



NEWS 4 YOU

Keeping ROE 40 Districts and Staff Informed

May 2024

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The end is in sight and we at ROE40 hope you are ready and able to enjoy the next few weeks before Summer Break officially begins. There is no doubt in our minds that you and your students deserve a little rest and relaxation. However, we will continue to be hard at work getting ready for the 24'-25' School Year. This will be the last issue of News 4 You until August. As always, we at ROE40 are here to help all year long and we look forward to sharing the journey ahead with you.

Summer Closure Dates

May 27 -- Memorial Day

June 19 -- Juneteenth

July 4 & 5 – Independence Day

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Upcoming ROE 40 Professional Development

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Thursday, **May 2** – Dyscalculia: Brain Science, Characteristics and Strategies @ **Carlinville Safe School**

Monday, **May 6** – Mindful Monday – Virtual

Monday, **May 13** – Mindful Monday – Virtual

Wednesday, **May 15** – Teaching American History @ **Carlinville ROE**

Tuesday, **June 4** – Administrator Academy – Relationships in Leadership

Wednesday, **June 5** – Directions Conference @ **The Gateway Center** (see below for more information)

Wednesday, **June 5** – Area 5 School Secretary Conference @ **Litchfield CUSD #12**

Monday, **July 15** – Area 5 All Sports Conference @ **The Gateway Center** (see below for more information)

TO REGISTER FOR CLASSES PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE
roe40.com



ISBE'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

From Illinois State Superintendent Dr. Tony Sanders

Nurses Expanding Their Role on the Team for Special Education

Who performs medical reviews for your students? ISBE is sponsoring an online course -- RNs in Schools – Expanding Your Special Education Role -- for nurses who meet minimum education requirements (bachelor's degree in nursing, education, or a related field).

- Districts and special education cooperatives may request a non-PEL RN to complete this course to comply with special education rule 226.160. To meet compliance with this rule, complete the [Non-PEL IEP Designee Administrator Checklist](#) and retain it at the local level.
- Nurses who have worked with a district before October 2023 may coordinate with district administrators or special education cooperatives to request participation in the course, which will run **April 10-May 21**.
- ISBE intends to offer courses each semester next school year.
- A limited number of seats are available for this asynchronous course. Participation is best for individuals who have worked in a school setting for less than a year. Participants in previous courses report allowing 10-12 hours per week to meet all course commitments, with it necessary to be online every day or two.
- Once the request is received, you will get a confirmation email from Rebecca Doran, who is an ISBE school nurse consultant, to provide details for next steps.

Contact ISBE's school nurse consultants at schoolnurse@isbe.net if you have questions.

NEW! TEACHING & LEARNING

Illinois Comprehensive Literacy Plan Update

We're thrilled to announce some great updates on the [Illinois Comprehensive Literacy Plan webpage](#)! We have added a recorded [webinar](#) and [presentation](#) to the "What's New" section. Dive into these resources to enrich your understanding of literacy strategies and best practices.

Have questions? Check out the [FAQ document](#) for answers to common queries about literacy and how the Illinois Comprehensive Literacy Plan impacts stakeholders.

8TH ANNUAL NEW DIRECTIONS IN EDUCATION CONFERENCE

Join us for a day of inspirational keynote speakers and engaging breakout sessions - FREE!

Pre-Conference Session: [Administrator Academy](#) Tuesday, June 4
> 5 PD Hours or Social Work CEUs available <

INSPIRATIONAL KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



CHANELLE WALKER & DAMON WEST

ENGAGING BREAKOUT SESSIONS

MORNING (10:35 - noon)

CHANELLE WALKER: *A Growth Mindset for You and Me: The Educator mindset needed for SEL to be impactful*

DR. ETHAN LYNN: *An Overview of the Science of Reading*

ATTORNEYS from KRIHA BOUCEK: *Lawyer Panel and Q&A*

DAWNE TURNER: *Adult SEL*

JAMIE WASSER: *Classroom Mindfulness Strategies*

AFTERNOON (1:00 - 1:55)

CHANELLE WALKER: *This is Your Brain on Stress: Understanding the Impact of Stress on Social and Emotional Wellness and Strategies to Reverse the Harm*

DR. ETHAN LYNN: *Application of the Science of Reading*

DR. TRACEE WELLS: *BIPOC Affinity Group*

DR. BRANDI KELLY: *Hope is a Strategy*

ERIN ASHER: *Fight the Burnout: Simple SEL Tools to Recharge, Renew, and Revive.*

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Area 5 All Sports Coaches Conference, July 15, 2024

@ The Gateway Center - Collinsville, IL 9:00-3:30

p.m. - FREE

Keynote Presenters:

- **Todd Moeller**
- **Stephen Mackey**
- **Dr. Blakely Low Scott**
- **Demi Williams**
- **Cat Osterman**

Location: The Gateway Center

Registration: 8:30 a.m. (coffee and tea provided)

Workshop: 9:00-3:30 p.m.

Lunch provided!

5.5 PD hours

Todd Moeller, CMAA

Todd is the CharacterPlus® Director of HS AACE as well as the Assistant Director of the Project Aware Grant at ROE 40. Todd's background in Educational Leadership and he is the Retired Athletic Director of O'Fallon Township High School.

Stephen Mackey

Better known as Coach Mackey, he has spent the last 13 years helping athletes and coaches connect the dots between sports and the game of life. As the founder and CEO of 2Words Character Development, Mackey is an advocate for coaches and athletes, and a consistent voice of encouragement and challenge. www.2words.tv

Dr. Blakely Low-Scott

Dr. Low-Scott is a licensed counseling psychologist with expertise in sport psychology. She enjoys working with elite athletes, athletic personnel, high performers, and organizations in the pursuit of their best performances. She

earned her Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology from Texas Tech University and completed her doctoral internship at The Pennsylvania State University and her postdoctoral residency specializing in sport psychology at Lehigh University. Dr. Low-Scott has a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from Davidson College and a Master of Arts degree in Psychology from Texas Tech University. Dr. Low-Scott is a member of the Clinical/Counseling Sport Psychology Association. <https://www.drblakelylowscott.com/>

Demi Williams

Demi Williams—an attorney since 2012—has worked with athletes for nearly twenty years. While attending Pepperdine University, majoring in psychology and minoring in Spanish, Demi tutored student-athletes across sports and helped them begin to prepare for life after athletics. After graduating summa cum laude, she continued to focus on athletics, working for the TCU Athletics Department. Demi then co-founded the Berkeley Journal of Entertainment and Sports Law during law school. Demi is the founder of The Ready Athlete. The mission of The Ready Athlete is to prepare student and professional athletes for lives of purpose during and after athletics. Many have dedicated years to excelling in their sport but are unsure what career they will pursue afterwards or even who they are outside of their sport. Indeed, struggles with identity, worth, motivation, and purpose often accompany the difficult transition out of athletics. Even those who become professional athletes frequently struggle to realize a purpose deeper than their sport—both during their time as professional athletes and once that chapter comes to a close. thereadyathlete.co

Cat Osterman

Cat Osterman, a former three-time National Player of the Year, four-time All-American, and two-time Olympic medalist. She coached also served as assistant coach for the Texas State Bobcats in San Marcos, Texas, from 2015-20, after three seasons in a similar role for the St. Edwards Hilltoppers in Austin, Texas. A native of Houston, Texas, Osterman helped to lead the University of Texas to three Women's College World Series appearances in 2003, 2005 and 2006. She also became the only softball individual to win USA Softball's National Player of the Year honors three times after earning the honor each of those seasons. <https://www.catosterman.com/>