



FY'26 Annual Report

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July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026

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Regional Superintendent's Message

As the Superintendent of the Iroquois-Kankakee Regional Office of Education, serving Iroquois and Kankakee Counties in Illinois, I respectfully present this annual report, which outlines the office's activities from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

This document provides a general summary and does not encompass the full scope of the numerous services our office offers to support the schools and residents of both counties. The content is based on year-end summaries submitted by our programs and departments, along with data from audits conducted by the Office of the Auditor General, to make this report as thorough as possible. We hope it offers valuable insight into the work we do in service of our mission—to meet the needs of all those we serve, with a special focus on putting children first. To learn more about our services, programs, and local schools, we invite you to visit our website at www.i-kan.org.

We would also like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the Iroquois and Kankakee County Boards, the I-KAN Regional Board of School Trustees, the I-KAN Regional Office of Education Advisory Board, as well as the educators, administrators, and support staff of public schools, private schools, and cooperatives throughout both counties. Their partnership and dedication over the past year have been invaluable. The students of Iroquois and Kankakee Counties are genuinely fortunate to have so many committed individuals working on their behalf.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia High
Regional Superintendent of Schools
I-KAN Regional Office of Education

I-KAN Regional Office of Education Mission Statement

The mission of the I-KAN Regional Office of Education is to partner with its educational constituencies and facilitate the efficient and effective accomplishment of their missions with highest priority given to meeting the needs of CHILDREN FIRST.

I-KAN Regional Office of Education Services

HUMAN RESOURCES

Full-time Employees	39
Part-time Employees	12

CERTIFICATION

Educators Registered	687
Licenses Registered	713
Sub License Registered	298
Licenses Issued	1765
Endorsements Issued	207
Paraprofessional Licenses Issued	173

PETITION HEARINGS

Number of petitions for annexation/detachment/dissolution processed between July 1, 2024—June 30, 2025 by Regional Board of School Trustees	0
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SCHOOL RECOGNITION

Districts in Full Recognition	18
Districts Recognized Pending Further Review	0
Districts on Probation	0
Districts Nonrecognized	0

LIFE SAFETY INSPECTIONS

Public School Buildings	60
Special Education Facilities	1
Career Centers	1
Alternative Schools	3

(All buildings were inspected and reports filed with the respective Boards of Education and the State Board of Education.)

Building Permits Issued	22
Building Partial Occupancy	1
Building Occupancy Permits	9
Building Permit Project Completions	5
Demolition Permit	1
Temporary Facility Occupancy Permits	13

HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY

CERTIFICATES

GED Completions	87
HiSET Completions	1
TASC Completions	0

I-KAN ATTENDANCE ASSISTANCE

PROGRAM (AAP)

Students and Families Served	783
Truancy Review Board Referrals	37
Business Sponsors for Attendance Incentives	0

STUDENTS ALL LEARNING

TOGETHER S.A.L.T.

Total Enrollment for 2025-2026	173
9th Grade	10
10th Grade	21
11th Grade	46
12th Grade	96
Received High School Diploma	93
Dropped out of school	14
Returned to regular school	10
Move out of District	2

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CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES

GRANT

Children & Youth Served	567
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REGIONAL ALTERNATIVE

ATTENDANCE CENTER (RAAC)

Enrollment for 2025-2026 School Year	77
Returned to their Home School	5
Graduates	
Jr High School/8th Grade	
Promotion	4
High School	8

FAMILY VIOLENCE COORDINATING

COUNCIL

Media Campaigns	10
Materials Distributed	15,000
Special Events	74
Trainings and Seminars Provided	75
Number of Participants	2167

LIFE EDUCATION CENTERS (LEC)

Number of K-6 Grade Students Served	7,908
Number of Teachers Served	387
Number of Participating Schools	35

7th - 12th Grade Youth Prevention

Education

Students Served	2,010
Teachers Served	29
Participating Schools	12

Prevention of Prescription Drug Misuse- Generation Rx

7th, 8th, 9th, and 10th grade Students served	355
Youth Advisory Council Members	20
Parent Communication Campaign Participants	1,950
Special Events	12

TEEN REACH

Number of Sites	2
Number of Students Enrolled	60
Adult Volunteers	10
Family Involvement (Parents)	20
Students Tracked	40
Promoted to Next Grade Level	100%
Showed Academic Improvement	85%
Reduction in Absences	88%
Special Events	4

Impossible Science was a Magical Experience!

I-KAN ROE had the amazing opportunity to host the Impossible Science Festival on May 4-5 at Kankakee First Church of the Nazarene. Throughout the 2-day event over 1,400 students participated in the festival. Students performed 18 experiments where they learned the science behind invisibility, electromagnetism, telekinesis, water bending, anti-gravity, and so much more! We are already in the process of scheduling Impossible Science to come back next school year with a whole new set of experiments.



Professional Development

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Number of Workshops Offered 33
Number of Participants 569

ADMINISTRATORS' ACADEMY

Number of Workshops 3
Number of Participants 22

DATABASE OF CONSULTANTS

Professional Development
Consultants 30

STARLAB

Number of Days Checked Out 34

BUS DRIVER TRAINING

Initial Trainings 10
Initial Bus Drivers 87
Refresher Trainings 5
Refresher Drivers 363

INSTRUCTIONAL COACHING PROGRAMS

Districts 9
Schools 14
Number of Participants 134
PD Opportunities within Districts 41

I-KAN STEAM CHALLENGE

I-KAN Steam Challenge 3 Days
Location—Trinity Church
Ashkum
3rd grade – 8th grade
Regional competition in the areas of
Science, Technology, Engineering, Art
and Mathematics.
7th – 8th Grade Teams 19
Student Participants 95
5th – 6th Grade Teams 24
Student Participants 120
3rd – 4th Grade Teams 24
Student Participants 120
65 teams and 31 schools participated
Total Participants 335

INDUCTION/MENTORING

Induction Kickoff 3
Participants 60
Mentor Orientation 3
Participants 37
Number of Participating Districts 11
Protégés Completing 1st Year 66

TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT SERVICES

Number of Technology Coordinator/
Director Networking Sessions 3
Technology Training
Technology Sessions 3
Participants 25
1 on 1 Technology Sessions 25
Participants 105

Professional Learning • School Improvement • Instructional Coaching

The I-KAN Regional Office of Education provides quality professional learning and school improvement opportunities, including instructional coaching. Each job embedded coaching session is focused on the teachers' individual goals, classroom, and students. For more information, email rtobey-barrows@i-kan.org.

Revenue Information

(Largely flows through to serve constituents)

PROGRAM	AMOUNT	PROGRAM	AMOUNT	PROGRAM	AMOUNT
County Support Funds	410,778.00	RAAC State Free Lunch & Breakfast	507.38	ROE School Services – Local (STEAM)	10,675.00
Teacher Certificates & Renewals	34,305.00	RAAC National School Lunch	23,960.50	ROE School Services - Local (Impossible Science)	15,428.00
TAOEP—State	203,440.00	RAAC National School Breakfast	17,284.82	Special Projects	225.00
TAOEP County Support Funds	42,243.00	S.A.L.T. Evidence Based Fund	1,209,611.37	GED Applications & Certificates	3,107.00
TAOEP District Assessment Fees	46,368.00	DHS SUPS)	331,981.00	Bus Driver Training—Local	5,918.38
Homeless/McKinney Vento	42,383.00	Teen Reach – DHS	129,600.00	Bus Driver Training—State	2,114.00
RSSP —State	228,317.00	LEC—Local		Fingerprinting Fees	13,195.00
Regional Work Experience Career Exploration Program (RWECEP)	18,835.00	Dist. Assessment Fees	62,527.25	Family Violence Council—	49,000.00
RAAC Evidence Based Fund	369,930.56	ROE School Services—State	344,960.00	CPDC Project	6,398.00
I-KAN Schools Tallman Funds	18,000.00	Professional Dev—Local	50,174.53	Commission on Access—Justice	8,500.00
RAAC—Local	122,550.00	Instructional Coaching - IGA	119,277.00	Iroquois Community Mental Health	27,244.00
RAAC – IPRF Safety Grant	1,640.00	Instructional Coaching Local	221,816.00	School Maintenance Grant	50,000.00

Regional Information

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Districts	18
Student Enrollment	19,815
Administrators	175
Educators	1,499
Buildings	60
Cooperatives	5
Alternative Programs	3
Non-public Schools	7
Student Enrollment	1,798
Total Square Miles in Region	1,800
Population of Region	131,675

NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Grace Christian Academy
St. Paul's Lutheran School
Bishop McNamara Catholic Schools—
(Bourbonnais, Bradley, Kankakee)
Kankakee Trinity Academy
St. Paul Lutheran School, Iroquois
St. John Lutheran School
Christ Lutheran High School

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Bourbonnais Elementary School District #53
Bradley Elementary School District #61
Bradley-Bourbonnais Community High School District #307
Central Community Unit School District #4
Cissna Park Community Unit School District #6
Crescent-Iroquois Community Unit School District #249
Donovan Community Unit School District #3
Grant Park Community Unit School District #6
Herscher Community Unit School District #2
Iroquois County Community Unit School District #9
Iroquois West Community Unit School District #10
Kankakee School District #111
Manteno Community Unit School District #5
Milford Area Public Schools District #124
Momence Community Unit School District #1
Pembroke Community Consolidated School District #259
St. Anne Unit District #24
St. George Community Consolidated School District #258

COOPERATIVES

Kankakee Area Special Education Cooperative
Kankakee Area Career Center
Kankakee Area Regional Vocational Education System (K.A.R.V.E.S.)
Iroquois Special Education Association
Iroquois Area Regional Delivery System

REGIONAL ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS

I-KAN Regional Alternative Attendance Center (RAAC)
Students All Learning Together (S.A.L.T.) - Kankakee Site
Students All Learning Together (S.A.L.T. II) - Iroquois Site

Governing Boards

I-KAN JOINT EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Jessica Andrade, Kankakee Co. Board
Chad McGinnis, Iroquois Co. Board*
Steve Huse, Iroquois Co. Board
Tinker Parker, Kankakee Co. Board
Carol Webber, Kankakee Co. Board

Meets quarterly
* Chairman

REGIONAL BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

John Gooding, Iroquois (27)
Ed Brown, Kankakee (31)
Dawn Russert, Kankakee* (29)
Dave Fortin, Kankakee (27)
Don Wagner, Kankakee (27)

Meets quarterly
* Chairman
(Term Expiration)