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Annual Report

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LETTER FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear McHenry County Education Stakeholders,

I am honored to present the McHenry County Regional Office of Education's 2024 Annual Report. This report provides insight into how the ROE supported education during the 2023-2024 school year.



This report is an overview and is not inclusive of all the services and collaborative partnerships the Regional Office of Education provides as an educational leader for the benefit of the schools and citizens of McHenry County.

This report uses information from reports on our programs and services and from reports at the Illinois State Board of Education website. This is comprehensive as possible but will not encompass every activity.

The mission of the McHenry County Regional Office of Education is to serve as an advocate for education by providing effective leadership, performing regulatory functions in partnership with the Illinois State Board of Education as directed by the School Code of Illinois, coordinating and delivering state and local services, and disseminating information to educators, school districts and the community.

On behalf of the Regional Office of Education, we thank you. Our best wishes to the students, teachers, service providers, administrators, and district personnel at our 18 school districts, 1 safe school, multiple private schools for continued success in the current school year and future.

Sincerely,

Diana Hartmann

WHAT'S NEW AT THE ROE

To support teachers, schools, and districts more, an Instructional Coach Coordinator was added to the ROE team. Amanda Oltman will assist with teaching and learning with an emphasis on literacy and math.

The 2024 Regional Spelling Bee took place in March with 24 participants. The winner, Evan Cochrane, Immanuel Lutheran School, attended the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington D.C., thanks to our sponsors: Northwest Herald, Urbanski Family, and State Representative Steve Reick.

The 2024 Educator of the Year winners were announced and celebrated at the regional ceremony in May. The winners were:

Educator of the Year	Shannon Laidig	D200
Pre-School	Kris Princer	D200
Elementary	Jessica Weglarz	D158
Middle School	Kayla Forsythe	D158
High School	Lyndra Bastian	D200
Administrator	Mark Altmayer	D158
Certified Student Support	Christine Laird	D158
Early Career	Georgia Wicker	D200
Service Personnel	Maria Schuring	D155

ABOUT US

The Regional Office of Education currently takes appointments for work permits, fingerprinting, and high school diploma/transcripts requests. Please call 815.334.3039 to make an appointment.

Services include the following:

- Work permits for minor children ages 0-15
- Fingerprinting and background checks
- High school diplomas and transcripts
- New and renewal licensure support
- Instructional Coaching for educators

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ROE Divisions

Attendance and Truancy

The Attendance and Truancy Division is McHenry County's truancy and dropout prevention program funded by the Illinois State Board of Education since 1985. The division is an intervention toll that is available to all schools in McHenry County. Intervention occurs when schools refer students for poor attendance/truancy. Outreach and truancy staff complete an assessment of all students referred and with input from both the school and family, develop an individualized service plan tailored to each student. The staff acts as referral agents and on-going liaisons between the schools, families, and community resources.

Regional Safe School

The Regional Safe School Program of McHenry County serves disruptive students in grades 6-12 who have received multiple suspensions, are eligible for expulsion, or have been expelled from school in McHenry County. The students we serve often face long-term issues such as domestic violence, poverty, and drug and alcohol abuse, which influence behavior in the classroom. Our goal is to provide students with techniques to improve their decision-making skills that affect their school and home life, attendance and performance, and ability to transition to work or further schooling.

Education Services

The Educational Services Division provides a wide variety of professional learning opportunities that are action-oriented and focused on measurable results. We collaborate with educators and school leaders to implement research-based practices in education that support the development of needed skills in students. Administrator academies, guest speakers, workshops, and on-site training that aligns to district goals is delivered. We are committed to providing high quality personalized professional learning for our educators and administrators. We are continuously seeking opportunities to form new partnerships to support McHenry County districts.

Instructional Coaching

The Instructional Coach Coordinator assists teachers, schools, and districts with teaching and learning with an emphasis on literacy and math. Objectives may include professional learning, increase teacher content, support curriculum implementation, model and observation, facilitate collaboration, data-driven instruction, and emotional and moral support.

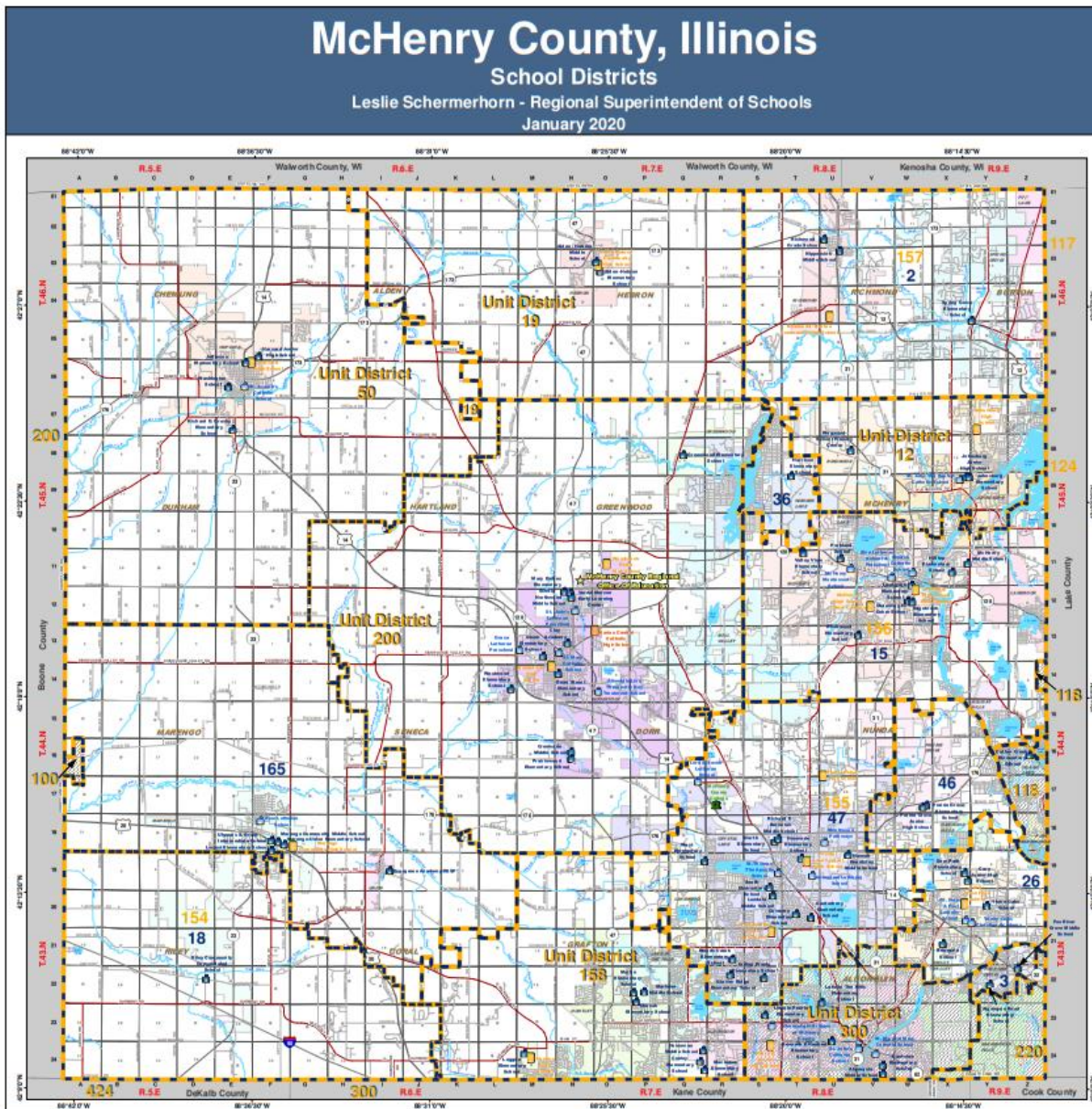
Who We Serve

Schools/Buildings:

- 76 Public Schools
- 27 Non-Public Schools (K-12)
- 9 Non-Public Schools (Pre-K)
- 1 Regional Safe School

Professionals:

- 326 Administrators
- 3,361 Teachers
- Substitutes
- Paraprofessionals
- Service Personnel (Social Workers, Psychologists, School Nurses, Speech Language Pathologists, School Counselors)



Attendance & Truancy Division

Total Referrals: 284 (Aug '23 – May '24)

Reason: Chronic Truancy: 284

Comparison by Gender

Male: 125

Female: 159

Home Visits: 700+

School Visits: 500+

Letters Sent: 284

Truancy Hearings: 37

Court Cases: 9

Health Life Safety & Compliance Visits

Annual Health/Life Safety & Compliance Visits: 81

Inspections Completed: 170

Construction Permits Issue: 89

Projects Completed and Occupancy Permits Issued: 71

Compliance Visits: Public: 10 Districts / 37 Schools
Non-Public: 6 Schools

Bus Driver Trainings

Division 1 – Van Drivers (under 10 passengers):

Initial Classes: 4 classes 15 drivers

Refresher Classes: 0 classes 0 drivers

Division 2 – Bus Drivers:

Initial Classes: 15 classes 179 drivers

Refresher Classes: 34 classes 813 drivers



Background Checks / Fingerprinting

Background Check / Fingerprints Submitted: 1,086

Substitute Background Check / Fingerprints Submitted: 226

The Regional Office of Education provides fingerprinting services for most McHenry County Schools. Both public and non-public schools along with independent cab companies. The Illinois School Code requires all new employees to have both a State and FBI criminal background check. The electronic submission of fingerprints allows the Schools or the ROE to typically receive results within 24-72 hours, so the employment can start quickly.

High School Equivalency (HSE)

166 requests for verification including requests for new, duplicate certificates and transcripts.

Minor Work Permits

210 requests for minor work permits.

Educational Services Division

Workshops Held: 11

<u>Workshop Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
AA#4003 - Strategic Planning: The Pursuit of Excellence	8/8/2023
AA#2001 - 2-Day Initial Teacher Evaluator Training	8/24-25/2023
Technology Roundtables	12/8/2023
AA#3700 - Administrators Guide to the Fundamentals of Health Life Safety and Compliance	12/8/2023
Drug Free Grant PD	01/24/2024
Non-Violent Crisis Intervention	02/16/2024
Book Talk with Dr. Gazith	02/21/2024
Mental Health Workshop	04/09/2024
AA#1801 - Gathering Evidence During Observations and Conferencing Using the Danielson Model (Revised 2016)	04/19/2024
Book Talk with Anthony Reibel	06/04/2024
AA#3806 - Choose Joy! A Systems Approach to Elevate Student Performance	06/17/2024

Pearson Testing Center

Pearson Testing Center exams range from educator licensing, high school equivalency, and over 250 exams for various industries outside of education. The testing center is open during normal business hours. The testing center typically has well over 125 testers per month.

Sixth Day Enrollment Figures

September 2020 – 2024

District	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Nippersink 2	1,136	1,051	1,100	1,102	1,114
Fox River Grove 3	393	384	395	408	417
Johnsburg 12	1,807	1,678	1,662	1,703	1,668
McHenry 15	4,332	4,062	4,029	4,079	4,031
Riley 18	277	258	270	270	240
Alden-Hebron 19	410	369	407	438	411
Cary 26	2,460	2,280	2,350	2,302	2,330
Harrison 36	375	362	357	402	408
Prairie Grove 46	712	680	769	813	867
Crystal Lake 47	7,316	7,006	6,973	7,109	7,020
Harvard 50	2,679	2,561	2,502	2,510	2,494
Marengo 154	658	657	655	685	666
Crystal Lake 155	5,772	5,674	5,583	5,405	5,334
McHenry 156	2,146	2,146	2,185	2,222	2,177
Richmond-Burton 157	611	580	565	549	531
Huntley 158	9,109	8,776	8,590	8,595	8,481
Marengo-Union 165	1,036	977	1,007	1,055	1,085
Woodstock 200	6,322	6,001	6,167	6,159	6,139

Totals 47,551 45,502 45,566 45,806 45,413



Regional Board of School Trustees

The McHenry County Regional Board of School Trustees is an elected board comprised of seven members. This elected board hears petitions for annexations, detachments, and changes in school district boundaries. The Regional Superintendent acts as the Ex-Officio Secretary to the Board. The Regional Office maintains all records of petitions filed in the region.

The main responsibilities of the Regional Board of School Trustees are:

- Hearing and disposal of petitions for change of school district boundaries
- Hearing and disposal of petitions by school districts to withdraw from Joint Agreements/Cooperatives
- Appointment of appraisers and approval of final settlements in the division of assets when new districts are formed

Regional Board of School Trustees meetings are held quarterly in January, April, July, and October; special meetings are scheduled as necessary. We appreciate the service of the following individuals who are currently serving.

Trustee	Service Began	Current Term Expires
Karen Tirio Elected Chairperson	2021	2027
Tonya Franklin	2023	2025
William Stanton	2023	2029
Adria Tyndall	2023	2029
Tim Sebastian	2023	2025
Brian Meyers	2023	2027
Jacquice Smith	2023	2027

Staff Directory

Administrative Team Diana Hartmann, Ed. S. Christopher Zielinski	Regional Superintendent Assistant Regional Superintendent	dkhartmann@mchenrycountyil.gov cmzielinski@mchenrycountyil.gov
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Professional Development Ryan Hawkins	Director of Professional and Student Services	rmhawkins@mchenrycountyil.gov
Instructional Coach Amanda Oltman	Instructional Coach Coordinator	amoltman@mchenrycountyil.gov
Educator Licensure Annette Jablonski	Educator Licensure	aajablonski@mchenrycountyil.gov
Support Staff Kim Walters	Program & Communications Coordinator	kdwalters@mchenrycountyil.gov
Regional Safe School Scott Whipple	Principal	(815) 239-0001



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