

# ANNUAL REPORT 2018/2019



## **REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION** **LASALLE, MARSHALL & PUTNAM**

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# 2018-2019 Annual Report




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*We are an advocate for education by providing positive leadership, coordinating and delivering Federal, State and local services and disseminating information for educators, school districts, and our community.*

*-Christopher Dvorak, Regional Superintendent*

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*I am pleased to present the following Annual Report, which highlights many of the programs and services offered by the LaSalle, Marshall & Putnam Regional Office of Education over the past year. I want to thank the LaSalle County Board, Marshall County Board, Putnam County Board, Illinois State Board of Education, constituents, and Regional Office staff who have offered continual support, collaboration, and encouragement throughout the year. As Regional Superintendent of LaSalle, Marshall & Putnam Counties, I hereby submit the Annual Report covering the activities of the office from July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019.*

*Christopher Dvorak*

Regional Superintendent

LaSalle, Marshall & Putnam

Regional Office of Education #35

## Educational Entities We Serve

Allen-Otter Creek #65, BMP Tri-County Special Education Co-op, Circuit Breaker School, Deer Park #82, Dimmick #175, Earlville #9, Grand Ridge #95, Henry-Senachwine #5, Holy Cross Elementary School, Holy Family School, Illinois Valley Community College, LaSalle Elementary #122, LaSalle-Peru High School #120, L.E.A.S.E., Leland #1, Lighted Way, Lostant #425, Marquette Academy, Marseilles #150, Mendota #289, Mendota High School #280, Midland #7, Miller #210, Oglesby #125, Ottawa Elementary #141, Ottawa High School #140, Peru Catholic School, Peru Elementary #124, Putnam County #535, Regional Safe School, Rutland #230, Seneca Elementary #170, Seneca High School #160, Serena Unit #2, SRAVTE, St. Michael the Archangel School, Streator Elementary #44, Streator High School #40, Tonica #79, Trinity Catholic Academy, Wallace #195, and Waltham #185



# Safety • Support • Success

## Our Purpose

Regional Offices of Education (ROE) are essential support offices partnering with the Illinois State Board of Education to support local school districts. ROEs provide educational leadership, impact public policy, and deliver educational services effectively for the benefit of the school districts.

## Our Role

The Regional Superintendent of Schools is the chief administrative officer of a Regional Office of Education and the only elected education professional office in Illinois. The office of the Regional Superintendent performs regulatory functions as directed by the Illinois School Code. Specific duties of the Regional Superintendent are stated in Illinois School Code 105 ILCS 5/3. The work of the Regional Office can be summed up in three words: **safety, support, and success.**

## Educational Partners

### County Board Members

#### LaSalle County:

Jill Bernal, Russell Boe, Charles Borchsenius, Tina Busch, Lou Anne Carretto, Brian Dose, Allen Erbrederis, Curtis Faber, Randy Freeman, Timothy Geary, Jerry Hicks, Mike Kasap, Robert Lee, Joanne McNally, Jerry Myers, Jim Olson, Joseph Oscepinski, Catherine Owens, Kindra Pottinger, Walter Roach, Joe Savitch, Gary Small, Norman Sedlock, David Torres, Douglas Trager, Steven Tuftie, Tom Walsh, Elmer Walter, Joe Witczak, and Arrata Znaniecki



#### Marshall County:

Robert Bakewell, Charlotte Balensiefen, Deborah Daykin, Rebecca Donna, Henry Gauwitz, Jack Johnson, Gary Kroeschen, Brad Lindstrom, Travis McGlasson, Martin McLaughlin, David Minnick, and Andy Stash

#### Putnam County:

Luke Holly, Sheila Haage, Charles Lenkaitis, Steven Malavolti, and Brad Popurella

### State Representatives

Tom Demmer- 90<sup>th</sup> District, Ryan Spain-73<sup>rd</sup> District, David Welter-75<sup>th</sup> District, and Lance Yednock-76<sup>th</sup> District

### State Senators

Jason Barickman-53<sup>rd</sup> District, Sue Rezin-38<sup>th</sup> District, Brian Stewart-45<sup>th</sup> District, and Chuck Weaver-37<sup>th</sup> District

### Governor & Illinois State Board of Education

J.B. Pritzker- Governor, Dr. Carmen I. Ayala- State Superintendent of Education, Dr. Christine Benson, Darren Reisberg, Cynthia Latimer, Dr. Donna Simpson Leak, Dr. David Lett, Susan Morrison, Jane Quinlan, Dr. Cristina Pacione-Zayas, and Jacqueline Robbins



# Professional Development

## Focus Training

- Technology Integration
- Mental Health
- Teacher Evaluation
- Differentiated Learning

## Professional Development Training

The following workshops and training sessions were offered by the LaSalle, Marshall & Putnam Regional Office of Education this past year:

2018-2019 Administrator Academies and Workshops			
Workshop Session	No. of Sessions	Participants	Training Session Descriptions
Administrator Academies	7	65	Communicating with Staff Regarding Performance Assessments, Student Growth Evaluation (3 Sections), Teacher Evaluation, Principal Evaluation, Student Behavioral Threat Assessment, Student Mental Health and Issues in Special Education, Illinois Performance Evaluation - Teacher Evaluation Training
Workshops	57	1075	Truancy, Homeless, SCAT, Technology, Tech Integration, Mental Health, Safety, Early Childhood, Science, STEM, Literacy, PACE, Standards-Based Grading, Differentiated Learning, New Teacher, Danielson
Administrator Meetings	7	258	Superintendent Meetings and Principal Meetings
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>1398</b>	

## Regional Institute: Safe and Supportive Schools October 5, 2018

This year our theme was Safe and Supportive Schools, "Meeting the Needs of the Whole Child."

Location	Participants
Ottawa Township High School	263
LaSalle Peru High School	159
Mendota High School	121
U of I Extension Office	40
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>583</b>



## New Teacher Orientation

In early August of each year, the Regional Office of Education sponsors a New Teacher Orientation Seminar for educators new to teaching or new to our region. This year the event was held at the L.E.A.S.E. building. Presentations included information from the L.E.A.S.E. personnel, support organizations, legal updates from Attorney Walt Zukowski, and a Teacher Retirement System presentation by Rich Frankenfeld, in addition to information from the Regional Office of Education. Information was provided regarding licensure and renewal laws, ISBE legal updates, compliance issues, regulatory issues, and school improvement. Forty-one teachers attended this event. Forty-two teachers attended the previous year.



## School Bus Education

### 408 Training Courses

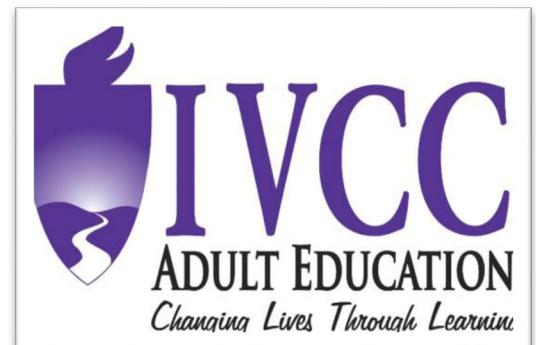


All school bus drivers in Illinois must complete an initial training course (first-time drivers) or a refresher course (renewals) prior to driving a school bus for Illinois schools. The LaSalle, Marshall & Putnam Regional Office of Education provides this training on a yearly basis at various locations in our counties. This year 92 individuals took the initial bus driver training course and 316 drivers took the refresher course for a total of 408 training courses.

## High School Equivalency (HSE/GED)

### 50 HSE/GED Graduates

The Regional Office has been the authorized administrative office for the General Education Diploma Examinations, commonly known as G.E.D. tests. A change in the statute renamed the process high school equivalency testing (HSE). This program permits people who have dropped out of high school or others who have attained the age of 17 to secure the High School Equivalency Certificate (HSE). The testing of applicants is done by Illinois Valley Community College, in coordination with Cindy Lock, Assessment Center Coordinator. This year 50 participants passed.



## Regional Work-Study Program

The Regional Work-Study program (RWS) has been offering students who have dropped out of area high schools an opportunity to earn a high school diploma since 2010. In the first nine years of the program, 134 students completed the requirements for their high school diploma. Classes are held Monday through Friday during the school year at IVCC's main campus in Oglesby as well as the IVCC Ottawa Center and the Mendota Library. Small classes with plenty of one on one assistance create an atmosphere that encourages success. Students can enter the program throughout the school year. Thirty students started attending classes at the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year.

Year	Students	Credits Earned	Graduates	Cost Per Student
2015-16	28	144	18	\$2,547
2016-17	34	114.5	22	\$1,987
2017-18	33	192	17	\$2,417
2018-19	48	249	32	\$1,794

## Licensure

### Educator Licensure

The LaSalle, Marshall & Putnam County Regional Office of Education Licensure Department serves teachers and administrators with all aspects of their credential needs. The office has worked to communicate changes from the State Board of Education by conducting individual and staff training. The office provides guidance, documentation, and regularly assists constituents as questions arise. Licensure applications and renewals are now completed online. The Regional Office of Education has an available computer workstation that allows license holders to complete requirements. Staff members are available to assist as needed.

Year	Educators Registered	Licenses Registered	Sub Licenses Registered	Licenses Issued	Endorsements Issued	Para Licenses Issued
FY 16	561	576	94	285	68	76
FY 17	534	543	124	335	49	85
FY 18	500	514	123	279	95	73
FY 19	598	621	205	360	84	81

### Paraprofessional Training

#### 25 Certified through ETS Paraprofessional Assessment

Paraprofessionals may be considered licensed if they possess one of these three options:

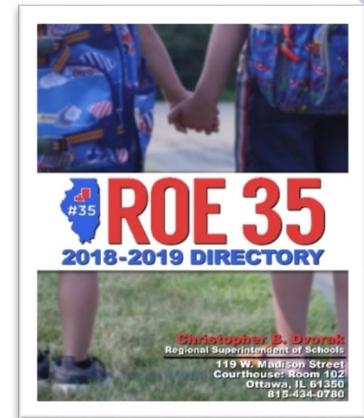
- Associate's degree or higher from a regionally accredited institution of higher education
- 60 credit hours from a regionally accredited institution of higher education, or
- Pass a formal state assessment (ETS)

To assist candidates interested in becoming a paraprofessional, the LaSalle, Marshall & Putnam Regional Office administers the ETS Paraprofessional Assessment. During the 2018-2019 school year, 30 individuals took the assessment and 25 individuals earned a passing score.



## Directory

A Directory of the LaSalle, Marshall & Putnam County Schools is prepared each year by our office. All school information submitted by the schools is compiled, entered, and created by our staff. Local business ads are placed in the directory to cover the cost of the printing and the Excellence in Education Banquet expenses. The directory includes a listing of all schools, administrators, teachers, support staff, and school board members of each school.



### Thank You to Our Sponsors:

- All-State, Kelly Freschi • Area Career Center •Asphalt Restoration Systems •
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- Bernabei, Balestri & Fiocchi Law Offices •Best, Inc. •Brennan & Stuart, Inc., Mark Schneider •
- Carpenters Local Union •The Cheese Shop •Country Financial, Kevin Berryman & Bruce Butchko •
- Darrell K. Seigler, Law Office •Dieken & Straughn Farm •Dubberstine Locksmith Service •
- Edward Jones, Mark Platt • Ficek Electric & Communication Systems •Financial Plus •Floor to Ceiling •
- HiWay Restaurant • Illinois Valley Community College •Jimmy John's • Jobst Monuments • Kmetz Architects •
- Kohl Wholesale •Kuhn's Music Studio, Marilynn Kuhn •Laborers' International Union 393 •
- LaSalle County Farm Bureau •Locker Room • Lou Anne Carretto • Marco • Marseilles Bank
- NECA-IBEW Local 176 •North Central Behavior Health Systems •Obee's •Ottawa Savings Bank, Dan Sabol •
- Ottawa Savings Bank, Lisa Jo Mertel • Ottawa Office Supply • Ramza • S & B Award's • SRAVTE •
- State Farm, Ron Henson • The Glass Shop • University of Illinois • US Silica • Dr. Usharsri Koganti, MD •
- Vactor Mfg. • Vezzetti Capital Management • Village of Utica •
- White, Marsh, Anderson, Martin, Vickers, Deobler & Good, Attorneys • Zukowski Law Office •

## Honoring Excellence

### Excellence in Education

Each May, the Regional Office of Education sponsors the Excellence in Education banquet. School faculty, staff, and board members are presented awards in five categories: Educator, Support Staff, Retiring Educator, Retiring Support Staff, and Board Service. Award recipients are selected according to locally developed criteria.



Dimmick Community Consolidated District #175

On May 2, 2019, we held our 31st annual *Excellence in Education* banquet at Celebrations 150. Over 503 people attended and we recognized 179 educators, board members, and support staff members for their contributions to our schools. We ended the evening by presenting two *Excellence in Education* awards. These individuals were introduced by personalized videos of their work. We honored Mary Beth Ficek of Dimmick Consolidated School District #175 for Outstanding Teacher and Vicki McConnell of Ottawa Elementary School District #141 for Outstanding Management of the District Food Service Program. Visit our YouTube channel, [ROE 35 Presents](#), for videos of our winners.





## Spelling Bee

### 16 Rounds to Determine Champion

The annual Spelling Bee is sponsored by the Regional Office of Education in conjunction with the Kiwanis Club of Ottawa. Spelling Bee word study lists are provided by the Peoria Journal Star and distributed to each participating school. Each school holds its own contest with the winner or an alternative participating in the Spelling Bee. The 2019 Spelling Bee hosted 30 school winners.

#### 2019 Winners-

**First Place:** *Riker Fesperman,*  
*Waltham Community*  
*Consolidated District #185*

**Second Place:** *Corinne Francis,*  
*Ottawa Elementary School #141*

## Student Excellence

Each month from October through May, the Regional Office of Education in cooperation with the LaSalle County Board recognizes students from two schools chosen for the Student Excellence Award. Schools are selected on a rotating basis. Students are selected by the schools based on the following criteria:

- The selected student must have demonstrated and/or contributed community service in their respective school district
- Should portray an image of social and civic responsibility within their school community
- Should possess an attitude conducive for a good work ethic and representative of an image the school district finds commendable

The student, parents, and administrators from the school are invited to the monthly LaSalle County board meeting where the student is presented with a plaque and information about that student's achievements is read to all in attendance.

### 2018-2019 AWARD RECIPIENTS

#### October

Alexis Linder, Serena Middle School #2  
Emma Freebairn, Serena High School #2

#### November

Alex Todd, Leland Middle School #1  
Julia Niles, Leland High School #1

#### January

Logan Colter, Streator High School #44

#### February

Darlene Sparks, Earville Jr. High #9  
Brennan Sweeney, Earville High School #9

#### March

Lily Ficek, Tonica CCSD #79  
Georgia Kapetaneas, LaSalle- Peru High School #120

#### April

Lexi Sprinkel, Seneca Grade School #170  
Megan Neimann, Seneca High School #160

#### May

Taylor Combs, Marseilles Elementary #150  
Kekoa Gross, Ottawa Township High School #141



## Scholarships

### Over \$2 Million Awarded Since Inception

### \$30,000 Awarded in 2018-2019

Students may apply for several scholarships offered through the Regional Office of Education. Approximately \$30,000 from the Joseph J. Hohner trust provided 50 scholarships with grants ranging from \$300 to \$1,000 for students from LaSalle County Schools for the 2018-2019 school year. Applications are screened by the Regional Superintendent and scholarship committee members as outlined in the will of Dr. Joseph J. Hohner. To date, more than \$2,072,000.00 has been awarded in scholarships. Other scholarship applications are available from the Regional Office of Education at our website [www.roe35.org](http://www.roe35.org).

## Food Cooperative

### 11% Savings in Food Costs

The LaSalle County Area Purchasing Cooperative was created during the 1989-90 school year. Eighteen school districts originally joined the cooperative, which bids and orders food and supplies for district operated school cafeterias. Today, approximately 70 school districts representing LaSalle, Bureau, Champaign, DeKalb, Grundy, Iroquois, Kendall, Lee, Livingston, Macoupin, Marshall, Ogle, Peoria, Putnam, Sangamon, Warren, Woodford, and Vermillion counties are members of the co-op. The current total annual expenditures for the cooperative are estimated at 4.5 million dollars. The Regional Office of Education serves as the administrative agent for this successful program which employs one full-time employee. The cooperative is totally self-supporting from a minimal fee charged to member districts. The benefits of belonging to the cooperative are:

- Distributor bidding is done for you
- Financial savings
- Networking among fellow members
- Updates on training opportunities
- Access to Kohl Wholesale Dietitian / Menus
- Regular communication on food program requirements
- Assistance complying with requirements

## LaSalle/Putnam County Educational Alliance for Special Education (L.E.A.S.E)

The Illinois General Assembly passed House Bill 1407 in 1965, which mandated special education for children with disabilities. Implementation of this legislation becomes effective July 1, 1969. Prior to July 1, 1969, this Regional Office submitted a plan to meet the requirements of this legislation. Many committees of school administrators and lay citizens aided in formulating the plan, which was approved by the Illinois State Board of Education. Our cooperative, known as L.E.A.S.E., serves 29 school districts, 28 from LaSalle County, and Putnam County District #535.

The Special Education Committee employed Ms. Mary Jane Chapman as its Executive Director of Special Education to oversee operations of the cooperative. The special education programs grew quickly to meet the needs of students with physical and mental disabilities, as well as a variety of other types of disabilities, in LaSalle & Putnam Counties. L.E.A.S.E. works in conjunction with many other agencies in the county to ensure the success of the programs offered.



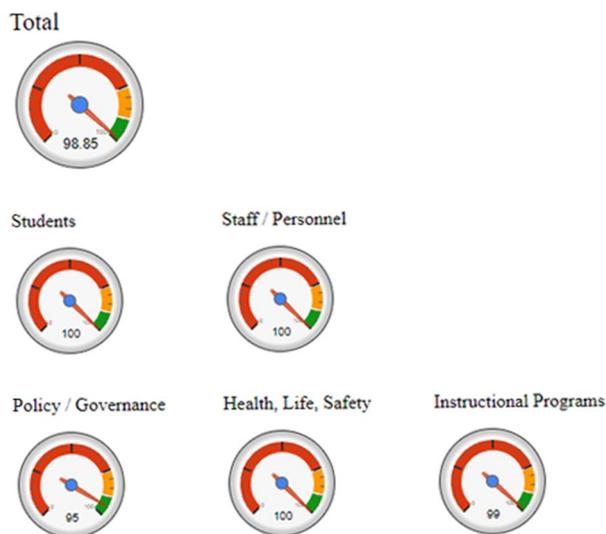
## Health/Life-Safety

### Duties

- Visit and inspect each public school annually
- Supervise school buildings for health and safety

### District Compliance

The Regional Offices of Education are entrusted with assessing compliance of local school districts and recognized non-public schools in the state of Illinois. This process consists of a systematic review of district documentation and recording compliance with state and federal laws and the Illinois School Code. The resulting designation is reported on the state website and as part of the Illinois Report Card. The compliance process is seen as an opportunity to improve operations and support the programs that deliver quality educational experiences to students.



The Regional Office of Education makes recommendations for the improvement of each school district. Compliance visits for the 2018-2019 school year were: Circuit Breaker, Dimmick District #175, Earlville District #9, Grand Ridge District #95, Henry-Senachwine District #5, LaSalle Elementary District #122, LaSalle-Peru High School District #120, Leland District #1, Lostant District #425, Mendota Elementary District #289, Mendota High School District #280, Oglesby Elementary District #125, the Regional Safe School, Streator Elementary District #44 and Streator High School District #40.

## Regional Board of Trustees

The Regional Superintendent acts as an ex-officio secretary for the Regional Board of School Trustees. This board is an elected office which meets on the first Thursday of January, April, July, and October, or at special meetings. The Regional Board hears and acts on requests for transfer of territory from one school district to another, annexation and detachment petitions, as well as other school issues such as division of school assets. The Regional Superintendent's Office, as mandated by the School Code of Illinois, must prepare the documents for elections relating to unit districts and annexation of high school districts to junior college districts.

### The following members comprise the Regional Board of School Trustees:

Richard Bazyn (2023), John Glascock (2021), Vicky Garrison (2023),  
 Dave Hagenbuch (2025), Kathy Reno (2021), Larry Walker (2023), Lloyd Vogel (2025),  
 Christopher Dvorak (Ex-officio Secretary), George Mueller (Legal Counsel)



# Finances

## Distribution of Funds

The Evidence-Based Funding for Student Success Act became a law on August 31, 2017. This law enacts evidence-based funding (EBF) and comprehensively changes the way school districts receive the bulk of state funds. EBF sends more resources to Illinois' most under-resourced students. EBF takes the necessary first steps toward ensuring all schools have the resources they need to provide a safe, rigorous, and well-rounded learning environment for all students. EBF demonstrates new mindsets for understanding the relationship between equity, adequacy, and student outcomes.

In FY 2019, the Base Funding Minimum (BFM) consists of three components—the FY 18 BFM amount, the FY 18 tier funding amount, and the FY 18 additional English Learner funding. In addition to the BFM, districts receive a share of \$300 million in funding distributed through the tiers, with the greatest share of funding going to those districts with the greatest need for assistance.

District	Gross Base Funding	Calculated New FY18 Funding	Calculated New FY19 Funding	Calculated New FY20 Funding	Total State Funding	Final % of Adequacy
Safe School- LaSalle ROE	\$310,964.82	-	-	\$35,926.44	\$346,891.26	55%
Leland CCUS #1	\$325,931.70	\$6,786.01	\$5,657.98	\$6,935.05	\$345,310.74	96%
Community USD #2	\$865,882.41	\$843.51	\$718.32	\$727.72	\$868,171.96	111%
Earlville CCUS #9	\$1,320,260.12	\$27,767.29	\$19,335.80	\$14,357.79	\$1,381,721.00	79%
Streator Twp HSD #40	\$3,704,424.11	\$650,611.60	\$420,122.89	\$315,000.55	*\$5,092,260.67	62%
Streator ESD #44	\$9,194,816.63	\$461,221.43	\$201,738.77	\$175,610.47	*\$10,039,617.96	68%
Allen Otter Creek CCSD #65	\$62,264.75	\$111.67	\$98.03	\$89.75	\$62,564.20	123%
Tonica CCSD #79	\$586,808.34	\$7,132.41	\$5,169.88	\$6,046.96	\$605,157.59	89%
Deer Park #82	\$102,253.94	\$106.77	\$86.91	\$75.69	\$102,523.31	120%
Grand Ridge CCSD #95	\$246,795.15	\$276.66	\$220.37	\$210.82	\$247,503.00	105%
LaSalle-Peru Twp HSD #120	\$1,575,017.87	\$160,825.47	\$144,690.96	\$369,698.42	*\$2,250,845.64	62%
LaSalle ESD #122	\$5,171,092.69	\$306,393.42	\$178,904.76	\$204,364.81	*\$5,881,392.74	65%
Peru ESD #124	\$1,635,315.82	\$41,070.92	\$40,868.83	\$51,423.85	\$1,768,679.42	70%
Oglesby ESD #125	\$1,938,256.44	\$166,851.70	\$107,362.43	\$62,880.60	\$2,275,351.17	66%
Ottawa Twp HSD #140	\$2,054,746.69	\$252,807.37	\$141,409.12	\$109,914.06	*\$2,559,240.35	69%
Ottawa ESD #141	\$5,907,264.98	\$306,060.85	\$238,749.84	\$372,434.99	\$6,824,510.66	65%
Marseilles ESD #150	\$2,746,391.18	\$82,281.71	\$54,422.13	\$50,264.74	\$2,933,359.76	69%
Seneca Twp HSD #160	\$302,795.29	\$573.50	\$512.17	\$497.71	\$304,378.67	216%
Seneca CCSD #170	\$436,009.17	\$529.58	\$469.40	\$491.39	\$437,499.54	143%
Dimmick CCSD #175	\$213,396.34	\$195.14	\$162.95	\$163.20	\$213,917.63	122%
Waltham CCSD #185	\$150,783.79	\$5,263.78	\$4,485.67	\$5,236.10	\$165,769.34	98%
Wallace CCSD #195	\$311,731.93	\$7,401.30	\$6,525.33	\$8,028.76	\$333,687.32	93%
Miller TWP CCSD #210	\$185,625.24	\$6,564.05	\$4,087.10	\$4,811.00	\$201,087.39	94%
Rutland CCSD #230	\$72,381.43	\$75.38	\$74.26	\$76.94	\$72,608.01	138%
Mendota Twp HSD #280	\$1,431,123.79	\$141,241.51	\$91,160.48	\$125,520.35	*\$1,791,505.37	64%
Mendota CCSD #289	\$3,412,987.23	\$114,839.19	\$88,568.87	\$88,894.57	*\$3,740,371.62	68%
Lostant CCSD #425	\$178,117.46	\$150.77	\$123.79	\$116.52	\$178,508.54	132%
Henry-Senachwine CUSD #5	\$645,360.59	\$13,928.48	\$11,517.06	\$13,895.50	\$684,701.63	97%
Midland CUD #7	\$1,112,423.43	\$21,823.42	\$18,764.36	\$23,795.42	\$1,176,806.63	78%
Putnam County CUSD #535	\$843,309.86	\$20,113.13	\$16,788.99	\$20,000.00	\$900,211.98	93%

\*as reported by ISBE



## Truancy Supervision

### 400 Individual Educational Plans

Tyler Amm, Joe Frye, and Kassidi Guerrero serve as truant officers for the LaSalle, Marshall & Putnam Regional Office of Education truancy program. The focus of the program is to provide intervention and remediation services to potential dropouts, truants, chronic truants, and dropouts in grades K-12, to increase attendance and academic achievement with a long-term objective of high school graduation. Each school year approximately 500 students are referred for services; 400 of these students entered into an Individualized Optional Education Plan which includes contracting to increase attendance, academics, and may also include counseling, tutoring, and credit recovery through an online curriculum. Chronic truants are offered a truancy prevention hearing with the Regional Superintendent acting as hearing officer. A contract for attendance, academics, and, oftentimes, counseling is entered into by all parties involved with the student. Chronic truants and/or their parents in need of county court intervention may be referred to county ordinance, juvenile, or criminal court.

### Optional Education Program (OpEd)

The LaSalle, Marshall, and Putnam Optional Education Program (OpEd) is a short-term alternative education program that began in 2014 following the awarding of a grant through the Illinois State Board of Education. It is designed to provide educational opportunities to students who have been identified as truants, chronic truants, and potential dropouts in their regular school settings in LaSalle, Marshall and Putnam Counties. The mission of the Optional Education Program is to provide a safe and positive environment where students can learn as they strive to become independent, productive, and responsible citizens. It focuses on building each individual's academic, behavioral, and social skills to facilitate greater success both in the classroom while in the Optional Education Program, as well as when they return to their Home School Districts (HSDs) or transition into the community after graduation. The Truants Alternative and Optional Educational Program (TAOEP) statistics are listed on the next page.

### SCHOOL CRISIS ASSISTANCE TEAM (SCAT)

The ROE provides schools with crisis assistance through the SCAT team. The purpose of SCAT is to provide support and consultation to LaSalle, Marshall & Putnam County schools at the request of school personnel, in times of significant crisis impacting children, adolescents, faculty and staff. SCAT will provide on-site assistance to the schools' crisis teams and help implement the schools' crisis plans. The intention of SCAT is to support the students and staff and to enable schools to resume regular activities in a timely manner following a school/community crisis. SCAT also provides consultation, printed resources, and referral information in times of crisis.



# LaSalle, Marshall & Putnam Regional Safe School Program (RSSP)

## STAFF

### Principal

Jennifer Ferguson

### Coordinator

Paula Corbin

### Social Worker

Kassidi Guerrero

### Secretary

Angie Didricksen

### High School

Allison Warren

Bryer Lehr

David Greer

### Junior High

Lindsey Bienemann

Samantha Halm

### Dean/Restorative

#### Intervention

Justin Johnson

### Truancy Teacher

Jeff Olson

### Paraprofessionals

Brenda Martinez

Staci Sessler

Meghan Halm

## Student Eligibility

Students who are in the Safe School Program must meet the following criteria:

- Suspended at least twice for a period of 4-10 days for gross misconduct
- Expelled or eligible for expulsion
- Arrested by the police and/or remanded to the courts for acts related to school activities
- Involved in misconduct that can be demonstrated as serious, repetitive, and/or cumulative

## Social Work Service

Our program provides a full-time social worker, as well as a social work intern, that serves students daily with character support intervention.

## 2018-2019 Statistics

- LMP Regional Safe School served 75 students from 21 schools (25 junior high; 50 high school)
- TAOEP Program served 22 students from 12 schools (10 junior high; 12 high school)
- There were 97 total students enrolled for the year, 15 referrals for expulsion
- 15 students graduated 8th grade
- 8 students graduated high school
- 2018-2019 attendance for SAFE School and TAOEP: 71.4% junior high; 75.7% and high school: 68.8%
- We will start the 2018-2019 school year with 20 high school students, 8 junior high students, and 5 TAOEP students
- Since 1997, we have served 1,629 students

## College/Career Development

- 13 students participated in Career Tech Education; 5 students actively worked.
- Business Employment Skills Team (B.E.S.T) came in once a month to work with high school students. Team members presented information on career exploration, goal setting, job searching, and professional responsibilities in addition to bringing in a career panel.

## Thank You!

*50 students were provided holiday gifts comprised of tote bags, jackets, Target gift cards, and toiletry items. Thank you Covia Corporation for your contributions!*



## EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT



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