 77 in Trainings on Homeless Education
Truancy Prevention	$182,421	659 Students referred to program (650 school visits) 284 Students earning credit in recovery program 28 Earning GED before dropping out 78 Students with petitions in court due to chronic truancy 209 in Positive Behavior Interventions (PBIS) training

Lee/Ogle County Map of Districts



District Enrollment Information

	Fall 08	Fall 09	Change
Amboy Community Unit School District #272	919	918	- 0.1%
Ashton-Franklin Center Community Unit School Dist. #275	631	608	-3.6%
Byron Community Unit School District #226	1682	1653	- 1.7%
Creston Community Consolidated School District #161	117	127	+ 8.5%
Dixon Unit School District #170	2874	2859	- 0.5%
Eswood Community Consolidated District #269	104	113	+ 8.7%
Forrestville Valley Community Unit School District #221	935	890	- 4.8%
Kings Consolidated School District #144	120	128	+ 6.7%
Meridian Community Unit District #223	1977	1958	- 0.9%
Nelson Elementary School District #8	21	31	+ 47%
Oregon Community Unit School District #220	1674	1576	- 5.9%
Paw Paw Community Unit School District #271	323	316	- 2.2%
Polo Community Unit School District #222	707	690	- 2.4%
Rochelle Community Consolidated District #231	1798	1748	- 2.8%
Rochelle Township High School District #212	1094	1020	- 6.8%
Steward Elementary School District #220	85	81	-4.7%
Lee/Ogle Total	**15,061**	**13,140**	**- 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!

www.leeogle.org