

**Quincy Conference 2021**  
**Partnerships & Pathways**  
**to**  
***Renew Our Profession***

**Update on Quincy Conference 2021 & New Partnership**

The Quincy Conference Planning Committee has been working diligently to plan strategic learning opportunities for ROE #1 public and private school educators\*. Our goal for this year was to offer a keynote speaker and then have the rest of the day to allow superintendents and principals to drive the schedule. This structure is a step towards reviving Quincy Conference, yet provides local decisions to be made in each school district. Our hope for Quincy Conference 2022 is to host an in-person conference with virtual pathways for learning.

**Partnering for Renewal & Restoration of Our Profession**

In an effort to best serve our region's educators, the Quincy Conference Planning Committee has decided to endorse and partner with the Illinois Virtual Teacher Institute. This virtual conference was organized by Dr. Jeremy Larson, Paris-Union School District 95 Superintendent, and is free of charge, thanks to the generosity of the Paris-Union School District 95. After discussion with Dr. Larson and our team, we have determined that to serve as stewards of fiscal and human resources, we will endorse and partner with the Illinois Virtual Teacher Institute on Friday, October, 8, 2021. Our committee believes that this virtual conference will offer high-quality learning sessions and provides our local educators the opportunity to engage in sessions virtually or work together with their school-based teams on local priorities.

**What does this mean for ROE #1 public and private schools?**

As the committee had previously shared with all ROE #1 superintendents and principals, participants will still have the opportunity to see an internationally known keynote speaker, Dr. Ron Clark, streamed directly to their district and/or school building. From there, superintendents and principals will work with their leadership teams to determine the rest of their agenda. If educators want to join and engage in the break-out sessions provided by the Illinois Virtual Teacher Institute, they can. If educators have school or local priorities they need to address, they can. If educators want to join one or two of the break-out sessions and spend time working on local priorities the rest of the day, they can. The beauty of this partnership is it allows multiple pathways for learning and networking. Decisions for participation will be made on a local level by district and school leaders.

**Do I have to register? How will I join the Keynote Speaker and/or Break-Out Sessions?**

Upon discussion with Dr. Jeremy Larson, Illinois Virtual Teacher Institute Director, ROE #1 will submit information from each district superintendent (principals will submit information for private schools) with anticipated numbers of attendees. From there, links will be emailed to superintendents to be forwarded to staff members accordingly. ROE #1 will work in collaboration with districts to determine if ISBE Professional Development Hours are issued from ROE #1 or from the local school district.

**Now What?**

ROE #1 and the Quincy Conference Planning Committee will continue to communicate with each district leader to determine what the best approach will be for each district. From there, ROE #1 will submit anticipated numbers from each district to Dr. Jeremy Larson and he will send virtual links accordingly. Dr. Ron Clark and Monica Genta have both been featured speakers at previous Quincy Conferences and our team believes they will bring the right amount of energy and excitement as we all unite to renew the profession of serving as an educator.

For questions, please email, [mfray@roe1.net](mailto:mfray@roe1.net).

*\*Educators - those who serve children by working for and serving public and private schools (both licensed and non-licensed staff members) in Adams, Brown, Cass, Morgan, Pike, & Scott Counties.*