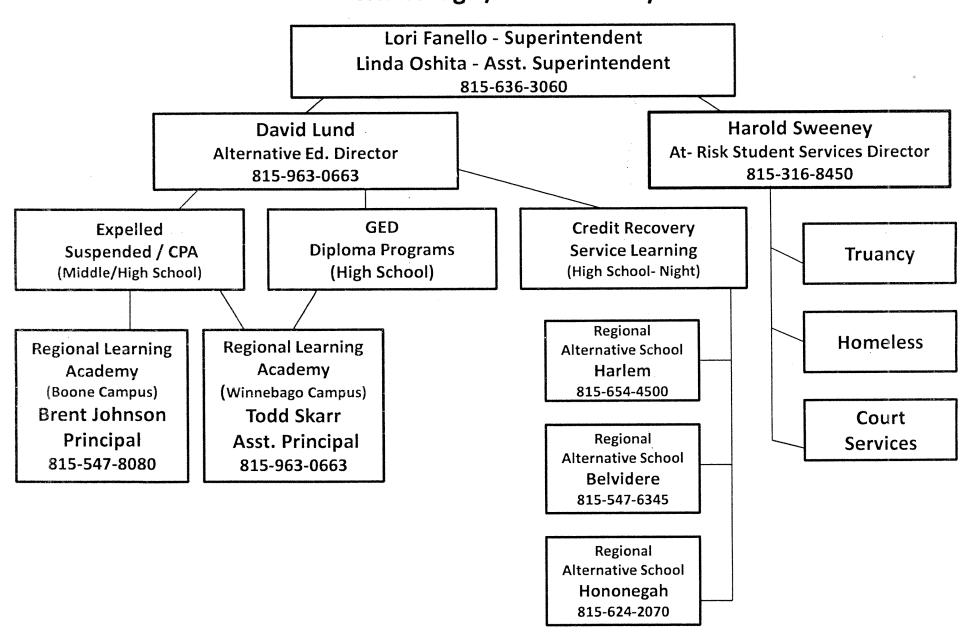
Regional Office Of Education Winnebago / Boone County



Program Descriptions

The Boone-Winnebago Counties Regional Office of Education acts as an advocate for education by providing positive leadership, performing regulatory functions as directed by the Illinois School Code and the Illinois State Board of Education, coordinating and delivering state and local services and disseminating information for educators, school districts and the community. Our office is dedicated to providing quality services and programs to meet the needs of our districts, administrators and teachers, and ultimately the students in our area.

The Regional Learning Academy began serving students on April 14, 1997 as a result of state legislation which called for an alternative program for youth, grades 6-12, who are considered disruptive. This alternative program provides educational programming to those students who have been expelled and are in need of educational alternatives. Contact: David Lund, Principal (Winnebago Site) at 815-963-0663 or Brent Johnson, Principal (Boone Site) at 815-547-8080.

The Regional Learning Center is an educational alternative for young people between the ages of 16 and 21 who have left school before graduation and reside in Boone or Winnebago County. There is no fee for services. Currently, two locations offer a comprehensive continuum of education; academic skills, job seeding and job keeping skills, and support to increase the likelihood of success for youth reentering the educational system. Contact: Todd Skarr, Asst. Principal (Winnebago Site) at 815-963-0663.

The Regional Alternative School / Credit Recovery Program serves as an alternative placement to the seven co-op school district members. Goal of the program is to provide quality academic services to students who experience difficulty achieving success in a traditional school setting. Students will be prepared to transition back to their home district according to their student success plan. The curriculum is a combination of online classes and teacher-led instruction. The following districts serve high school students grades 9-12; Hononegah #207, South Beloit #320, Belvidere #100, North Boone #200, Harlem #122, Winnebago #323, and Pecatonica # 321. Contact: David Lund, Director at 815-963-0663.

Truancy, Court Services - The Illinois School Code states that children between the ages of 7 and 17 must attend school. The Regional Superintendent is the Truant Officer for the Boone/Winnebago Region, and office personnel work with the schools and other agencies to help the parents resolve issues related to truancy in order to avoid having to appear to Court. However, if that route is not successful, the Regional office represents the truant student/family in Court to determine another plan to solve the truancy problem. Contact: Harold Sweeney, Director at 815-316-8450.

Homeless- The McKinney-Vento homeless student program works the district homeless liaison and school staff to allow those students identified as being homeless are provided services to overcome the barriers to education brought about by the student's homelessness. Contact: Harold Sweeney, Director at 815-316-8450.