



Lee/Ogle ROE Newsletter

August/September
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H.E.A.R.T. (Homeless, Social Emotional Learning, PreSchool For All, EC 0-3)

Area II McKinney-Vento Homeless Education

Lois Porter has retired from her position at the ROE. She will be greatly missed. She provided much experience and knowledge in the early childhood and homeless areas. We wish her well in her retirement! Updated information:

- Lee/Ogle continues as the Lead Liaison for Area 2.
- Lee/Ogle Homeless students increased 16% from FY 10 to FY 11. If you want specific numbers or information please contact Deb Foust dfoust@leeogle.org
- Lee/Ogle assisted 11 area-wide homeless/domestic violence shelters with \$1000 mini grants out of our final ARRA money. Items purchased for their homeless children varied from clothing to toys, games and books or even computers and software. All of the agencies were extremely appreciative!
- *There will be district funds in FY 12 to help serve homeless students in Lee/Ogle Schools. Deb will be planning a local homeless liaison meeting by the first of October.*

The Prevention Initiative (Ages 0-3) Home Based Program

Cathy Hennessee and Pat Santos are returning as our home-based teachers. Home visits will be starting in September and both home teachers will be able to work with 12 families. Contact Marcu West for family referrals to this program mwest@leeogle.org

Alternative Ed Programs (Truancy, Nachusa Campus School, RSSP)

August 24th –
Opened Nachusa
Campus School

Nachusa Campus School welcomes Janet Kacvinsky (new Principal) and Sherry Marchek (new Secretary)! On campus program opened August 24th to students in the residential and the bus-in programs (458 total students served in FY 11).

September 6th –
Opening Nachusa
Flex Programs

- Residential – CHOICES (alcohol/drug in-patient) and ATD (Alternative to Detention) students in residential treatment at Nachusa Lutheran Home
- Bus-In – Transitions (recently released from alcohol/drug treatment) and Options (severe school avoidant students)
- Nachusa Flex program - Returning to Dixon HS, Rochelle THS, and Oregon HS though students from all Lee/Ogle middle and high schools can attend. (78 students served in these classrooms in FY 11)
- Nachusa Flex Extended Year (summer school) helped more than 250 students earn credits in FY 11

September – LODIS
(truancy) program
begins

October 4th – First
Counselors
Breakfast

LODIS (Lee/Ogle Dropout Intervention System) –

Lee/Ogle LODIS served 636 students for truancy and dropout prevention issues in FY 11 and we are waiting to hear about Fy 12 funding. All staff is ready to start in September as soon as we get the award letter!



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Common Core Standards

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Projects completed in FY 11 include:

- Rochelle-Area Math Articulation Project – 6 districts combined 6th -12th grade math teachers to create common core assessments for first and second semester. More work is being planned for English Language Arts for this year.
- Dixon district 6th-12th grade teachers worked this summer to realign math essential outcomes to the new common core standards. Plans for dramatic changes in instructional strategies will be used throughout the year with the PLC time.
- Common Core Summer Institute – Dr. Susie Morrison presented up-to-date information about the four areas of Illinois educational reform to more than 200 people in Rock Falls in July. Many Lee/Ogle educators were in the audience.
- Awareness presentations to several schools throughout our counties
- PARCC (assessment) content frameworks are available at <http://www.parcconline.org/parcc-content-frameworks>

Statewide System of Support

BIG changes are happening in the Statewide System of Support (formerly RESPRO).

- Eligible - Title I DISTRICTS in Corrective Action (Rochelle Township High School and Dixon)
- SIPs/DIPs/Restructuring Plans still submitted through Illinois Interactive Report Card
- Monitoring the plans through Rising Star online support software.
- Content Experts are being hired in English/Language Arts, Math and Data/Assessment to assist districts and provide networking support in implementing the new core standards.

Rtl Networking Grant

Pam Radford has been hired as the new Statewide Director for the Rtl Networking Grant! This project will replace I-ASPIRE for Rtl support throughout Illinois after September 30th. In the meantime, we have Terry Schuster available at these events:

- September 15 – First Networking Session 9:00 am Woodlawn
- September 20 – IASPIRE Admin/Team training in Tinley Park

Coming up at the ROE:

September 13 –
Rtl Networking Session at
Woodlawn – all invited

**September 15 –
Principals meeting for NEW
SCHOOLS IN STATUS**

September 16 –
Planning for Common Core

September 20, 21 and Jan 20
– Mentor Training for First year
teachers

September 28 –
MAPs Usergroup Discussion

October 14 and 17 –
Roni Haller will return for
workshops on Common Core

TBD- Smart Board Training with
Elizabeth Hand