



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. 27th
 - Sent out on February 2nd
- TREES End of Year Allocation Timeline and Forms
 - EOY Grant Allocation Requests
 - Submit by April 30th
 - Reviewed by P&CC on May 7th
 - Review by Administrative Council on May 14th
 - Approved by TREES Director by May 21st
- Upcoming P&CC SP 2026 Highlights
 - March 5th - TREP Member Networking
 - April 9th - Lemont High School - 8:30am
 - May 7th - 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 9th - MS Career Awareness
 - March 17th - 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 11th (JJC)
- CTE Network
 - January 29th CTE and SPED (Lockport)
 - March 5th CTE and EL (Minooka)
- Peer to Peer PD
 - A+I: Amplifying Student Voice
 - February 11th (Lemont)
 - JJC Saveur Lunch- Culinary Arts
 - February 12th
 - AI Generated Jewelry
 - February 25th (Lockport)
 - Social Media Marketing
 - March 4th (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 14th - 15th
- Chicago BUILD - October 28th - 29th
- MFG Day - October 7th, 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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