



# THREE RIVERS EDUCATION FOR EMPLOYMENT EFE 100

## DIRECTOR'S SUMMARY - February 2026

Professional development and P&CC activities focus on advancing system goals: expanding equitable access to high-quality CTE programs, aligning pathways with local labor market needs, increasing work-based learning, and strengthening industry and community partnerships. Key activities and outcomes support student preparation for in-demand careers and address the workforce needs of Will, Grundy and parts of Cook County.

### P&CC

#### **FY 26 Leadership**

##### **Chair Nick Schroder and Chair Elect Scott Duensing**

- Regional leadership that guides CTE PD priorities for teachers and industry
- District admins and career center leaders.
- Oversees committees, curriculum, staffing, resources, and program evaluation.
- Collects industry and community feedback on curriculum and pathways for advisory committees

### **CTE NETWORK**

#### **FY 26 Leadership**

##### **Co-Chairs**

##### **Kara Gierke and Tammi Conn**

- Collaborative Workgroup: Regional CTE teachers and leaders working together.
- Supports P&CC: Shares best practices, drives innovation, and aligns CTE programs with student and workforce needs.
- Partnerships: Works with Will and Grundy/Kendall ROEs to coordinate professional development, collaboration, and regional resources.

## REGIONAL UPDATES

- [Leadership and District Running Reports](#)

- Student to Apprenticeship Update

- [Trades Recognition Event - April 15th](#)

- [Directors Evaluation - Due by Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>](#)

- [Sent out on February 2nd](#)

- [TREEs End of Year Allocation Timeline and Forms](#)

- [EOY Grant Allocation Requests](#)

- Submit by April 30<sup>th</sup>

- Reviewed by P&CC on May 7<sup>th</sup>

- Review by Administrative Council on May 14<sup>th</sup>

- Approved by TREEs Director by May 21st

- [Upcoming P&CC SP 2026 Highlights](#)

- March 5<sup>th</sup> - TREP Member Networking

- April 9<sup>th</sup> - Lemont High School - 8:30am

- May 7<sup>th</sup> - JJC Program Tour and Highlight

- WIC 2026-2027 Location

- [Interest Form](#)

- Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment

- Section 4 - TREEs Regional Report -

- [EDR4 Data](#)

- [LNA Template](#)

- [CLNA Timeline](#)

- FY 27 Grant Process

- Language adjustments

- [Budget Sheets](#)

- School Inventory Systems

- [Middle School/Elementary Grant Process](#)

- [Elementary School Grant Guidelines](#)

- Budget Tracking

- Regional opportunities

- [Junior Achievement Opportunities](#)

- March 9<sup>th</sup> - MS Career Awareness

- March 17<sup>th</sup> - Occupation Career Speaker

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## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### TREES REGION PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Counselors in the Trades
  - Pipefitters and Local 150
  - **Week of April 15th**
- CCPE Team Based Challenge Workshop
  - March 11<sup>th</sup> (JJC)
- CTE Network
  - January 29<sup>th</sup> CTE and SPED (Lockport)
  - March 5<sup>th</sup> CTE and EL (Minooka)
- Peer to Peer PD
  - A+I: Amplifying Student Voice
    - February 11<sup>th</sup> (Lemont)
  - JJC Saveur Lunch- Culinary Arts
    - February 12<sup>th</sup>
  - AI Generated Jewelry
    - February 25<sup>th</sup> (Lockport)
  - Social Media Marketing
    - March 4<sup>th</sup> (Minooka)

### STATE AND NATIONAL PD

- *ACTE Best Practices, September 24-26, St. Louis*
- *ACTE Vision, December 9-12, Nashville TN - Jon Calder, Minooka*
- *IACTE Conference, February 18-20, Springfield, IL*
- *ACTE National Policy Seminar, March 17-20, Washington DC- Alicia Cook, Wilco*
- *ACTE WBL, April 29-May 1, Providence RI - TBD*
- *ACTE Region III Conference, June 15-17, Menomonie, WI - TBD*

***CTE Network can assist for individuals who want to become more involved***

### **FY27 Professional Development Opportunities**

- IMTS - September 14<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>
- Chicago BUILD - October 28<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>
- MFG Day - October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026
- Health Educator Conference - November 6th

### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT RECAP**

- Spring 26 PD Registrations
  - A+I Amplified Student Voices- 9
  - Social Media Marketing - 15
  - CCPE Team Based Challenges - 15
  - AI Generated Jewelry - 13
  - **JJC Saveur Lunch Workshop - 5**

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