



News For You

Keeping ROE #40 districts and staff informed

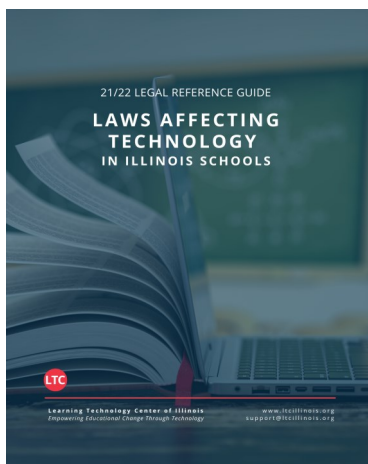
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School I.T. Guide

The LTC published a new edition of the "Legal Reference Guide: Laws Affecting Technology in Illinois Schools" for the 2021-2022 school year. The [reference guide](#) provides a high-level overview of state and federal laws that impact technology use and includes areas like website requirements, privacy, and internet safety. (Click image below)



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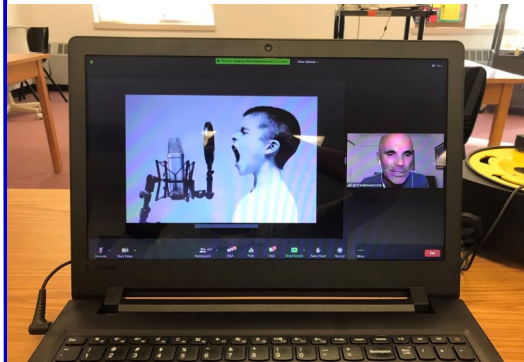
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Professional Development Happenings



A huge thank you to everyone involved in making the ROE 40 institute a huge success! I appreciate the efforts of everyone involved. A special shout out to our ROE staff, presenters, teachers leading the roundtable talks, and Debbie Poffinbarger for getting us all set on the right track! We have been going through the evaluation data and

we are so happy to read how much everyone loved hearing and seeing our keynote speakers! Hopefully one day we can have Gerry Brooks back and in person in our region. Overall the feedback was very positive about our keynoters, breakout sessions, and the ability to do this virtually without having to travel! I hope you all liked the virtual platform we used. Rest assured we are reading your feedback to improve upon how we do things in the future. Thank you again for those of you that attended and participated! It truly was a great day!

As you can see below we have quite a few workshops scheduled in the upcoming months. Please feel free to register at your convenience. Right now we will be keeping our workshops mostly virtual. As always if you need anything or we can be of assistance don't hesitate to email or call our office!

Thank you for all you do for the students of ROE 40!

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P.S.

Reading Glasses

Pacifier

Light Switch

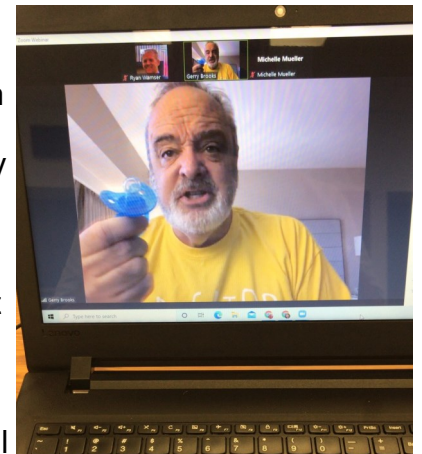
Butterfinger

PBJ

PVC Pipe

Blank Coffee Mug

(If this doesn't make sense to you then you missed out on a great day!)



Choose Kindness Grant from the Cook Center for Human Connection

The Cook Center for Human Connection is providing grants to implement the Choose Kindness program for K-6 schools and districts nationwide!

Choose Kindness is a school-based program designed to impact elementary schools by promoting kindness, building an inclusive culture, reducing bullying, and creating a safe learning environment. The Choose Kindness program includes training for school leaders, a curriculum to be used by all students, faculty, staff, and parents, and access to a library of resources that include service project ideas, bulletin board ideas, kindness activities, videos, and articles.

You can apply through November 12th, 2021. If you'd like to learn more about this grant, you can attend a webinar to learn more about this grant and the Choose Kindness program on October 26 at 12:00 p.m. MT or October 27 at 10:00 a.m. MT. [APPLY HERE](#).

No Kid Hungry Toolkit for Schools

No Kid Hungry recently released a toolkit for schools about the new Child Tax Credit (CTC): <https://spark.adobe.com/page/pNYILo8N4Iyl6/>

This provision was passed with the COVID relief bills earlier this year and has significant changes from the old child tax credit. The value has increased, families don't need any income to receive it, and it comes as a monthly payment to families to give support throughout the year instead of just in April.

Economists estimate that this new tax credit will cut child poverty in half in the U.S. But many families don't know about it, or don't know that they are still eligible even if they didn't file their taxes last year. That's why it's so important to get the word out.

October is



GREAT SCHOOLS HAVE GREAT PRINCIPALS

Honor an outstanding 9th-12th grade teacher by nominating them for the Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching today: <https://www.goldenapple.org/nominate-a-teacher>


Nominate an outstanding Pre-K-12th grade school leader for the Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Leadership in honor of Stanley C. Golder today: <https://www.goldenapple.org/nominate-a-school-leader>

October Is National Bullying Prevention Month (From ISBE weekly message 10/5/21)

Bullying is widespread in the United States. It can cause harm to a student's social and emotional wellbeing and be a significant barrier to learning. Bullying can result in physical injury, social and emotional distress, self-harm, and even death. It also increases the risk for depression, anxiety, sleep difficulties, lower academic achievement, and dropping out of school.

Bullying, including cyberbullying (bullying through the use of technology or any electronic communication), is defined as any severe or pervasive physical or verbal act or conduct, including communications made in writing or electronically, directed toward a student or students that has or can be reasonably predicted to have the effect of one or more of the following:

- Placing the student or students in reasonable fear of harm to the student's or students' person or property.
- Causing a substantially detrimental effect on the student's or students' physical or mental health.
- Substantially interfering with the student's or students' academic performance.
- Substantially interfering with the student's or students' ability to participate in or benefit from the services, activities, or privileges provided by a school.

Please visit the Resources section of [ISBE's Bullying Prevention website](#) for a variety of resources, including a printable version of the [National Bullying Prevention Month flyer](#)  that can be shared with the school community.

Upcoming ROE #40 Professional Development

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Principals Meeting Facilitator: Ryan Wamser
Date: October 19, 2021 Time: 10 am to 11 am
[DETAILS/REGISTER](#)

Youth Mental Health Presenters: Logan Wayne
Date: October 26, 2021 Time: 11:30 to 3:30
[DETAILS/REGISTER](#)

Teaching with Chromebooks Facilitator: Joe Cipfl
Date: October 27, 2021 Time: 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm
[DETAILS/REGISTER](#)

BOOK CLUBS (A new one starts nearly every month)
Next Start Date: November 9, 2021
[DETAILS/REGISTER](#)

Jazz Up Your Lessons with Google Facilitator: Matt Weld
Date: November 9, 2021 Time: 3:30 pm to 5 p.m.
[DETAILS/REGISTER](#)

Adult Mental Health First Aid Presenter: Logan Wayne
Date: November 17, 2021 Time: 11:30 to 3:30
[DETAILS/REGISTER](#)

Screencasting and Video Editing with Screencastify and WeVideo
Facilitator: Joe Cipfl
Date: November 30, 2021 Time: 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm
[DETAILS/REGISTER](#)

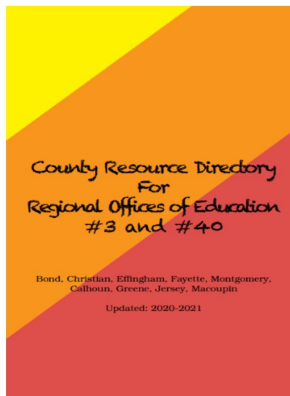


For details and registration for these and other upcoming Professional Development Opportunities visit
<http://www.roe40.com/prof-development-meetings.html>

ISAC OFFERING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR EDUCATORS

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) encourages high school administrators and staff to take advantage of the variety of no-cost professional development opportunities ISAC has to offer. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation, ISAC is providing offerings that were formerly in-person online; recordings of prior webinars are also available. These webinars help professionals increase their financial aid knowledge so they can better support students with the postsecondary process. ISAC offers continuing education credits and professional development hours to participants at a rate of one per contact hour. To learn more about our trainings and to view the calendar of upcoming webinars, please visit their [Professional Development Opportunities webpage](#).

As a reminder, ISAC's [College Changes Everything Campaign](#) offers schools and community-based organizations the support and resources needed to host financial aid and college application completion workshops. The ISACorps is available to help students and families navigate the college and financial aid process both in-person and virtually via videoconferencing, text, phone, or email.



Regional Office of Education #3 and #40 McKinney-Vento program County Resource Directory provides a listing of up-to-date available food pantries, medical services, housing and community resources to help with referrals for your homeless students and/or families.

Download your copy of the McKinney-Vento County directory here:
www.roe40.com/uploads/1/4/9/8/14985484/mckinney-v_county_resource_directory_20-21.pdf

RIDE ILLINOIS

BikeSafetyQuiz.com is a first-of-its-kind resource developed by Ride Illinois that teaches adults, children, motorists, and truck drivers how to share the road safely. The interactive quizzes cover safety techniques and relevant state laws using images and short explanations for each answer. The quiz is the teaching tool!

Each quiz has three distinct levels: Bronze, Silver, and Gold. There are thought-provoking quizzes for four different audiences:

- **Adult Bicyclist** – for teens and adults
- **Child Bicyclist** – for 4th and 5th graders (or younger with adult help)
- **Motorist/Drivers Ed** – for motorists and student drivers
- **Truck Driver** – for drivers of buses and other large vehicles

[BikeSafetyQuiz Mini-Grants for Schools](#)

[BikeSafetyQuiz.com is also available in Spanish!](#)

[Request PDF versions of BikeSafetyQuiz.com](#)

[FOR MORE INFO https://rideillinois.org/safety/bsqgrants/](https://rideillinois.org/safety/bsqgrants/)



Social Science and Civics Teachers

Check out **Civics In The Middle Newsletter**, a [newsletter](#) for Illinois teachers to support the implementation of the Illinois middle and high school civics course requirements and K-12 social science standards.

The Illinois Civics Hub also has FREE online professional development this fall to support media literacy.

- 10/20- Avoiding the Rabbit Hole: Teaching Concepts in Conspiratorial Thinking with the News Literacy Project

- 11/3- Civic Online Reasoning for Science Classrooms with the Stanford History Education Group

Visit their website for resources, professional development and more! <https://www.illinoiscivics.org/>

