



**REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION
2015-2016 ANNUAL REPORT**

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Superintendent
of Schools**



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Mission Statement

The mission of the Lake 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.

To effectively actuate this mission, the Lake County Regional Office of Education supports and assists the 45 school districts in Lake County by:

- 1) Exercising supervision and control over all school districts with regard to compliance to statutory mandates;
- 2) Serving as the official advisor and assistant to school officers, administrators and teachers in the region;
- 3) Administering programs for students with special needs such as GED testing, drug abuse and truancy prevention programs and alternative education via the Safe School;
- 4) Providing technical support for schools, including professional development activities for teachers and administrators, and certification services for more than 11,500 educators annually;
- 5) Conducting school compliance visits to ensure that all Lake County school districts meet state standards, especially in the area of curriculum;
- 6) Ensuring the safety of children in school buildings, school transportation vehicles and food service facilities – in the total educational environment;
- 7) Safeguarding the resources that are used in the education of children by upholding fiscal standards;
- 8) Facilitating the resolution of school legal issues;
- 9) Helping to draw state and federal dollars back to Lake County for educational programs that benefit county citizens.

Additionally, the Lake County Regional Office of Education works closely with numerous agencies within the community and state and local governments in order to provide children in Lake County with the necessary tools for success in all areas of life and to shape and enrich their view of the world.

The Regional Superintendent of Schools maintains that any Lake County citizen who has the need and the desire for educational opportunity shall have it. The Regional Office of Education stands firm in the belief that every child must have the opportunity to achieve success every day.



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Message from the
Regional Superintendent

As Regional Superintendent of Schools of the Lake County Regional Office of Education, I am pleased to submit the annual report of the activities of the office from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. I am certain that it will provide you with an overview of the services that are offered by the Lake County Regional Office of Education, and that it will also give you a better understanding of the tasks that our office undertakes to fulfill our continued mission of meeting the needs of our students, parents and educators.

I want to express my appreciation to the outstanding staff members in the Lake County Regional Office of Education Administrative Center, the Educational Services Division, Attendance & Truancy Division and the Alternative Program for their committed and dedicated work on behalf of our students and educators. We are all fortunate to have the continued cooperation and support of the Illinois State Board of Education, the Lake County Board, the Regional Board of School Trustees, and the other fine committees with whom we interact and work.

On behalf of myself, Gary Pickens, Assistant Regional Superintendent of Schools, and the entire staff of the Lake County Regional Office of Education, our best wishes to the students, administrators, and teachers in our 45 school districts, 3 special education cooperatives, the Lake County High Schools Technology Campus and the Prairie Crossing, LEARN 6 and LEARN 9 Charter Schools for continued success in the 2016-2017 school year and in the future.

**Regional Board of School Trustees
Lake County, Illinois
2015- 2016**

Term Expires

Alison Baker Frank (Chairman)	2019
Barry J. Carroll	2017
Julie C. Gonka	2019
Jim Moran	2021
Donald Fontana	2017
Larry Mc Shane	2021
Phillip DeRuntz	2019

The Lake County Regional Board of School Trustees consists of seven members, each from a different congressional township within Lake County, who are elected to six-year terms of office by the voters of Lake County. The Lake County Regional Superintendent serves, by law, as an ex officio member of the board so that all matters regarding school boundary changes under Article 7 of The School Code of Illinois are handled through the Regional Office of Education.

The Regional Board of School Trustees conducted 9 boundary hearings during the 2015-2016 school year.

School Finance

During the 2015-2016 school year \$3,234,565.86 in state and federal funds were distributed through the Lake County Regional Office of Education. These funds include \$2,713,151.86 in regular General State Aid. Local property taxes are distributed through the County Treasurer. The local tax extension for Lake County Schools for the 2015-2016 school year was \$1,503,620,184.70

State and/or Federal Disbursements

Common School Fund	2,713,151.86
State Grants	499,381.00
Federal Grants	22,033.00
Total	3,234,565.86*

* \$21,555.00 FY15 payments

Institute Fund

Balance Brought Forward FY15	575,453.84
Revenue FY16	309,113.12
Expenditures FY16	150,707.76
Ending Balance FY16	733,859.20

Teacher Licensure

Educators Registered:	3,995
Licenses Registered:	4,215
Substitute Licenses Registered:	964
Licenses Issued:	1,928
Endorsements Issued:	646
Paraprofessional Licenses Issued:	357
Public School Administrators Employed for FY16:	935
Public School Teacher Employed For FY16:	8,695
Public School Service Personnel Employed for FY16:	3,264

Educators Fingerprinted in FY16: 558

2015-2016 Compliance Visits

Beach Park District 3
Gavin District 37
Libertyville District 70
Township High School District 113
Fox Lake District 114
Lake Forest High School District 115
Round Lake District 116
Community High School District 117
Mundelein High School District 120
Warren High School District 121
Grant High School District 124
Grayslake High School District 127

Compliance visits are conducted every four years for each school district. A rotation cycle has been developed so that each year one quarter of the school districts in Lake County have a compliance visit that includes a Licensure audit for the district's personnel.

Annual Building Inspections

Annual Building Inspections are conducted for **ALL** public school facilities in Lake County each year. There are 215 public school buildings in Lake County that are inspected each year. The Lake County Regional Office of Education has 3 Educational Health Life Safety Consultants that have been trained and qualified to conduct these inspections.

School Construction

Building & Occupancy Permits Issued:

New Structures: 2 Building Permits

Major Renovations:
32 Building Permits, 27 Occupancy

Building Additions:
5 Building Permits, 4 Occupancy

Miscellaneous Projects:
90 Building Permits, 59 Occupancy
Total Partial Occupancy 5 Permits

Total Building Permits
Issued for FY16: 129 - Permits
Total Occupancy Permits
Issued for FY16: 95 -Permits

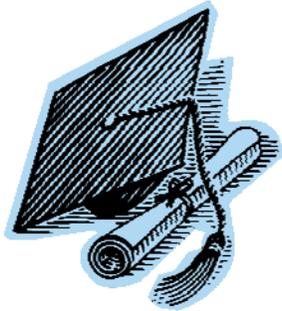
Bus Driver Training

Initial Classes Held	17
Refresher Trainings	45
Active Drivers in Lake County	2,810



Northern Illinois Reading Recovery Consortium

- * Concluded 22nd year
- * Regional Consortium
- * 6 Lake County Districts
- * Early Intervention reading program for first-graders
- * Lake County ROE provides administrative agent and coordinator services



ROE Alternative Program (Safe School)

- * Regional Program for students in grades 6-12
 - Disruptive
 - Multiple suspensions
 - Expulsion Alternative
- * Develop Skills & Strategies
 - Improve decision-making
 - Improve compliance with discipline expectations
 - Improve/maintain academic performance
- * Alternative Education Plan (AEP) for each student
- * 45 participating districts, about 150 students per year

General Education Development (GED)

Illinois law requires the Regional Superintendent of Schools to administer the General Education Development (GED) testing program. The Lake County office does this in coordination with the Illinois Community College Board and the College of Lake County (CLC). In January of 2014, the GED test became an entirely computer-based test. Tests can be taken at testing centers operated by CLC at its Grayslake and Waukegan campuses. During the 2015-16 school year, 211 people passed the new version of the GED tests. Over 1,400 requests for new & duplicate certificates, new & duplicate transcripts and verifications were processed by Lake County.



Spelling Bee

The Lake County Regional Office of Education and the Jelly Belly Candy Company co-sponsored the 2015-2016 Spelling Bee. 126 public and nonpublic schools participated with 12 finalists competing in the Lake County Final Spelling Bee that was held at the College of Lake County on March 17, 2016. The winner, Marlene Schaff a 7th grade student at Schaff Family Home School received an all expenses paid 7-day trip to Washington, D.C. to compete May 22-27, 2016, in the Scripps National Spelling Bee and she did a fine job representing the office and Lake County in general.

Attendance and Truancy Division (ATD)

Case Work/Truancy Prevention

Number of Active Student Cases 926

Primary Referral

Dropout 0
 Chronic/Habitual Truant 926
 Truant 0

Comparison by Gender

Female 409
 Male 517

Comparison by Race

American Indian or Alaskan Native 11
 Black-Not Hispanic Origin 198
 Hispanic 236
 Asian/Pacific Islander 9
 White-Not Hispanic Origin 381
 Multi-Racial / Other 87
 Unknown (informal referrals) 4

Comparison by Grade Placement

High School (9-12) 239
 Middle School (6-8) 271
 Elementary School (PK-5) 404
 Not Given / Unknown 12

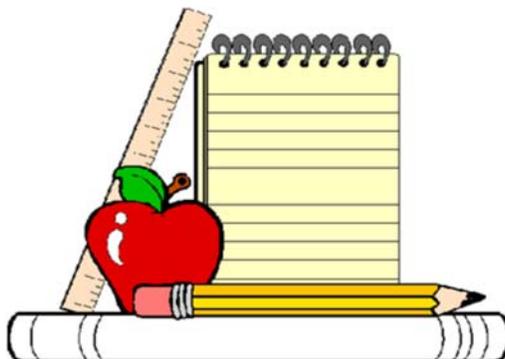


Educational Services Division

- * Staff Development
 - Planning
 - Workshops (Regional & In-District)
- * School Improvement/System of Support
- * Technology Planning & Support
- * Curriculum Assistance (Math, Science, Reading, Language Arts, Social Studies)
- * Foundational Services

LCESD Highlights

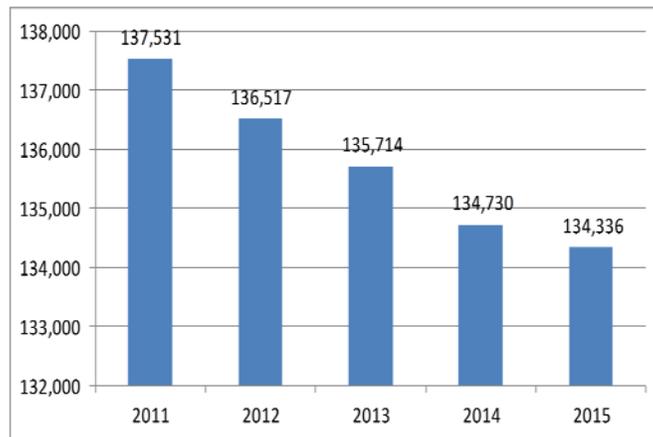
- * Professional Development Services
 - 118 Regional Workshops conducted with 1,435 attendees
 - 74 In-District Workshops conducted with 580 attendees
 - 33 Administrators' Academy courses conducted with 713 attendees
- * Response to Intervention Planning Services (all districts)
- * Learning Technology Center
 - Technology Planning
 - E-Rate Consulting
 - Star Lab



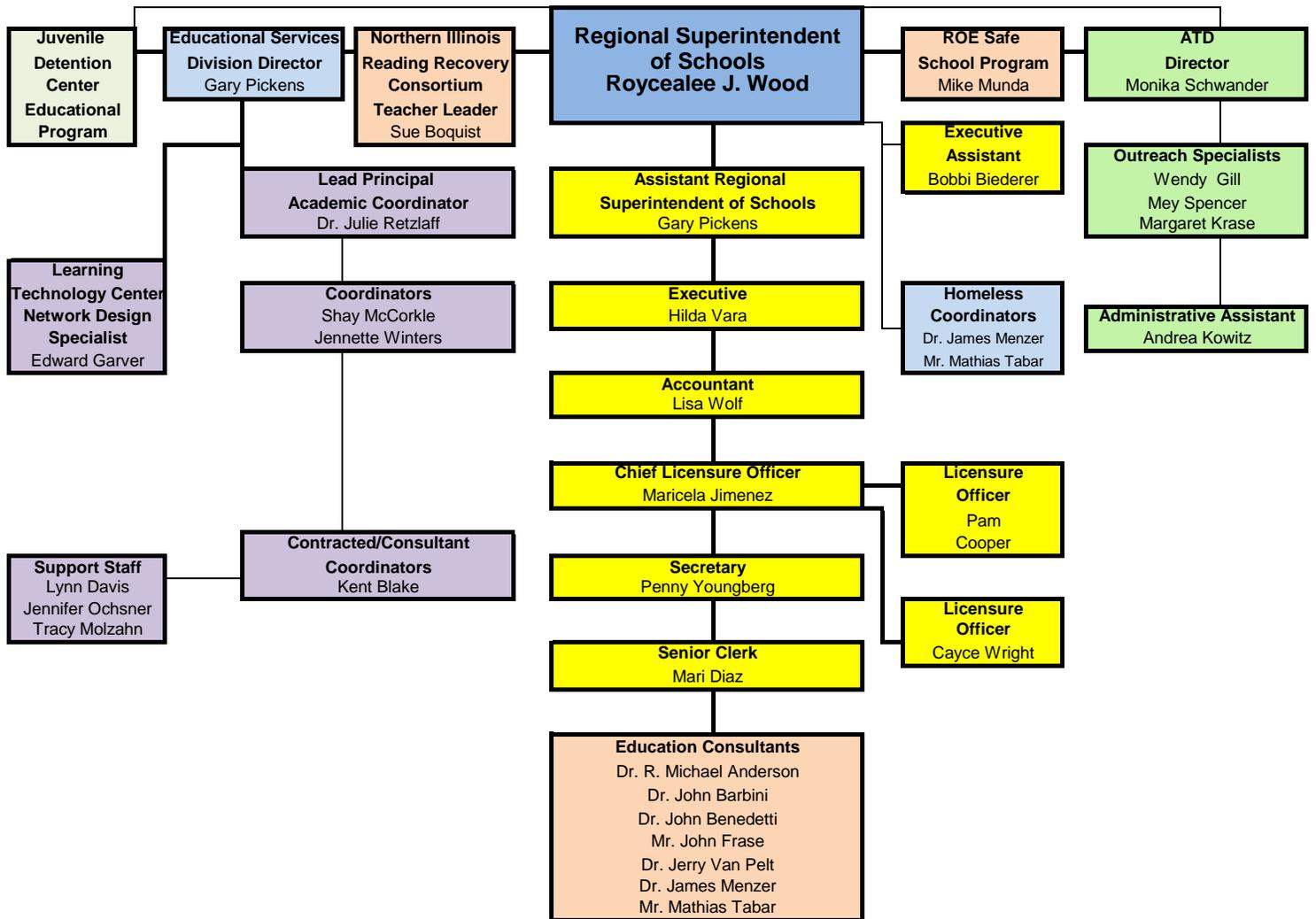
Sixth Day Enrollment Figures September 2011 - September 2015

<u>District</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Winthrop Harbor School District 1	578	602	565	569	570
Beach Park School District 3	2375	2351	2317	2303	2331
Zion School District 6	2751	2648	2723	2743	2726
Millburn School District 24	1548	1463	1400	1323	1285
Emmons School District 33	321	315	299	299	296
Antioch School District 34	3047	3078	3047	2951	2949
Grass Lake School District 36	187	177	171	157	175
Gavin School District 37	951	923	861	881	875
Big Hollow School District 38	1763	1795	1858	1774	1785
Lake Villa School District 41	3121	2947	2862	2760	2772
Grayslake School District 46	4057	3960	3991	3846	3797
Woodland School District 50	6534	6606	6317	6191	5988
Gurnee School District 56	2099	2224	2215	2205	2046
Waukegan School District 60	16562	16490	16511	16529	16451
Lake Bluff School District 65	906	869	834	861	881
Lake Forest School District 67	2023	1934	1922	1870	1777
Oak Grove School District 68	865	826	802	795	826
Libertyville School District 70	2542	2443	2439	2450	2378
Rondout School District 72	161	150	148	143	141
Hawthorn School District 73	3977	3986	4041	4066	4201
Mundelein School District 75	1687	1683	1659	1655	1645
Diamond Lake School District 76	1117	1118	1077	1069	1029
Fremont School District 79	2206	2214	2196	2186	2157
Lake Zurich School District 95	5944	5913	5779	5716	5666
Kildeer-Countryside School District 96	3113	3053	3107	3118	3157
Aptakisic-Tripp School District 102	2046	2031	2063	2098	2187
Lincolnshire-Pairie View School District 103	1627	1637	1651	1664	1706
Bannockburn School District 106	180	176	187	196	180
Deerfield School District 109	3129	3084	3077	3035	3028
North Shore School District 112	4439	4452	4344	4401	4278
Township High School District 113	3714	3772	3786	3696	3743
Fox Lake School District 114	825	824	813	758	770
Lake Forest High School District 115	1730	1716	1675	1691	1718
Round Lake School District 116	7166	7245	7263	7191	7152
Community High School District 117	2751	2760	2779	2760	2766
Wauconda School District 118	4476	4488	4580	4639	4723
Mundelein High School District 120	2143	2162	2133	2110	2047
Warren High School District 121	4513	4366	4336	4347	4235
Grant High School District 124	1835	1899	1921	1969	1923
Adlai Stevenson High School District 125	4163	3976	3852	3956	3990
Zion-Benton High School District 126	2766	2744	2731	2684	2674
Grayslake High School District 127	2967	3003	3014	3084	3031
Community High School District 128	3419	3267	3345	3348	3346
North Chicago District School 187	3762	3766	3752	3439	3562
Barrington Community School District 220	9057	8991	8887	8809	8783
Prairie Crossing Charter School	388	390	384	395	413
LEARN 9 Campus in Waukegan					177
Totals	137,531	136,517	135,714	134,730	134,336

Lake County Public School Enrollment Growth



Lake County Regional Office Of Education
Organizational Chart - FY16



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Fingerprinting 847-665-0598

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