



News For You

Keeping ROE #40 districts and staff informed

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From all of us at ROE #40

Welcome Back

Have a great year!

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8 hour Initial Bus Training

Dates: Wednesday, Sept 15, 2021 and Thursday, Sept 16, 2021

Time: 5:30 - 9:30 pm (both nights)

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ROE 40 Institute - October 12, 2021

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More information about the institute will be coming out as soon as possible for our participating districts.

2022 Student Health

Physical Fitness Opening Webinar

Please join ISBE for a [webinar](#) at **10 a.m. Sept. 16**. This webinar will review the School Year 2022 Physical Fitness student health data collection. We will review the online data system and allow time for questions. All Illinois children in Grades 3-12 (only Grades 4-12 for aerobic capacity) must be tested annually. Districts must report aggregate data to ISBE for Grades 5, 7, and 10 only. The data collection will officially open for SY 2022 on Sept. 1, 2021. Districts are required to have their Physical Fitness data approved and submitted to ISBE by June 30, 2022.

ISU Future Teacher Conference 10/22

The Illinois State University College of Education is excited to host the third annual [Future Teacher Conference](#) for all freshmen through senior high school students interested in a career in education on **Oct. 22**. ISU plans to host the event on campus this year. ISU would love you to bring a group of students to Illinois State for a day full of exploring and engaging in careers in education. This free event will include a dynamic opening session and options for students to choose from a variety of sessions about timely topics in teaching and panels with current education students.

Registration is now open. All chaperones and students should register. Chaperones will be sent periodic student registration lists for your school. Students will choose their conference sessions during registration. Prior to registration, students can review the [conference sessions](#). Sessions for school personnel will be available to select the day of the conference. Chaperones will have an option in their registration form to sign up for a campus tour at the end of the conference.

Future Teacher Conference - Illinois State University

- 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 22; check-in 8:30-9:30 a.m.

- Free to attend; includes light morning snacks and complimentary lunch.

- Event will follow Illinois State University COVID-19 protocols.

- If you have any questions, please email Kelli Appel at ksappel@ilstu.edu.

Welcome

Dr. Ryan Wamser

ROE #40 Director of School Improvement



Hello ROE 40! My name is Ryan Wamser and I am very excited to have joined ROE 40 as the new Director of School Improvement. I will be taking over the professional development coordination for our consortium as well as our principal/curriculum coordinator meetings. In the next couple weeks each of you will be receiving a PD needs assessment survey. I ask that you take this quick survey to help me better understand the main topics that you as educators want our ROE to be offering. This will help me to plan and to work with your administrators to make sure we are serving you to the best of our ability!

I will also be helping to coordinate our county institute on October 12 for those districts that are participating. In addition to this role I will be directing a new ISBE funded Social Emotional Learning/Trauma grant that ROE 40 was awarded starting this year. It is our goal to help our districts in building capacity in dealing with SEL and Trauma response. I will be reaching out in the coming months to find SEL Ambassadors from some of our districts to help in this endeavor. I am very excited to share more information about this as the year progresses, more details to come! Another aspect of my position will be to work with our Superintendents and their administrative assistant on their compliance visits. I absolutely love all aspects of this position and am only an email away to help you and your school in any way I can!

PD Offerings - <http://www.roe40.com/prof-development-meetings.html>

As I work to reconfirm the already booked PD offerings that have been scheduled for this upcoming year I want to apologize if our offerings on the website look low at this time. We will try to have them posted at least 2 months in advance. September offerings are now available for registration. Remember all of these workshops are **free (yes, FREE)** if your district is a member of the ROE 40 PD Consortium. I do want to highlight just a few of our great things that are scheduled!

Monthly Book Clubs

We have partnered with Teach Illinois to offer a great monthly book club. September's book study begins the 7th and each monthly book can be registered for at our website. No need to go through Teach Illinois, we will do it for you! These are completely free with the only cost for you to purchase/access the book on your own. Join a great community of online book study participants and receive as many as 8 PD hours for doing something many of you do for fun!

Principal/Curriculum Coordinator Meeting

Our monthly Principal meetings will begin on September 21. Each month I plan to bring in a guest speaker to cover a useful bit of PD for an hour or so. After the guest speaker we will have time for collaboration and discussion on any topic that is needed. This month our guest speaker will be Dr. Susan Homes. Sue is the Deputy Executive Director of Professional Learning at the Illinois Principals Association. Principals if you don't know Sue personally you probably know her work at IPA coordinating the new Leadership Continuum as well as developing the women's leadership conference and coordinating the annual IPA Conference. I am excited for Sue to share her knowledge with us all!

Google Level 1 Training

We have partnered with the Learning Technology Center to offer as many as 15 hours of credit in a Google Level 1 Training Cohort. If you are in a Google school and want to get certified please consider this workshop. The cohort meets in two hour monthly sessions that are offered throughout the year.

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I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible in the coming weeks. I know that these last two school years have been the most stressful times in all our careers, just know that we all appreciate everything you do for your students! Hang in there and if there is anything I can do to help please don't hesitate to let me know!

Yours in education,
Dr. Ryan J. Wamser (rwamser@roe40.com)

Upcoming ROE #40 Professional Development

<http://www.roe40.com/prof-development-meetings.html>

Director of School Improvement, Ryan Wamser, rwamser@roe40.com

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

Book Clubs

Date: First book club begins September 7 and recurring monthly with different books.

Evidence of Completion: Earn from 5-10 pd hours per book.

ROE 40 is proud to partner with Teach Illinois in offering a monthly book study for FREE for ROE 40 PD consortium teachers. Non-members are \$35 per book study. More information can be found on the flyer below and registration from the ROE 40 website at the link below (no need to register on Teach Illinois). The first book study begins on September 7 so register today!

Advanced Uses of Google Classroom

Date: September 15, 2021 Time: 2 pm to 4 pm

Address: Online Evidence of Completion: 2 Hours per session

Google Level 1 Training - Cohort A

Date: September 21, 2021 Time: 2 pm to 4 pm

Place: Online Facilitator: Joe Cipfl

Fee: Free Evidence of Completion: 15 Hours

Principal Meeting

Date: September 21, 2021 Time: 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Place: Online Facilitator: Ryan Wamser

Fee: Free Evidence of Completion: 1 Hour

Back to the Basics: Slides, Forms, Sheets, and More

Date: September 21, 2021 Time: 3:30 to 5 p.m.

Place: Online Facilitator: Matt Weld

Fee: \$75 or FREE if a member of the Consortium Evidence of Completion: 1.5 Hours

Mental Health First Responders Collaborative (Monthly)

Date: September 23, 2021 Time: 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Place: Online Fee: Free Evidence of Completion: 1 Hour

Google Level 1 Training - Cohort B

Date: September 24, 2021 Time: 1 pm to 3 pm

Place: Online Facilitator: Joe Cipfl

Fee: Free Evidence of Completion: 15 Hours

Self Care

Date: Sept 28 and 30, 2021 Time: 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Place: Online Facilitator: DeeAnn Schnautz

Fee: \$75 or FREE if a member of Consortium Evidence of Completion: 2 Hours

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Constitution Day - September 17

Friday, September 17, is [Constitution Day](#). This federal observance recognizes the adoption of the United States Constitution and those who have become U.S. citizens. It is commemorated on the day in 1787 that delegates to the Constitutional Convention signed the document in Philadelphia.

#CivicsInTheMiddle classrooms have a plethora of resources available to their classrooms to help mark this occasion. Below, we curated a few for you to start your planning.

- * [The National Constitution Center](#) has a series of special events and lesson plans to commemorate the occasion.
- * [iCivics](#) created lesson plans and activities to commemorate the day with resources specifically for English Language Learners.
- * [The Civics Renewal Network](#) curated a Constitution Day Toolkit for your review.
- * [The Library of Congress](#) has gathered a number of primary sources and lesson plans to support teachers.
- * [Docs Teach](#) from the National Archives has a special page with resources designed to “bring the Constitution to life.”
- * Our friends at the [Florida Joint Center for Citizenship](#) have gathered a number of activities for K-12 classrooms.
- * [Share My Lesson](#) has PreK-12 Constitution Day activities, lesson plans, and resources.
- * [The Center for Civic Education](#) has K-12 grade activities to commemorate the creation and signing of the supreme law of the land and to honor and celebrate the privileges and responsibilities of U.S. citizenship for both native-born and naturalized citizens.
- * [The American Bar Association](#) has resources and lesson plans to commemorate the day.
- * [The Bill of Rights Institute](#) (BRI) has exciting plans for *Constitution Day Live*-- a hybrid streaming program featuring direct live engagement with teachers and students coupled with pre-recorded segments and published in-class materials to promote the study of the Constitution and Constitutional issues. In the run-up to the live event, BRI will be releasing several new videos starting September 1 and new lesson plans starting September 7. Ten lucky teachers who sign up will receive gift boxes for themselves and their students with pocket constitutions, gift cards, and other fun and educational BRI swag! BRI will announce winners live on September 17.



McKinney-Vento Training Videos

Bus Driver/Transportation Director Training Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=As9AtHXQOY0&feature=youtu.be>

Counselors Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0PR1naONHC4>

Enrollment Staff/Secretary Training Video: <https://youtu.be/U8PPYAo1bCQ>

Teachers and Staff Training Video: https://youtu.be/6Oj-Dyo_Fhc

Other Important Links

Best Practices When Working with McKinney-Vento Students - https://youtu.be/fJk1_jpfP1A

School Nurses & MKV - <https://youtu.be/SkXEtBEZexM>

Parents & Caregiver Info - <https://youtu.be/ooFZ-nrDEVk>

Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics Annual Conference

The Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics has announced that its annual conference, which has a theme of "Pursuing Innovation and Equity," **will be held virtually on Oct. 16.** This year's keynote speaker will be [Fawn Nguyen](#). She is the creator of resources such as [Visual Patterns](#), [Between 2 Numbers](#), and [Chewable Math](#). For more information as it becomes available, check out the [Annual Conference Information webpage](#). The Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics meets every October, gathering educators from across Illinois for an inspirational time of professional development, collaboration, and community. There will be sessions and workshops led by some of the best educators in the state.

ROE #40 Adult Education (GED) Classes

Did you know that Adult Ed (GED) classes are provided by the ROE for individuals age 17 and over that would like to improve their knowledge of Math, Reading/ Language Arts, Science and Social Studies. Instructors also provide guidance preparing for the High School Equivalency (GED) test.

Contact Dirk Muffler - Director of Adult and Alternative Education by sending an e-mail to dmuffler@roe40.com or call the Carlinville or Jerseyville ROE office for more details about these classes.

The GED electronic testing is also available at the ROE #40 offices in Carlinville and Jerseyville, so when you know of someone who is ready to schedule the GED test just go to MyGED.com.

Online Courses Available for RNs to Perform Special Education Evaluations

Health assessments and recommendations for health-related goals for students with Individual Education Programs must be provided by a registered nurse (RN) with an ISBE-issued Professional Educator License (PEL) endorsed in school nursing (as written in [School Code](#)). The PEL is the legally defined and required School Code credential for school nurses performing any job duties that include student academic evaluations.

Many RNs have completed coursework and internships leading to the PEL, but some districts have tried and been unable to hire a qualified school nurse. Such districts may apply to ISBE to hire and train a non-PEL RN and remain in compliance with special education evaluation rules.

The next online course for RNs in special education is scheduled Oct. 13 (course introduction) through Nov. 29 (includes a break the week of Thanksgiving). Contact School Nurse Consultant Rebecca Doran at rdoran@isbe.net to enroll in these online courses. District administrators or special education directors who need to fill this role may view [required documents](#) to be submitted to ISBE for review and may submit questions via email directly to Ms. Doran.

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Cohort A (9/21) - 4ltc.org/3e | Cohort B (9/24) - 4ltc.org/3f

Hosted by Joe Cipfl
RETC South
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jcipfl@ltcillinois.org

CHECK IT OUT

Illinois Service Resource Center offers free online training where educators can earn **FREE** Professional Development hours! Check out all of the options here: <https://www.isrc.us/isrc-elearning-academy>

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION NOW AVAILABLE

Illinois high school juniors or seniors are invited to apply for the United States Senate Youth Program Hearst Scholarship. To qualify, juniors and seniors must demonstrate leadership by serving in elected or appointed positions in which they are actively representing a constituency in organizations related to student government, education, public affairs, and community service.

Students must be U.S. citizens or legal permanent residents at the time of application to the U.S. Senate Youth Program. State qualified students must be serving in an elected or appointed position in student government or other educational or civic organization representing a constituency of their peers for the entire academic year in which they apply for USSYP.

Please visit the USSYP website for the informational brochure and to apply. Applications must be submitted by 4 p.m. Oct. 8. Electronic submissions must be sent to ussyp@isbe.net with the subject line of applicant's first and last name and USSYP application.

An Open Letter "Thank You" to Custodians

by California Casualty | Oct 2, 2020

This is an open letter "Thank You" to our custodians.

To keep a school running, it takes a village- especially now. As much as teachers deserve praise and support for all of the work that they do inside (and outside) of the classroom, there are other unsung heroes that walk the halls every day making sure our students have a safe space where they can learn and grow.

School custodians are one group of support professionals that are those heroes. Custodians are responsible for more than just sweeping floors, wiping tables, and hitting the lights at the end of the day. They are a schools' first line of defense against viruses (like COVID-19), harmful bacteria, and disease. In providing a clean and safe environment, custodians help enhance the physical well-being of all students.

So to all of our school custodians out there:

Thank you for being fearless. This year is very uncertain, yet you put student health before you own and show up every single day, oftentimes working longer hours putting yourself at increased risk of exposure, to help continue to keep our children safe and healthy.

Thank you for your dedication. We all know what the floor of an elementary school looks like after snack time and we can only imagine what the inside of a locker room is like after game, but you dive in head first time and time again.

Thank you for being caring. You go above and beyond your job description every day, quietly watching over our students in the hallways and making sure nothing seems out of place. And even helping teachers arrange desks after-hours with a smile on your face.

Thank you for putting our students first. For cleaning out lockers and cubbies, wiping down desks, and sanitizing rooms multiple times a day. **Thank you** for making sure our doors are locked, drafty windows are fixed, and playground equipment is in tip-top condition.

Thank you for being a role model. For getting our school ready for visitors, for putting in the late hours, for always saying hello, for always being willing to lend a helping hand, and most importantly for caring for our students.

Thank you for all of the hard work that you do for our schools.

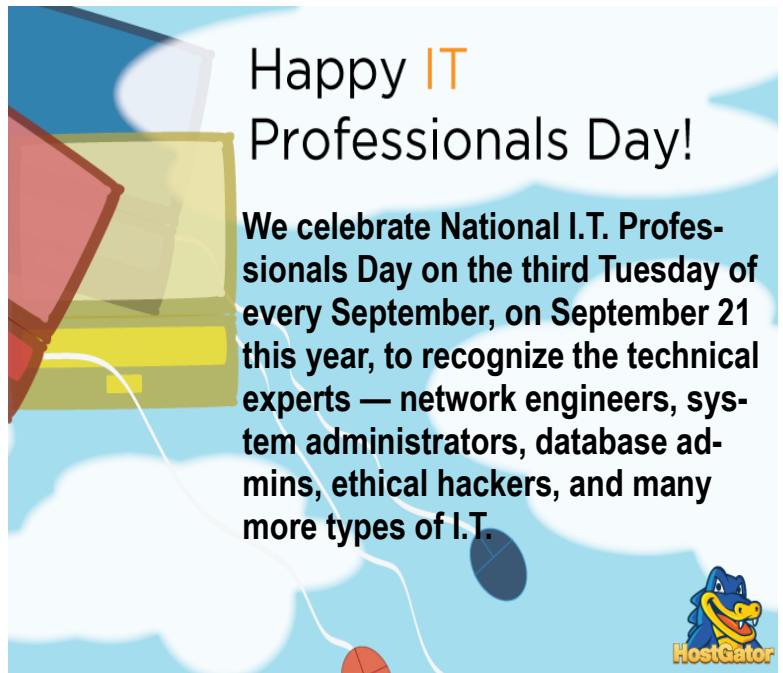
UNITED STATES SENATE YOUTH PROGRAM HEARST SCHOLARSHIP

For 60 years the United States Senate Youth Hearst Scholarship Program has tapped a vital reservoir of talent from America's high schools. Senator Susan Collins of Maine, Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg, the former chief judge of the of the U.S. Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals, a former governor, former ambassadors, presidential advisors and many current and former aides in every branch and level of government are all alumni of the program. Two students will come to Washington, D.C. (or attend a virtual program if required during the pandemic) and learn about government from a perspective few people ever get to see. They will meet their peers from across the nation, be immersed in a premier leadership experience, and receive a \$10,000 college scholarship in the name of the United States Senate.

During Washington Week the students will attend briefings and meetings with several senators, the president of the United States, a justice of the Supreme Court, Cabinet secretaries, and an ambassador to the United States, other federal agency leaders and senior members of the national media. Each speaking event includes a substantial question and answer session allowing the students direct and personal interaction with the high-level leadership. While in D.C., the students also tour national monuments, memorials and historic sites. This in-depth exposure is precisely what fuels and sustains the students' commitment to making a difference in their country, communities and schools.

Eligibility requirements are set forth by the William Randolph Hearst Foundation. Learn more about the program and associated rules.

For updates and more information about Scholarships, Grants, etc be sure to visit [our website](#)



Happy IT Professionals Day!

We celebrate National I.T. Professionals Day on the third Tuesday of every September, on September 21 this year, to recognize the technical experts — network engineers, system administrators, database admins, ethical hackers, and many more types of I.T.

