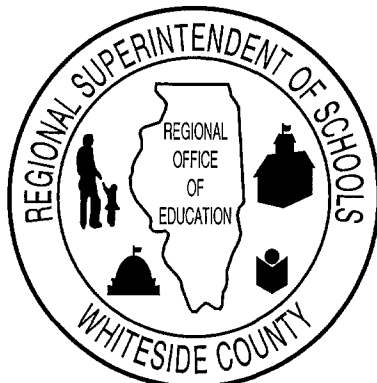


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*Gary J. Steinert
Regional Superintendent*

*Lorna Engwall
Assistant Superintendent*

The Whiteside County Regional Office Of Education acts as an advocate for education by providing positive leadership, performing regulatory functions as directed by the

Advocates for Education . . .

Illinois School Code and the Illinois State Board of Education, coordinating and delivering state and local services, and disseminating information for educators, school districts and the community.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
MESSAGE**

*"...highlights many of the programs
and services... financial summary
and selected statistics..."*

To the Citizens
of Whiteside County:

The following pages highlight the programs and services offered to the citizens and schools of the county through the Regional Office of Education during the 2000 fiscal year. Also included is a financial summary and selected statistics for the school districts in the Region.

The Regional Office staff is proud of what has been accomplished over the last year, but we cannot be entirely satisfied with the status quo. Keeping that in mind as a driving force, we will continue to seek to do better and search for ways to improve our services. One of our accomplishments that we are extremely proud of is the completion of the office's web page. I ask you to take time to visit our site at www.wside.k12.il.us -- I think you will find it very interesting and informative.

A special thanks is in order to the Whiteside County Board, the Illinois State Board of Education, the staff, and all of you who have offered encouragement and support throughout the year.

I personally welcome your comments and suggestions on both the format and contents of the 2000 annual report and the services of this office. I hope you find this report informative and useful.

Sincerely,

Regional Superintendent of Schools
Whiteside County

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<p>FISCAL</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distributes state and federal funds • Approves and files school treasurers' bonds • Examines school district financial reports • Approves fiscal reports submitted to the Illinois State Board of Education
<p>ADMINISTRATIVE</p> <p>Monitors . . .</p> <p>Advises . . .</p> <p>Inspects . . .</p> <p>Reviews . . .</p> <p>Approves . . .</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gives advice regarding educational legal issues and the Illinois School Code • Monitors school districts for compliance to state mandates • Conducts teachers' institutes and inservice workshops • Registers teacher certificates • Provides initial and yearly training for bus drivers • Processes GED applications and issues GED certificates • Inspects all buildings for compliance with the Health Life Safety Codes • Approves building plans and applications for life safety work in public schools. Keeps a current file of all life safety surveys, building permits, amendments, certificates of compliance, and extensions of time • Keeps current map of school district boundaries • Registers home school programs • Arranges hearings or petitions filed for school district annexation/detachment and consolidation • Serves as ex officio secretary of the Regional Board of School Trustees • Provides assistance and services to nonpublic schools

STATE / FEDERAL DISTRIBUTION

Whiteside County Schools

PROGRAMS	1998-99	1999-2000
PUBLIC SCHOOLS		
Common School Fund (State Aid)	\$24,482,609.73	\$22,745,540.44
Title I	1,226,118.00	1,218,542.00
Reorganization Incentive	433,636.52	304,000.00
Academic Early Warning List	128,520.00	168,458.00
Learn & Serve America	4,186.00	0.00
Report Cards	0.00	6,431.51
Drivers Education	93,232.59	94,275.32
Drug Free	130,646.00	68,455.00
Early Childhood Block Grant	794,870.00	769,800.00
Reading Improvement	449,092.00	429,035.00
Federal/State School Lunch	630,381.20	681,222.96
Gifted	106,878.53	81,668.00
Special Education - Orphan./Priv. Facility	69,288.33	79,955.87
Special Education - Personnel	891,630.30	1,349,789.84
Special Education - Transportation	566,071.67	576,226.40
Special Education - Preschool	95,473.00	95,141.00
Special Education - Extra Ord./Tuition	312,405.36	886,510.00
Comprehensive Arts	52,276.00	20,000.00
PL94 - 142	898,805.00	948,750.00
Special Education Summer School	3,883.77	3,293.61
Title II	52,572.00	47,584.00
Transportation - Regular & Vocational	1,017,439.60	1,254,083.34
Vocational Education/Voc Ed Basic	42,245.08	43,709.98
Adult Education	150,714.00	165,051.00
Certificate Renewal Admin. Payment - LPDC	0.00	10,000.00
Title VI	51,958.00	63,471.00
Bilingual	33,725.00	38,551.00
Class Size Reduction	0.00	227,229.00
Learning Improvement & Quality Assurance	0.00	22,750.00
Math/Science/Goals 2000	40,000.00	0.00
Professional Development Block Grant	152,920.00	139,562.00
Safety & Educational Block Grant	316,445.46	220,838.54
School Bus Safety	492.00	435.00
Technology Programs	555,049.00	333,340.00
Special Appropriations	152,000.00	0.00
School Infrastructure & Maintenance		467,545.00
TOTAL.....	\$33,939,564.14	\$33,561,244.81
NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS		
Federal/State School Lunch	34,518.26	42,136.11
TOTAL.....	34,518.26	42,136.11
REGIONAL SUPT'S OFFICE		
Grants	\$ 588,756.00	\$ 660,193.00
GRAND TOTAL.....	*\$34,562,838.40	*\$34,263,573.92

During the fiscal 1999 - 2000 school year, \$33,603,380.92, in state and federal funds were distributed to local public and non-public districts in the county. The majority of these funds were \$22,745,540.44 in state aid.

*Many districts choose to receive their monies by direct wire transfer from the comptroller. The figures shown here reflect all monies paid by the state to the districts.

Local property taxes are distributed through the County Treasurer.

The local tax extension for Whiteside County schools for the 1999 - 2000 school year was: \$29,713,721.53

**THE WHITESIDE
COUNTY TRUANTS'
ALTERNATIVE
PROGRAM**

Gary J. Steinert, Administrative Agent

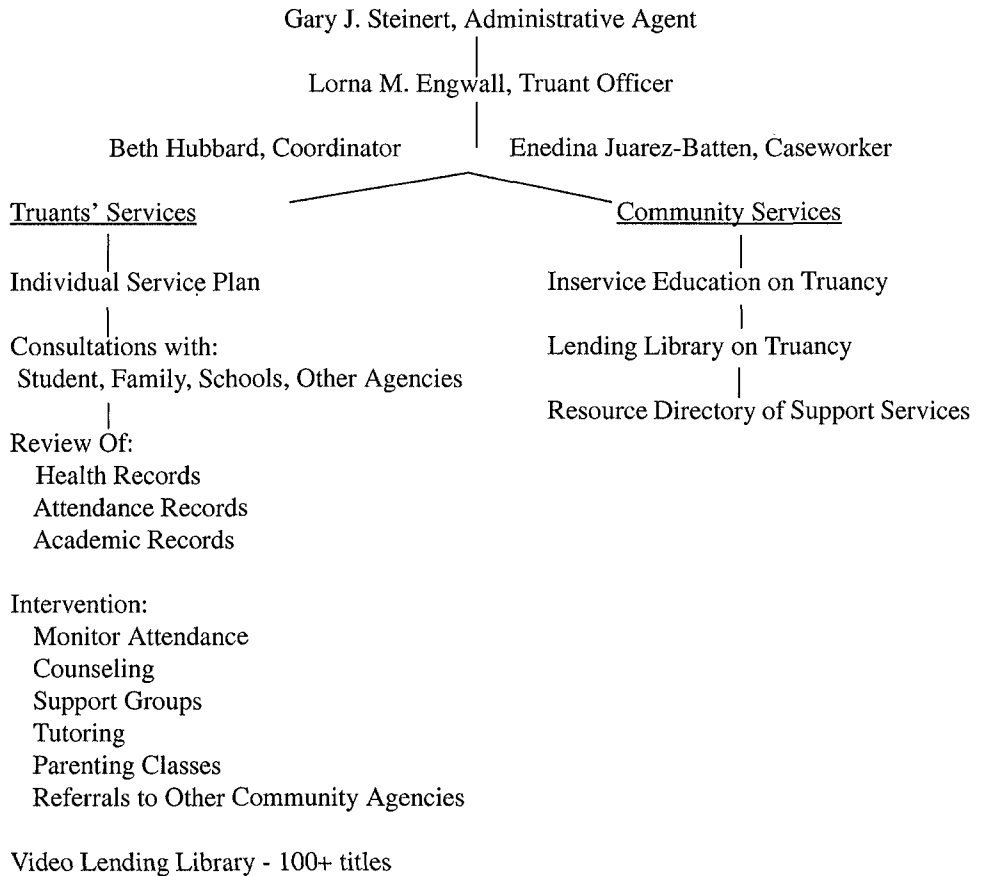
Lorna Engwall, Program Administrator

Beth Hubbard, Project Coordinator

Enedina Juarez-Batten, Caseworker

"... part of a statewide effort to improve student attendance ..."

The *Whiteside County Truants' Alternative Program (T.A.P.)* is part of a statewide effort to improve student attendance. It serves all of the schools in Whiteside County. The program has been funded for the past 16 years. Funded at a level of **\$54,511** this year, T.A.P. provided a vehicle for improving student attendance and attitudes, staff inservice to educators on topics relating to at-risk youth, student support groups, parent education programs, and worked cooperatively to ensure student success and to reduce student dropout rates throughout the schools of the county.



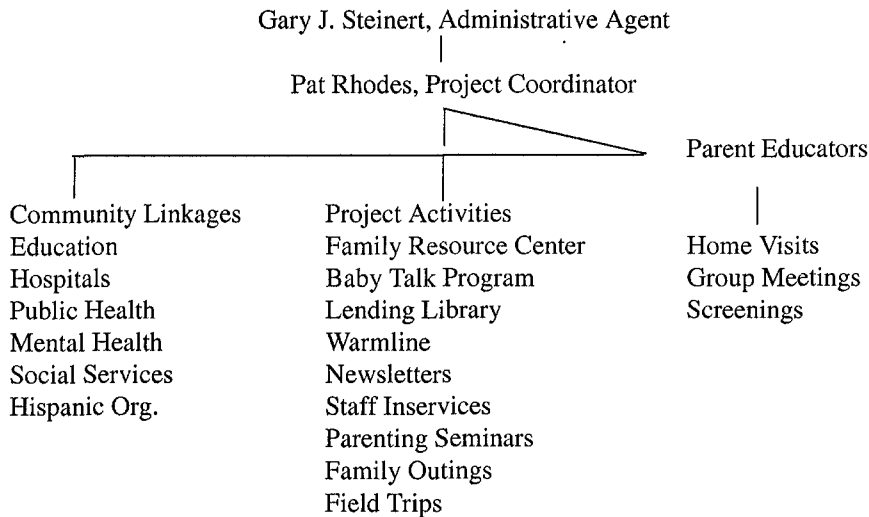
Funding History

Grant Duration	Funding Level	Grant Duration	Funding Level
09/01/84 - 08/31/85	45,000.00	09/01/92 - 08/31/93	50,030.00
09/01/85 - 08/31/86	40,000.00	09/01/93 - 08/31/94	51,380.00
09/01/86 - 08/31/87	40,000.00	09/01/94 - 08/31/95	51,380.00
09/01/87 - 08/31/88	40,000.00	09/01/95 - 08/31/96	51,380.00
09/01/88 - 08/31/89	46,000.00	09/01/96 - 08/31/97	51,880.00
09/01/89 - 08/31/90	45,222.00	09/01/97 - 07/31/98	51,380.00
09/01/90 - 08/31/91	48,530.00	08/01/98 - 06/30/99	51,380.00
09/01/91 - 08/31/92	50,030.00	07/01/99 - 06/30/00	54,511.00

The *Whiteside County Early Childhood Parenting Project* in its tenth full year was funded at a level of **\$92,280**. The project is part of a statewide effort to help parents develop the skill and confidence they need to encourage and foster their children's healthy development, thereby enhancing their children's ability to function well on school entry. The WCECPP (PAT) is a home-based program which provides developmental information and support to families with children birth through age five. It is based on the knowledge that the first three years of a child's life are a critical time in development of communication, social, emotional, motor, and cognitive skills. Parents who understand each stage of their child's development and offer materials and experiences that are appropriate at each stage will be giving their child the best possible start in life. The project employs parent educators who are specially trained. The parent educators meet with families, offering guidance intended to minimize the stresses and maximize the pleasures of parenting.

**THE WHITESIDE COUNTY
EARLY CHILDHOOD
PARENTING PROJECT**

- Gary Steinert, Project Administrator
- Pat Rhodes, Project Coordinator
- Mary Etnyre, Parent Educator
Sterling Unit Dist. #5
- Sue Austin, Parent Educator
Sterling Unit Dist. #5
- Janie Atilano
Sterling Unit Dist. #5
- Linda Berentes
East Coloma Dist. #12 -
Rock Falls
- Riverdale Dist. #14 - Rock Falls
- Montmorency Dist. #145 -
Rock Falls
- Sandy Davis
Rock Falls Elem. Dist. #13
- Laura Woodfall
Rock Falls Elem. Dist. #13
- Kathy Wolf
Erie Dist. #1
- Laura McCullough
Prophetstown/Lyndon Dist. #3
- Morrison Dist. #6
- Debbie Klein--Resource Ctr. Coord.



"... is part of a statewide effort to help parents develop skills and confidence they need ..."

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Funding History

Grant Duration	Funding Level	Local Funds	Total
03/19/90 - 07/31/90	\$ 25,000.00	00.00	\$ 25,000.00
09/01/90 - 08/31/91	\$ 50,000.00	00.00	\$ 50,000.00
09/01/91 - 08/31/92	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 93,000.00
09/01/92 - 08/31/93	\$ 62,700.00	\$ 42,000.00	\$ 104,700.00
09/01/93 - 08/31/94	\$ 84,645.00	\$ 66,500.00	\$ 151,145.00
09/01/94 - 08/31/95	\$ 74,268.00	\$ 72,500.00	\$ 146,768.00
09/01/95 - 08/31/96	\$ 74,268.00	\$ 77,700.00	\$ 151,968.00
09/01/96 - 08/31/97	\$ 72,040.00	\$ 80,365.00	\$ 152,405.00
09/01/97 - 06/30/98	\$ 74,987.00	\$ 74,134.58	\$ 149,121.58
07/01/98 - 06/30/99	\$ 89,498.00	\$ 78,596.60	\$ 168,094.60
07/01/99 - 06/30/00	\$ 92,280.00	\$ 79,623.00	\$ 171,903.00
07/01/00 - 06/30/01	\$ 93,202.00	\$ 77,899.00	\$ 171,101.00

THE WHITESIDE COUNTY EVEN START PROGRAM

Gary J. Steinert, Program Administrator

Mary Gospodarczyk, Project Coordinator

Benni Mendoza, Early Childhood Educator/Home Visitor

Theresa Hooper, Adult Educator/Home Visitor

Vicki Williams, Adult Educator/Home Visitor

Joni Lyons, Early Childhood Educator/Home Visitor

Whiteside County Even Start has been funded for the past six years. It is a home-based collaborative family education program that provides opportunities for the integration of adult education, early childhood education, parent education and parent/child activities by functioning as a liaison between eligible enrolled families and the existing resources and programs of the county. Each family has an individualized level of service from the Even Start program based upon the family's strengths, goals, and their level of participation with other programs. There were 34 families enrolled in 2000-2001.

Sauk Valley Community College is the primary collaborator. Adult Even Start participants are provided information on the college's services, linked with basic adult education services, acquainted with Sauk through tours, and in appropriate cases, transitioned on to higher education.

Whiteside County Even Start is part of a bigger system and will not duplicate services already available in the county, but rather, coordinate the services from a variety of social and educational programs in an effort to provide for the needs of eligible families with children birth to seven years of age through the use of home visits. Weekly home visits provided by a team are the heart of the Even Start program. During the home visit, the adult educator will provide tutoring or instruction for participating adults, the early childhood educator will provide learning activities through play for the child, and the team will provide parent/child literacy activities.

Whiteside County Even Start relies on a major linkage with the Whiteside County Parents As Teachers Program which is a school-based parent education program that provides developmental information and support to families with young children. Parents as Teachers provides home visits by parent educators on a monthly basis to Even Start families.

Even Start is a federally legislated program that is administered through the State Board of Education. Past legislation stated that funding was provided for only eight years; however, in the spring of 2000, that limitation was amended to go beyond eight years at a reduced rate of funding. The challenge for Even Start still remains to build partnerships and seek alternate funds in order to be self-sufficient. Family literacy as a field is becoming more established in funding and programing at the national and state level.

The first three program years of Even Start focused on building a strong program based on evaluation and solid development. In the fourth year, 1998-99, a complimentary program, First Years, was established to broaden services available to families at risk. In the on-going effort to build family literacy services, a new program was established in 1999-2000 through an Adult Education and Family Literacy grant. This new program, Partners, is a home-based family literacy program that is similar to Even Start but for families with children age 5 to 16 years. In addition, Even Start continued to participate in a partnership with Sterling Public Library, Sterling Unit Dist. 5, Rock Falls Public Library, Rock Falls Elementary Dist. 13, and Sauk Valley Community College to access a Secretary of State Family Literacy grant for a site-based family literacy program for English as a Second Language families.

Even Start federal legislation requires participation in a national study and a local independent evaluation that analyzes program outcomes and supports program development. Dr. Jan Mandernach, the independent evaluator for FY01 focused on the growth demonstrated by participating families in regard to parent/child literacy interaction. The Even Start program coordinator presented at the Illinois Family Literacy Conference and the National Family Literacy Conference in Dallas, Texas on the *Emerging Literacy Checklist Assess-*

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Funding History

Grant Duration	Funding Level	Grant Duration	Funding Level
07/01/95 - 06/30/96	\$ 92,000.00	07/01/00 - 06/30/01	\$125,000.00
07/01/96 - 06/30/97	\$ 92,000.00		
07/01/97 - 06/30/98	\$ 100,000.00		
07/01/98 - 06/30/99	\$ 110,000.00		
07/01/99 - 06/30/00	\$125,000.00		

The *First Years Program*, in its third year, is an intensive home-based family education program for families in need of extra support and who have children birth through age 3. The funding is from a prevention initiative through the Early Childhood Block Grant of the Illinois State Board of Education. The aim of prevention initiative programs as described by the state is to “create a partnership to support the development of infants and children from birth to age 3 by focusing on the child and family through a network of child and family service providers. It is the goal for participating families to gain knowledge and skills in child-rearing practices, health care, education growth, and positive parent/child interactions.”

First Years is built on a partnership between Whiteside County Parents as Teachers, Whiteside County Even Start, and the Whiteside County Health Department. Enrolled families received weekly home visits that focused on childrearing practices, health care education, child development information, and parent/child interaction. They also received 1-2 visits during the course of the year from a health department visiting nurse. A case management model was used to provide services that included assessments to identify needs, strengths and goals; development of individual family service plans; referrals as needed to other service providers; and advocacy to assist participants in overcoming barriers. A referral system is provided in order to place 3 year old children into early childhood education programs. The program focuses on recruiting and enrolling families that demonstrate multiple high risk factors including teen parent, multiple children under age 3, low income, single parent, low birth weight, and referrals from collaborating agencies. In FY01, 21 families were enrolled.

Staff included a full-time home visitor for 11 months, purchased services of visiting nurses through the Whiteside County Health Department, and a .09 FTE program coordinator.

The First Years Program has an Advisory Board that meets annually and includes representation from Head Start, Whiteside County Health Department, Healthy Families through Sinissippi Mental Health Center, Child and Family Connections, parent participant, Rock Falls High School and the YWCA.

**THE WHITESIDE COUNTY
FIRST YEARS PROGRAM**

Gary J. Steinert,
Program Administrator

Mary Gospodarczyk,
Program Coordinator

Lois Meisenheimer,
Home Visitor

“ . . . is an intensive home-based family education program for families in need of extra support and who have children birth through age 3.”

Funding History

Grant Duration	Funding Level
07/01/98 - 06/30/99	\$40,958.00
07/01/99 - 06/30/00	\$42,793.00
07/01/00 - 06/30/01	\$43,221.00

**WHITESIDE COUNTY
PARTNERS FAMILY
LITERACY PROGRAM**

Gary J. Steinert,
Program Administrator

Mary Gospodarczyk,
Program Coordinator

Cathy Joynt,
Home Visitor

“ is a home-based literacy program for parents attending Adult Education classes and their school-age children.

Whitside County Partners Family Literacy Program, in its second year, is a home-based literacy program fore parents attending Adult Education classes and their school-age children. The Partners Program offers weekly home visits that support parents in making connections with their child’s school, understanding the educational goals for their child, and attaining personal and education goals for themselves. Services of the Partners Program include weekly home visits, parent child learning activities, education and support for child’s success in school, facilitated parent/teacher information meetings, referrals, and literacy supplies and materials. To be eligible for the Partners Program the parent must attend 15 hours of adult basic education during a school year, the family must have a child between the ages of 5 and 16 years enrolled in a school in Whiteside County, and the family must live in Whiteside County.

The Partners Program is funded through an Adult Education and Family Literacy grant through the Illinois Community College Board. The program enrolled 14 families, including 16 adults and 28 children in 2000-2001, all English as Second Language learners.

Staff included a .60 FTE Home Visitor, 2 home visitors making 1-3 home visits per week, a .07 program coordinator, and 2 part-time aides.

Children of parents who have a low literacy level are at greater risk of failure in school. This program is designed to support low level literacy parents in understanding what their child is learning and ways to support that learning in the home.

Funding History

Grant Duration	Funding Level
07/01/99 - 06/30/00	\$25,000.00
07/01/00 - 06/30/01	\$31,412.00

The Regional Center for Change opened in September, 1997 to provide a highly structured program for students in grades 6-7-8-9 who are eligible for suspension or expulsion from their local schools due to acts of violence, chronically disruptive behavior, or possession of weapons, drugs, or alcohol on school property. Students are placed in the program through an administrative transfer process from their local school district. The funding for this grant program is received through an application process and is the result of Illinois' Safe Schools Act of 1995.

The Center uses the P.E.A.C.E. Curriculum which is designed to provide systematic lessons in anger control, empathy, social skills development, and personal responsibility. A Parent Empowerment component enables parents to understand the process and focus of the training which the students are experiencing to promote reinforcement of these new skills in the home and community.

Since the students in the program are from four grade levels and have a variety of academic needs, the curriculum is individualized for each student through Advanced Learning Systems, a computer-based curriculum. To aid in the transition back to the local schools, students are involved in organizing and completing special community projects. The evaluation of the program is based on the level of successful transition of students back into their local schools. On-going support of these students will be provided by the staff of the Center.

Those districts who have chosen to participate in the program are: Erie C.U.S.D. #1, River Bend C.U.S.D. #2, Prophetstown-Lyndon-Tampico C.U.S.D. #3, Morrison C.U.S.D. #6, Rock Falls Elementary Dist. #13, Rock Falls Township High School Dist. #301, Montmorency C.C.S.D. #145, East Coloma School Dist. #12, and Riverdale Elementary School Dist. #14.

The Board of Directors that oversees the program consists of representatives from each of the participating districts, Bi-County Special Education Cooperative, Whiteside County Court Services, and the Whiteside County Regional Office of Education.

**THE WHITESIDE COUNTY
REGIONAL SAFE SCHOOLS
PROGRAM - REGIONAL
CENTER FOR CHANGE**

Lorna Engwall, Program Administrator

Nancy Oltmanns, Teacher

Julie Zuidema, Teacher

Mary Escamilla, Secretary

“...highly structured program for students in grades 6-7-8-9 who are eligible for suspension or expulsion from their local schools due to acts of violence, chronically disruptive behavior, or possession of weapons, drugs, or alcohol on school property.”

Funding History

Grant Duration	Funding Level	Grant Duration	Funding Level
01/01/97 - 08/30/97	\$ 119,592.00	07/01/00 - 06/30/01	\$ 108,337.00
09/01/97 - 06/30/98	\$ 108,957.00	07/01/01 - 06/30/02	\$ 116,977.00
07/01/98 - 06/30/99	\$ 114,635.00		
07/01/99 - 06/30/00	\$103,279.00		

Regional Office of Education - General Operations - Funding For FY00 - \$140,959

Staff Development - Contact Betty Clementz - The ROE provided inservice training and staff development opportunities through workshops or individual consultations with school district staff.

Technology Support - Contact Gary Steinert - The ROE provided districts with technology assistance as requested.

- Internet and e-mail training, Internet connectivity
- Technology consultation and training, on-site school consultations
- Electronic transmission of data between schools and the State Board of Education

Gifted Education - Contact Betty Clementz - The ROE provided planning, implementation, and evaluation services to classroom teachers and administrators of programs for the gifted children.

- Provided Gifted Level I and II Trainings
- Offered gifted coursework
- Supported regional and statewide conferences

School Improvement - Contact Betty Clementz - The ROE provided the latest information and materials related to the Illinois Academic Standards (IGAP) and school accreditation to school districts.

- Workshops, presentations and consultations regarding standards and the school curriculum
- Consultations regarding the recent changes in the state assessment system (IGAP)
- Consultations regarding the emerging changes in quality review and school accreditation

Regional Office of Education - Other Grant Programs - Total Funding For FY00 - \$76,371

Administrators' Academy - Contact Robert Marinangeli - FY00 Funding \$5,014 - The ROE served as the primary source for delivery and coordination of the activities of the Illinois Administrators' Academy.

- Workshops on school improvement, quality management, sexual harassment, strategic planning, and other topics of current interest
- Workshops for meeting state requirements for those evaluating personnel

Title I - Contact Betty Clementz - FY00 Funding \$2,000 - The ROE provided assistance to Title I coordinators and teachers by means of schoolwide planning support, regional conferences, sharing sessions, and ongoing program administration.

Title II - Contact Betty Clementz - FY00 Funding \$6,000 - The ROE provided workshops and materials in mathematics, science, technology, and other curriculum areas under the federal Title II program.

- Circulation of a STARLAB Planetarium to schools upon request
- Workshops in mathematics and science on curriculum practices and standards

ROE/ISC Technology (Internet Program) - Contact Paul Cannon - FY00 Funding \$6,250 - The ROE provided training to ten teachers in how to integrate technology into their classrooms. The teachers created web pages to post their projects.

Vocational Instruction Practicum - Contact Paul Cannon - FY00 Funding \$21,390 - The ROE administered the Vocational Instruction Practicum providing opportunities for educators to improve their teaching through work experiences.

- Teachers, counselors, and administrators applied for practicum experiences during the summer months.
- Work sites were visited and monitored for quality assurance.
- Funds were provided to educators in the form of stipends.

Career Awareness - Contact Betty Clementz - FY00 Funding \$5,107 - The ROE provided tours of a retail business, a service, and an industry in each community in Whiteside County for 19 middle school teachers.

Scientific Literacy - Contact Paul Cannon - FY00 Funding \$18,190 - The ROE provided workshops to school districts regarding scientific literacy and the use of the Internet relating to science activities.

Internal Review - Contact Betty Clementz - FY00 Funding \$12,420 - The R.O.E. provided a workshop and mini grants to districts to plan the Internal Review Process for implementation in the fall of 2000.

<p>NEWSLETTER</p>	<p>Published monthly, this educational newsletter serves as a clearinghouse of information, research, and activities relevant to the educational community. It is distributed to 355 educators and interested community members.</p>																				
<p>G.E.D. (General Educational Development)</p>	<p>Application for the GED testing is done through the Regional Superintendent's office. The office also issues the Illinois State High School Equivalency Certificate. Applicants must be 17 years of age or older, a resident of the state, and show proof of eligibility. Brochures and further information are available upon request from the office.</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="613 548 1422 693"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>FY98</th> <th>FY99</th> <th>FY00</th> <th>FY01</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Applications Issued:</td> <td>151</td> <td>196</td> <td>145</td> <td>164</td> </tr> <tr> <td>GED Tests Administered:</td> <td>864</td> <td>855</td> <td>204</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Certificates Issued</td> <td>53</td> <td>134</td> <td>117</td> <td>145</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		FY98	FY99	FY00	FY01	Applications Issued:	151	196	145	164	GED Tests Administered:	864	855	204		Certificates Issued	53	134	117	145
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<p>SCHOOL BUS DRIVER PERMITS</p>	<p>All school bus driver permits are now issued through the Secretary of State's office. Applicants must, by law, be at least 21 years of age. All applicants must possess a valid and properly classified driver's license (commercial driver's license to operate a school bus) and be able to pass a physical examination. An initial training course must be successfully completed before the permit can be issued. In addition, an annual refresher course is required. The assistant regional superintendent is responsible for providing the two-hour refresher courses.</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="613 1100 1422 1245"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>FY98</th> <th>FY99</th> <th>FY00</th> <th>FY01</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Permits Issued</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Refresher Courses</td> <td>5</td> <td>5</td> <td>5</td> <td>4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Initial Training</td> <td>2</td> <td>2</td> <td>2</td> <td>1</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		FY98	FY99	FY00	FY01	Permits Issued	0	0	0	0	Refresher Courses	5	5	5	4	Initial Training	2	2	2	1
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<p>The Whiteside County Paper Cooperative purchases paper and paper products for all of the schools in Whiteside County and many non-profit organizations. Paper orders are taken in mid-March from the schools and organizations and let for bid in April. Paper is ordered in May and delivered during July to each school district. Buying paper in large quantities has saved the schools a considerable amount of money over the last 20 years.</p>	<p>PAPER COOPERATIVE</p>																												

Workshops, conferences, and seminars are conducted for educators, as well as the community, in response to needs identified by the individual districts, the region, or as a result of new state mandates affecting schools.

The Regional Office is involved with planning many projects and activities for children throughout the school year. One that has stood the test of time is the Whiteside County Spelling Bee.

SUPERINTENDENTS' MEETINGS

Superintendents met periodically to discuss current issues of mutual interest or concern.

PRINCIPALS' MEETINGS

Principals met periodically to discuss current issues and topics of interest such as TAP/PAT orientation.

TEACHERS' WORKSHOPS

Learning & Performance Standards - 154 participants

Curriculum & Assessments - 114 participants

Improving Teaching Strategies - 39 participants

Gifted Training - 12 teachers

Leadership Development - 28 participants

Mathematics - 81 teachers

Science - 58 teachers

English/Language/Arts - 53 participants

Fine Arts - 160 participants

Technology - 108 participants

Drug/Violence Prevention - 19 participants

School Improvement - 16 participants

LPDC - 10 participants

VIP - 12 participants

There were a total of 69 workshops held (many were multiple days) and 864 persons participated.

SCHOOL NURSES

The Regional Office sponsored the annual school nurses' workshop coordinated by the Whiteside County Health Department.

SCAT TRAINING - www.WhitesideSCAT.org

The School Crisis Assistance Team (SCAT) is made up of 16 school and community members who have been trained in school-wide response and intervention. The Mental Health Association in Illinois, in collaboration with Attorney General Jim Ryan and the Community Behavior Healthcare Association of Illinois, developed a plan to train regional certified crisis intervenors. Training was done by the National Organization for Victim Assistance in October.

COUNTY SPELLING BEE

There were 26 youngsters who participated in the 19th Annual Whiteside County Spelling Bee that was held at Morrison Junior High school on March 24. The Bee provided competition for 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade spelling bee winners from the public and non-public schools within the county and a trip to Washington, D.C. to participate in the Scripps- Howard National Spelling Bee.

2001 - Winners

First	Kelly Widbin	Unity Christian
Second	Staci Sawyer	Challand Middle
Third	Katie Emerson	Challand Middle
Fourth	Terry Mandrell	Tampico Middle
Fifth	James Keiller	Albany Grade

Previous Winners

2000	Jaya Kalra	Challand Middle
1999	Payl Say	St. Mary's
1998	Lauren Pothoff	St. Mary's
1997	Matt Erickson	Tampico Middle
1996	Sonny Mathew	Sterling
1995	Brandon Miller	Erie Middle
1994	Lucas Schuneman	East Coloma
1993	Shaye Hall	East Coloma
1992	Anand Mathew	Sterling
1991	Maria Mathew	Sterling
1990	Zac Schuneman	East Coloma
1989	Heidi Epps	Faith Baptist
1988	Peter Epps	Faith Baptist
1987	Sara Morales	Tampico
1986	Bryan Hanson	Fulton C.C.
1985	Michael Boehmke	Lyndon
1984	Matt Reese	East Coloma
1983	Amanda Coplan	Morrison

COUNTY CONTIG MATH CONTEST

The 11th annual Whiteside County Contig Math Contest was held at Morrison Southside School. There were 24 fourth and fifth grade students representing 6 public and non-public schools. Winners were Joey Schmitt, first and Brandon White, second for fifth grade and Brad Venhuizen, first and Eric Beccue, second for fourth grade.

SUPERINTENDENT'S SEARCH

The Regional Office conducted the search for a new superintendent for East Coloma School District #12 in Rock Falls.

REGIONAL DATA	NUMBER OF PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS	NUMBER OF PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDINGS	STUDENT ENROLLMENT
Elementary Districts (K-8)	4	Elementary Schools 18	Public Schools (10 Districts) 10,401
High School Districts (9-12)	1	Junior High/ Middle Schools 6	Non-Public* Schools 1,160
Unit Districts (K-12)	5	High Schools 6 Other Buildings 2	1999 - 00 Total 11,561

NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS

There are seven private/parochial, elementary and/or secondary schools in Whiteside County. The Regional Office of Education has no legal jurisdiction or control over the private schools. Services available to non-public schools include Compensatory Education, Food and Nutrition Programs, Illinois Textbook Loan Program, and vocational and technical centers (WAVC). Non-public schools are offered the opportunity to participate in all federal and state funded programs and staff development. Some private and parochial school children who live on school bus routes are transported by public school buses.

The Illinois State Board of Education has established guidelines and policies for the registration and voluntary recognition of non-public elementary and secondary schools. There are five state recognized non-public* schools: Unity Christian High School/Junior High, Unity Christian Elementary School; Newman Central Catholic High School; St. Andrew Catholic Elementary School; St. Mary's Grade School/Community Catholic Middle School; and Christ Lutheran School.

- * Non-Public Schools
- Pre-K/K 0
- Elementary 4
- Pre-K - 12 2
- Middle/High School 1
- High School..... 1
- Home Schools Unknown

* Non-Public Schools are not mandated to register with this office or any state office. Lists of non-public schools registered in our office are available upon request.

School District	Dist. #1	Dist. #2	Dist. #3	Dist. #5	Dist. #6	Dist. #12
Low Income Student %	16.8	19.0	21.2	27.2	16.0	27.8
Attendance Rate	94.4	96.7	95.2	93.5	96.1	96.3
Mobility Rate	13.4	8.8	12.0	9.9	7.7	10.8
Total Enrollment	758	1,249	982	3,558	1,265	259
Total Number of Teachers in Districts	64	87	70	222	87	15
Average Years of Teacher Experience	16.2	12.8	14.2	17.1	15.9	17.9
Teachers with Bachelor's Degrees %	67.7	81.7	80.7	64.1	57.0	65.4
Teachers with Master's Degrees & Above %	32.3	18.3	19.3	35.9	43.0	34.6
Average Teacher Salary	\$ 47,039	\$ 34,302	\$ 34,509	\$ 43,592	\$ 44,949	\$ 44,870
Average Administrative Salary	\$ 84,446	\$ 72,555	\$ 73,170	\$ 75,564	\$ 74,979	\$ 71,831
Operational Expenditure Per Pupil (98-99)	\$ 8,225	\$ 5,206	\$ 6,416	\$ 6,903	\$ 5,358	\$ 6,718
Per Capita Tuition (98-99)	\$ 8,207	\$ 4,774	\$ 5,703	\$ 6,227	\$ 4,754	\$ 5,254

School District	Dist. #13	Dist. #14	Dist. #145	Dist. #301	<i>State</i>
Low Income Student %	51.8	32.2	14.2	24.8	36.7
Attendance Rate	94.9	96.0	95.2	94.1	93.9
Mobility Rate	19.9	31.3	9.1	13.1	17.5
Total Enrollment	1,121	121	310	605	1,983,991
Total Number of Teachers in District	70	12	24	46	122,671
Average Years of Teacher Experience	17.0	11.3	16.3	19.6	14.8
Teachers with Bachelor's Degrees %	53.2	75.0	66.7	52.9	53.2
Teachers with Master's Degrees & Above %	46.8	25.0	33.3	47.1	46.8
Average Teacher Salary	\$ 38,876	\$ 28,796	\$ 37,082	\$ 52,306	\$ 45,766
Average Administrative Salary	\$ 75,492	\$ 57,714	\$ 68,686	\$ 83,703	\$ 79,017
Operational Expenditure Per Pupil (98-99)	\$ 5,567	\$ 5,245	\$ 5,342	\$ 8,629	\$ 7,104
Per Capita Tuition (98-99)	\$ 4,502	\$ 4,740	\$ 4,550	\$ 7,818	\$ 5,997

CURRENT DIRECTORY OF WHITESIDE COUNTY SCHOOLS

	NAMES	ADDRESSES	POSITION	TELEPHONE
PUBLIC SCHOOLS	#1 Erie	520 Fifth Avenue Erie, IL 61250	Michael Ryan Superintendent	309/659-2239
	#2 River Bend	1110 Third Street Fulton, IL 61252	Kent A. Hammer Superintendent	815/589-2711
	#3 Prophetstown- Lyndon-Tampico	310 Riverside Drive Prophetstown, IL 61277	Lawrence Carlton Superintendent	815/537-5101
	#5 Sterling	410 E. LeFevre Sterling, IL 61081	Patrick McMahon Superintendent	815/626-5050
	#6 Morrison	643 Genesee Avenue Morrison, IL 61270	Larry Eggleston Superintendent	815/772-2064
	#12 East Coloma	1602 Dixon Avenue Rock Falls, IL 61071	Allan Smigiel Superintendent	815/625-4400
	#13 Rock Falls Elementary	602 Fourth Avenue Rock Falls, IL 61071	Jack H. Etnyre Superintendent	815/626-2604
	#14 Riverdale Elementary	3505 Prophet Road Rock Falls, IL 61071	Kim Leonard Superintendent	815/625-5280
	#145 Montmorency	9415 Hoover Road Rock Falls, IL 61071	Dr. James Carrow Superintendent	815/625-6616
	#301 Rock Falls High School	101 - 12th Avenue Rock Falls, IL 61071	B. J. Wolf Superintendent	815/625-3886
	Bi-County Special Education Co-op	3807 Woodlawn Rd. Sterling, IL 61081	William L. Urban Director	815/622-0858
Whiteside Area Vocational Center	1608 Fifth Avenue Sterling, IL 61081	Robert Grisolano Director	815/626-5810	
NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS	Christ Lutheran	2000 18th Avenue Sterling, IL 61081	Dan Cluver Principal	815/625-3800
	Full Gospel	3807 River Road Sterling, IL 61081	Jim Welch Principal	815/626-8387

NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS - SPECIAL SERVICES - COLLEGES

	NAMES	ADDRESSES	POSITION	TELEPHONE
NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS	Unity Christian H.S. Unity Christian Jr. H.	711 - 10th Street Fulton, IL 61252	Dick Ritzema Principal	815/589-3912
	Unity Christian Elementary	1000 - 11th Avenue Fulton, IL 61252	Dick Ritzema Principal	815/589-4196
	Newman Central Catholic H. S.	1101 St. Mary's Rd. Sterling, IL 61081	Father Lapinski, Supt./Principal	815/625-0500
	St. Andrew Catholic Elementary	701 - 11th Avenue Rock Falls, IL 61071	Philip Bellini Principal	815/625-1456
	St. Mary's Grade School/Comm. Cath. Middle School	6 West Sixth Street Sterling, IL 61081	Rev.Brantman, Supt. Rebecca Schmitt, Principal	815/625-2253
	Sterling Christian	5505 Anne St. Galt, IL 61037	Mick Welding Principal	815/625-0309
SPECIAL SERVICES	Truants' Alternative Program	1001 W. 23rd St. Sterling, IL 61081	Lorna Engwall Program Adm.	815-625-1495
	Early Childhood Parenting Project	1001 W. 23rd St. Sterling IL 61081	Gary J. Steinert Program Adm.	815-625-1495
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	Regional Safe Schools Program	1001 W. 23rd St. Sterling, IL 61081	Lorna Engwall Program Adm.	815-625-1495
COLLEGES CENTERS	Sauk Valley Community College	173 IL Rt. 2 Dixon, IL 61021	Dr. R. Behrendt President	815/288-5511
	Black Hawk College	6600 34th Avenue Moline, IL 61265	Dr. Keith Miller President	309/796-1311
	Quad-Cities Graduate Center	639 - 38th Street Rock Island, IL 61201	Dr. Charles Laws Director	309/794-7376
	WIU Regional Undergraduate Center	6502-34th Avenue Moline, IL 61265	Linda Wilkinson Reg. Center Mgr.	309/762-1979

WHITESIDE COUNTY, ILLNOIS

The Regional Board of School Trustees is elected by the voters of Whiteside County. Seven members serving six-year terms represent different townships of the county. The Whiteside County Regional Superintendent of Schools serves as ex officio Secretary of the Board.

The Regional Board of School Trustees handles detachment and annexation petitions.

The members of the Regional Board of School Trustees and the year their term expires are as follows:

Gordon Sissing President (2001) 5980 Garden Plain Rd. Fulton, IL 61252	
Mark Besse (2003) 7341 Sand Road Erie, IL 61250	Stan Borgman (2001) 1206 2nd Avenue Fulton, IL 61252
Steve Gunderson (2005) 609 Seventh Avenue Sterling, IL 61081	Lois R. LeFevre (2003) 29580 Plautz Road Rock Falls, IL 61071
Kyle Wagenecht (2001) 303 E. Second Street Prophetstown, IL 61277	William Widolff (2005) 22417 Star Road Tampico, IL 61283

The Regional Superintendent is the direct successor to the Commoner of School Lands, an office that originally had nothing to do with the supervision of schools.

1829 _____
The Sixth General Assembly made it the duty of the body known as the County Board, to appoint a competent and responsible person of the county to act as commissioner and agent of the county, in the sale of public lands.

1841 _____
The Legislature changed the title to County Commissioner, an ex officio County Superintendent of Schools.

1865 _____
The Legislature called for the election of the County Superintendent of Schools. (Up until that time, the Secretary of State acted as the State Superintendent of Schools.)

Until
1973 _____
There were 102 County Superintendents in Illinois - one for each county.

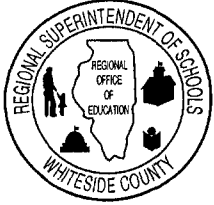
1973 _____
By consolidation of smaller counties into regions, that number was reduced to 78.

1977
To
1995 _____
Further consolidation of smaller counties reduced the number of regions to 57.

1995
And
Beyond _____
On August 7, 1995 P.A. 88-89 took effect. With the enactment of this legislation the way intermediate services are delivered to educators changed. The legislation has consolidated the 57 regions into 45 new Regional Offices of Education, while abolishing the 14 Educational Service Centers outside of Cook County, and transferring responsibility for center-type services and programs to the Regional Offices of Education. Legislation was introduced and passed in 1995 to repeal the forced consolidation of the 10 smallest regions as of 1999.

NAME	ELECTED	TIME IN OFFICE
Will J. Johnson	July 2, 1889 - appointed	1 year 4 months
	November 4, 1890	4 years
	November 6, 1894	4 years
	November 8, 1898	<u>4 years</u>
	Total	13 years 4 months
B. F. Hendricks	November 4, 1902	4 years
	November 2, 1906	4 years
	November 8, 1910	<u>4 years</u>
	Total	12 years
Harry B. Price	November 3, 1914	4 years
	November 7, 1918	4 years
	November 2, 1922	4 years
	November 2, 1926	4 years
	November 4, 1930	4 years
	November 6, 1934	<u>4 years</u>
Total	24 years	
R. M. Robertson	November 8, 1938	4 years
	November 3, 1942	4 years
	November 5, 1946	<u>4 years</u>
	Total	12 years
Loren S. Young	November 7, 1950	4 years
	November 2, 1954	4 years
	November 4, 1958	4 years
	November 6, 1962	4 years
	November 8, 1966	4 years
	November 3, 1970	<u>4 years</u>
	Total	24 years
Glenn E. Waterloo	November 5, 1974	4 years
	November 7, 1978	<u>3 years 6 months</u>
	Total	7 years 6 months
Phillip R. Hott	May 3, 1982 - appointed	6 months
	November 2, 1982	<u>4 years</u>
	Total	4 years 6 months
Gary J. Steinert	November 4, 1986	4 years
	November 6, 1990	4 years
	November 7, 1994	4 years
	November 3, 1998	<u>4 years</u>
	Total	16 years

REGIONAL OFFICE STAFF



GARY J. STEINERT
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

LORNA ENGWALL
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

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Scientific Literacy..... Paul Cannon
Office Manager Marcia Haag
Secretary Jackie Hook
Secretary Mary Escamilla
Bookkeeper Linda Geer
Network/Computer Specialist.....Michael Petkus

PROGRAM STAFF

Whiteside County Truants' Alternative Program

Program AdministratorLorna Engwall
Coordinator/Caseworker Beth Hubbard
Caseworker Enedina Juarez-Batten

Whiteside County Early Childhood Parenting Project

Program Administrator Gary J. Steinert
Coordinator Pat Rhodes
Resource Center Coordinator Debbie Klein
Parent Educators Janie Atilano
..... Sue Austin
..... Linda Berentes
..... Laura Woodfall
..... Sandy Davis
..... Mary Etnyre
..... Laura McCullough
..... Kathy Wolf

Even Start Program

Program Administrator Gary J. Steinert
Coordinator Mary Gospodarczyk
Adult Educators Theresa Hooper, Cathy Jacoby
Early Childhood EducatorJoni Lyons, Benni Mendoza

First Years Program

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Coordinator Mary Gospodarczyk
Home Visitor.....Lois Meisenheimer

Partners

Program Administrator.....Gary J. Steinert
Coordinator.....Mary Gospodarczyk
Home Visitor.....Theresa Hooper

Regional Safe Schools Program

Program AdministratorLorna Engwall
Teacher.....Julie Zuidema
Teacher.....Nancy Oltmanns