



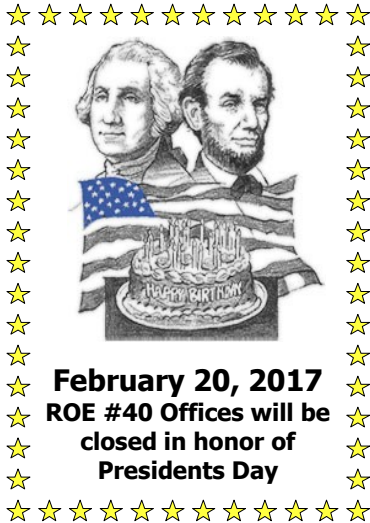
# News For You

Keeping ROE #40 districts and staff informed

February 2017

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**Employment Opportunities**  
**REMINDER:**  
 Be sure to let friends know that we have a [page on our website](#) that features job openings within ROE 40. The page is updated often!

## January Principal's Meeting

The ROE #40 Principal's Meeting was held Tuesday, January 10 at the Carlinville ROE Office.

Don Dillon, IL Principal's Association Field Services Coordinator, gave a presentation regarding IPA services. He also updated those present on new policies and discussed issues of concern to the administrators.

ROE #40 Truancy Officers Cody Maguire and Joe Buttita were also presenters for the meeting. Macoupin County Truancy Officer, Cody Maguire presented the group with information on trends around the region and across the country. This led to an open discussion allowing administrators the opportunity to voice ideas and concerns on the truancy process and potential changes within the field.



## IRTA Public School Grants Available

The Illinois Retired Teachers Association (IRTA) Foundation is offering a total of \$36,500 in grant money to public school educators (Pre-K through 12) for special classroom projects statewide. [A flyer with more details is available on our website](#)

[home page.](#) This flyer will be included in the Illinois Principals Association's upcoming e-mail news publication.

In order to apply for the grant, public school educators must download, complete, and submit the application online from the [IRTA website](#). Applications

must be submitted by **June 1, 2017**. Please encourage public school educators to apply for this grant money. If you have any questions, please contact Tricia Klim, IRTA Member Services Coordinator, by phone at 1.800.728.4782 or by e-mail at [tricia@irtaonline.org](mailto:tricia@irtaonline.org).

**ATTENTION**  
[Bus Driver training schedule is on our website!](#)

Click the link above



# Mark Your Calendar



- February 2 Superintendents Meet, Jerseyville, 9:00 a.m.
- Feb 3 & 4 Illinois Council for Children w/ Behavioral Disorder
- Feb 7 Principals Meet, Jerseyville, 9:00 a.m.
- Feb 6, 7, 13 and 14 Olympiad, Carlinville
- Feb 20 President's Day — ROE OFFICES CLOSE
- Mar 7 Principals Meet, Carlinville, 9:00 a.m.
- Mar 9 Superintendents Meet, Carlinville, 9:00 a.m.

For more details about these and other events visit [www.roe40.com](http://www.roe40.com) - [Events Page](#) or the [Educators/Professional Development Page](#)

## 2017 Macoupin County Agriculture Education Foundation Scholarships

The Macoupin County Agriculture Education (MCAE) Foundation is offering 1—\$1500 scholarship, 1—\$1000 scholarships, and 7—\$500 scholarships for students wishing to pursue agriculture majors. The MCAE Foundation offers the scholarships in an effort to provide encouragement and financial assistance to Macoupin County residents and or students of Macoupin County schools who display well-balanced attributes of good citizenship, commitment to activities and scholastic ability.

The applicant must be a graduating high school senior or a current college student who plans to attend or is attending an Illinois junior college, college, university or trade school, and majoring in agriculture.

Applications are available through high school guidance counselor, high school agriculture instructor or the Macoupin County Farm Bureau. An electronic copy of the application is available [ROE40.com](http://ROE40.com) or can be requested by contacting the office by telephone or by email at

mcfb @ frontiernet.net. All applications must be submitted to the Macoupin County Farm Bureau office by March 24, 2017. If you have any questions please call the Macoupin County Farm Bureau at 217-854-2571.



## Youth Mental Health First Aid Training May 18 at Carlinville ROE

This 8-hour course is designed to teach parents, family members, caregivers, teachers, school staff, peers, neighbors, health and human services workers, and other caring citizens how to help an adolescent (age 12-18) who is experiencing a mental health or addiction challenge, or is in crisis. YMhFA is primarily designed for adults who regularly interact with young people. [Click here for more details and to register.](#)

## CEC Chapter 99 Why Kids Hate School

It's time to register for the next CEC Chapter 99 workshop which will be held on Thursday evening, February 23, from 4:30-8 p.m. at Hamilton's Banquet Hall, Jacksonville.

The program will be presented by Mike Viles, the Illinois CEC State Special Education Teacher of the Year and a special educator who teaches in Virginia, Illinois. The program is entitled: "**Why Kids Hate School--ADHD, Anxiety, Depression: How to Approach the Students That Don't Want to Be in Your Class**" [Attached is a flyer for you to use to register or register on line at \[www.cec99.org\]\(http://www.cec99.org\)](#) Parents and paraprofessionals are eligible for free scholarships.

## 2017 OLYMPIAD Cross Church Carlinville

- Feb. 6th - 3rd & 4th gr
- Feb. 7th - 5th & 6th gr
- Feb. 13th-7th & 8th gr
- Feb. 14th-Senior High

## **IMPORTANT INFO FOR RETIRED TEACHERS**

ISBE is offering retirees an opportunity to reinstate their licenses with no penalty. See details below.

**Through December 31, 2017:** If you are retired, and your professional educator license has lapsed for failure to renew, you may reinstate that license without penalty by providing proof of retirement from a state retirement system to the State Board of Education. You must submit a copy of a letter from a state retirement system (on official agency letterhead) confirming your retirement. Your name, IEIN, and date of birth must be included with the letter. Upon verification that you are not working in a position requiring a professional educator license, ISBE will reinstate your license.

The verification letter will be used in lieu of a \$500 penalty fee or 9 semester hours of coursework. You will not need to enter any professional development owed or pay any license registration fees.

Letters may be emailed to [renewal@isbe.net](mailto:renewal@isbe.net) or mailed to the Illinois State Board of Education at Educator Effectiveness Division, 100 North First Street, Springfield, IL, 62777, or can be uploaded into your ELIS account by either of the ROE #40 offices.

**Sunset Update**—Active and inactive TRS members can apply now for a refund of the payroll contributions they paid between 2005 and 2016 to help fund the ERO. In total, 159,000 active members have been contacted and the TRS phone lines are very busy as a result. TRS member IDs can be found

the top of the ERO Sunset Refund emails and letters sent from TRS. The member ID is required to initially log in to the secure Member Account Access area to start the refund process. The ERO Sunset does not affect retired TRS members.

**Retirement Eligibility Rules Unchanged**—The sunset of the ERO does not change any TRS retirement eligibility rules. Tier I members can retire between ages 55 and 59 if they have at least 20 years of service, but their initial pensions will be reduced by 6 percent for each year they are under 60. This automatic reduction does not apply to members under age 60 who have at least 35 years of service.

### **Illinois DNR Educator Workshops**

The IDNR is offering Environmental and Nature Training Institute for Conservative Education (ENTICE) professional development workshops for educators. ENTICE workshops provide background information, networking opportunities, hands-on lessons, and PD hours.

Trainings take place at various locations throughout the state. Courses include: Introducing Early Childhood Students to the Nature of Fall, Monarch Mania, Illinois Tree Squirrels, and Forest Ecology and Wildlife.

Dates and registration information about the 2017 and 2018 workshops may be found at [www.enticeworkshops.com](http://www.enticeworkshops.com).



## **Foundational Services**

Watch our [website](#) and your e-mail for more information on Foundational Services Training starting in the next few weeks!

### **Growing a Culture for Effective Technology Coaching - Online Sessions**

#### **Technology Coaches and Tech Leaders!**

If you have been searching for PD specific to your job, here it is - "Growing a Culture for Effective Technology Coaching: The Principal-Coach Partnership". This is a brand-new, 6-week, online course designed to strengthen your coaching practices, your programs and your partnerships between coaches and administrators. It has been approved for Administrators' Academy credit and is intended to be taken by the coach and principal together, but can also be taken by just one or the other. (Brief weekly meetings between the coach and principal are required.)

The course starts March 6. For more details and registration information about this and other opportunities, [please visit the professional development page on our website.](#)

**Midwest Education Conference**  
June 13 - 14, 2017

Click banner to learn more!

