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TUESDAY TIMES

A bi-weekly source for professional development and news for DuPage County Educators

News & Information

The Regional Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Darlene Ruscitti, will host an event this week along with State Superintendent of Schools Dr. Carmen Ayala to discuss the **Illinois State Board of Education's Strategic Plan**. The goals are three-fold: student learning, learning conditions, and elevating educators. Local Illinois senators and stakeholders from the community are also expected to attend. For more information on these goals, click [here](#).

Congratulations to **Indian Prairie School District 204 Superintendent Karen Sullivan**, who was chosen by her colleagues as the DuPage Illinois Association of School Administrators Superintendent of Distinction for 2020. Thank you for all you have done to support the children of DuPage County and advocate for improving our schools through your leadership and involvement in numerous organizations throughout DuPage County and the State of Illinois.



The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) recently announced that 39 school districts are eligible for the fiscal year 2020 Property Tax Relief Grant. The grant, part of the Evidence-Based Funding for Student Success Act, allows eligible school districts to cut local property taxes and replace that revenue with state funds. The ROE wishes to congratulate **Queen Bee District 16 and Marquardt District 15** for being among those chosen.

The National Board Resource Center (NBRC) at Illinois State University (ISU) is excited to announce that the Spring 2020-2021 window for the Illinois NB First Time Candidate Fee Subsidy will be open from Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 10 a.m. and close Sunday, May 10, 2020 at midnight. Please click [here](#) for more information.

As you know, the U.S. Constitution requires that every person living in the United States is counted every ten years for the purpose of ensuring fair representation and distribution of resources. Billions of dollars are at stake for Illinois in the **2020 Census**, as well as our number of U.S. Representatives. We hope you will join the ROE in promoting the importance of the census to your educational community. For more resources, click [here](#). Also, temporary, flexible jobs are available with the Census. For more information, including hourly wages, click [here](#).



On February 26, the ROE will host the **DuPage Spelling Bee Final** at Wheaton North High School. The winner will head to the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington D.C. at the end of May. Good luck to all participants!

Professional Development & Learning Opportunities

Administrator Academies

Please join us for an Administrator Academy. Click [here](#) for current course offerings.

Supporting Advanced Learners



Illinois Association for Gifted Children Conference: February 6-8 in Naperville. Click [this flyer](#) for details and registration links.

Short-term Substitute Teacher Training

The required training for the STS license is being offered by the ROE on February 18. For more information, click [here](#).

Restorative Practices

On February 20, the ROE will host a free introductory workshop on Restorative Practices. Restorative Practices is an emerging social science that emphasizes the importance of positive relationships as central to building community. For more information, click [here](#).

COUNTYWIDE INSTITUTE DAY, FEBRUARY 28

The ROE is excited to launch the 2020 Countywide Institute Day Catalog. There will be more than 50 diverse opportunities for educational professionals to learn from local experts. Click [here](#) to view the directory of offerings and/or to register.

School Safety Planning Session

On March 4 (9 am - 12 pm), members of the DuPage County School Safety Task Force will present the approved template and allow school district teams to merge their plan with the new format. Districts are expected to attend as a team, bringing necessary documentation and technology to complete the work with support from the Task Force. This will be a learning and working session. Register [here](#).

Building Capacity and Curriculum Considerations for LGBTQ+

In response to HB0246, on March 5, (8:30 am-4 pm) the ROE will host a robust learning opportunity that will focus on building capacity and sharing critical information from ISBE, local districts, medical, legal, and policy experts. Discussions on emerging trends will take place, and preliminary curriculum considerations at every level, K-12th grades, will be explored. A powerful student panelist will reaffirm our commitment to equity. A boxed lunch is included with registration. Register (required) [here](#).



Real Tools & Strategies to Address School Anxiety

How can you help students suffering from anxiety attend school, stay in school, and have less anxiety while at school? On March 9, this topic will be highlighted at a workshop for educators. Click [here](#) for more information.

Teacher In-Service for DuPage Educators (TIDE)

TIDE Spring 2020 course listings are now available. Click [here](#) for a complete listing. Here are a few courses we're highlighting:

University of St Francis:

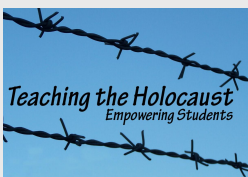
- [Survey of Gifted Education](#)

Lewis University

- [Foundations and Methods of Teaching Content Area Reading and Intermediate-Adolescent Literacy](#)
- [Development and Characteristics of Learners](#)

Benedictine University

- [Climate Change](#)



Teaching the Holocaust

On April 21 (8 am-3 pm), a dynamic professional development session on instructional approaches and tools to discuss the Holocaust will be offered. To learn more or register, visit this [link](#).

Early Childhood Network: February 20. "Suspension and Expulsion in Early Childhood." A Zoom conference link will be sent to the EC Network list serve a week prior to the meeting.

High School Social Workers: February 21. The DuPage ROE introduces a new networking group: High School Social Workers Network. This network group will meet at Lake Park High School, East Campus.

Counselors Network: March 20. "Healthy Brain/Healthy Ways - Academic Tips and Tricks to Executive Functioning." For more information, click [here](#).

Resources for Educators



CIVICS

Check out the attached [link](#) for resources on teaching civics to students. Includes links to webinars, free teaching plans, and many resources.

Coming Up

WAIT (Washington Aggression Interruption Training): June 22-25

This four-day training for educators focuses on cognitive behavioral intervention that helps youth reduce aggression and antisocial behaviors, with a focus on late elementary and early middle school students.

[Register here.](#)

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