

# Fiscal Year 2009/2010 Budget Highlights and Goals

## Regional Office of Education

### **FY2009 Highlights**

- Thatcher Meadows annexation/detachment – Districts 15/36.
- Closed the Attainable Housing Lawsuit.
- Opened new comprehensive high school in Woodstock.
- Provided certification, professional development and service support to more than 2,400 certified teachers and administrators.
- Continued the partnership with McHenry County College to deliver GED services to constituents resulting in over 400 GED applications.
- Provided county-wide leadership and professional development in the areas of Homeless Education and Compulsory Attendance by providing on-site training and consultation to each of the 18 local school districts and the special education cooperative.
- Facilitated the implementation of the revised environmental education program throughout the county.
- Maintained a high completion rate for students enrolled in the Regional Safe Schools Program.
- Collaborated with community based agencies, Court Services and the Juvenile Judge to deliver attendance services to truant youth and their families that improved student attendance without significant court interaction.
- Provided training for more than 1,000 bus drivers.
- Conducted three comprehensive audits of local school districts which resulted in all districts receiving “Full Recognition” status.

### **FY2010 Goals**

- Implement fiscal procedures necessary to adopt credit card acceptance of the payment of fees to the Regional Office of Education.
- Continue to partner with community based agencies and local school districts to develop and implement strategies that improve student attendance.
- Work with Harvard District 50 to open a new elementary school for the 2010 school year.
- Expand professional development offerings through the professional development network targeting improving instructional strategies for the teachers of McHenry County.