



# Regional Offices of Education

**DUTIES – RESPONSIBILITIES – SERVICES**

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**ROEs are**  
**Resourceful**  
**Offices for**  
**Education**

**Serving Public and Private Schools**

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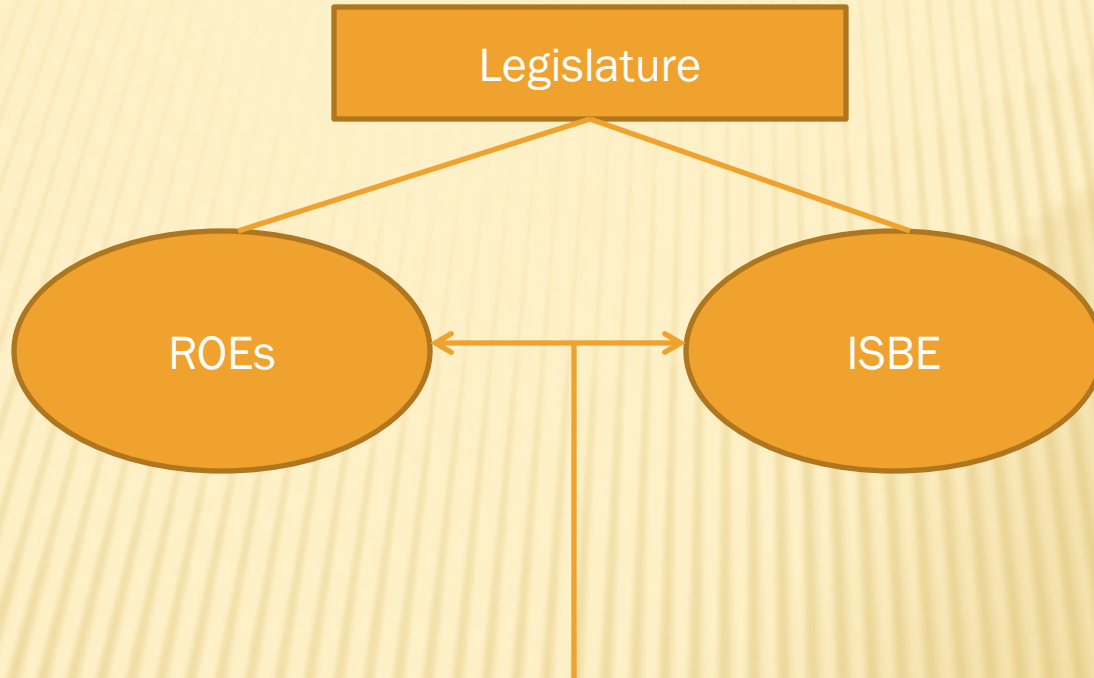
**Offices of Public Service**

**Held by an Elected Regional**

**Superintendent**

# Organization

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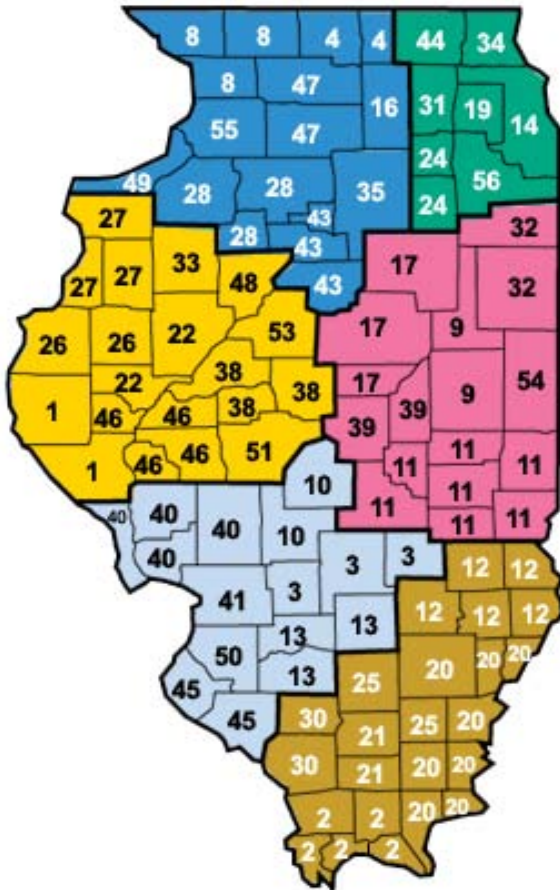
A Partnership  
In the  
Delivery of Education

# ACRONYM GLOSSARY

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- ✘ 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 through ROEs/ISCs/ISBE
- ✘ Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) -state agency for K-12

# ROE STRUCTURE



- ✘ 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

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- ✓ 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

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# Compliance

# COMPLIANCE

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- ✓ 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

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- ✓ 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

# COMPLIANCE MANDATES

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- ✓ Ensures that the mandates passed by the legislature are being observed and implemented.

# COMPLIANCE MANDATES

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- ✓ Bullying Prevention
- ✓ Suicide Prevention
- ✓ Food Allergy Guidelines
- ✓ Diabetes Care Act
- ✓ Bloodborne Pathogens
- ✓ First Aid/CPR
- ✓ Educator Ethics Training
- ✓ Gang Resistance and Education

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**Health, Life, Safety**

# HEALTH, LIFE, SAFETY

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- ✓ 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

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- ✘ 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.

# HEALTH, LIFE, SAFETY

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- ✓ 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

# HEALTH, LIFE, SAFETY

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- ✘ 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.

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# Reporting

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- ✓ 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

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- ✓ 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

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- ✓ 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

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- ✓ 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.

# REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

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- ✓ 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.

# REPORTING MONITORING

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District reporting is monitored by the Regional Office to ensure compliance with statute.

District Monitoring Tool

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# **Consolidation & Organization of School Districts**

# CONSOLIDATION & ORGANIZATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS

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- ✓ 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

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- ✓ 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

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- ✓ 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

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- ✓ Regional Office shall file a map showing district changes with the county clerk.

# DETACHMENT PROCESS

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- ✓ 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.

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# Services

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- ✘ 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

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- ✓ 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

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

# VALUE AND BENEFITS

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- ✓ Cost Effective School Services
  - ✓ \$9 Million of local government support
- ✓ Efficient Delivery System
  - ✓ Rapid Response to Needs of Schools
- ✓ Accountability
  - ✓ Constituents
  - ✓ School districts
  - ✓ Legislature

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# Questions