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---Daily Herald---05/16/2019 U-46 seeks input on Bartlett, Streamwood high school academies

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Elgin Area School District U-46 officials are seeking community feedback on how to update the academy programs at Bartlett and Streamwood high schools.

District leaders are reviewing both academies to see if they can offer more relevant curriculum to prepare students for a global economy.

A bilingual <u>survey</u> for students, parents, employees and community members will be available through May 29. Respondents are asked to rank the importance of a variety of 21st-century skills and potential new themes for the Bartlett and Streamwood academies.

U-46 is transitioning its existing five high school academies -- started 20 years ago -- to more exclusive and unique magnet academies. All five academies are in various stages of a multiyear process to earn certification with <u>Magnet Academies of America</u>. They are: BEACON Academy of Media and Digital Arts at South Elgin High School; Gifted and Talented Academy at Elgin High School; Science, Engineering and High Technology Academy at Bartlett High School; Visual and Performing Arts Academy at Larkin High School in Elgin; and World Languages and International Studies Academy at Streamwood High School.

"U-46 is committed to creating learning environments that prepare students to be college- and career-ready," said Lela Majstorovic, assistant superintendent of secondary schools instruction and equity. "The data gathered through this survey will guide the district as it transitions the current Bartlett and Streamwood high school academies to magnet academies."

Officials already have determined a transition plan for Elgin High School's Gifted Academy to become an <u>International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme</u>. That process is expected to take a couple of years. South Elgin's BEACON Academy of Media and Digital Arts curriculum was updated in 2018. Larkin High School's Visual and Performing Arts Academy will retain its focus, but curriculum also will be updated over the next couple of years. The school board must approve all curriculum updates.

Meanwhile, officials also are developing additional college and career academies at all five high schools to be offered beginning with the freshmen class that will enter in 2021. They would focus on the arts, humanities, liberal arts, business, and STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics). They would comprise several <u>educational pathways</u> -- a multiyear sequence of courses -- allowing students to explore a field of interest as elective courses their sophomore, junior and senior years while taking core classes and meeting rigorous college admission requirements.

Magnet academies will remain unique, offering in-depth experiences and study in specific areas of interest.

Currently, eighth-graders can apply to be part of U-46's existing academies each fall. Students enrolled in these academies now and this fall's incoming freshman class can expect the same program as in previous years. The review and survey of academies at Bartlett and Streamwood won't affect current students or incoming freshmen. Potential changes to these programs likely wouldn't be implemented until 2022, officials said.

Survey results will be used for research purposes, and all responses will remain confidential. U-46 will share the results with district faculty, students, families and community members.

---Primera Hora---05/16/2019 Distrito de Chicago reclutará maestros en Puerto Rico Por: Primera Hora



El distrito estima que necesitan llenar aproximadamente 65 puestos vacantes de maestros de Lenguaje Dual para el año escolar 2019-20.

Estarán en la Isla a partir de esta semana.

Personal de uno de los distritos escolares bilingües más grandes de los Estados Unidos ubicado en los alrededores de Chicago llegará a varias universidades de Puerto Rico para reclutar maestros bilingües.

Según se informó en declaraciones escritas, Annette Acevedo, directora del Programa de Estudiantes que Aprenden Inglés y Nelmari Velázquez Zayas, encargada de Reclutamiento estarán del 18 al 25 de mayo en Puerto Rico para reunirse con candidatos en varias universidades, incluyendo la Universidad Ana G. Mendez, en Cupey, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Puerto Rico, en Ponce, y la Universidad de Puerto Rico, en Mayagüez.

Los interesados en empleo pueden llamar al 847-888-5000, extensión 5028 y <u>visitar la solicitud de empleo en el sitio web.</u>

El distrito antes mencionado estima que necesitan llenar aproximadamente 65 puestos vacantes de maestros de Lenguaje Dual para el año escolar 2019-20.

En el escrito se informó que actualmente cerca de 100 maestros de Puerto Rico trabajan en el segundo distrito más grande de Illinois.

SPORTS

---The Daily Herald---05/15/2019 Girls soccer: Dundee-Crown ousts Larkin

By: Dave Hess

Whatever Dundee-Crown girls soccer coach Sebastian Falinski said to his troops at halftime, he should bottle it.

Trailing 1-0 to Larkin at halftime, D-C scored 2 goals within the first 4 minutes of the second half and the 10th seeded Chargers were able to hold on to an upset 2-1 win over No. 7 Larkin in Class 3A Dundee-Crown regional action in Carpentersville Wednesday afternoon.

"We made some adjustments at halftime," said Falinski. "We had some good opportunities to score in the first half but couldn't finish. We knew we had to have better spacing. It was nice to score early and play most of the half with a 1-goal lead."

The host Chargers (9-8-1) will take on second-seeded Cary-Grove (12-2-1) at 4:30 p.m. Friday for the regional championship.

Cary-Grove defeated D-C 4-2 in Fox Valley Conference action.

"We played Cary tough," said Falinski. "They are a very good team. We look forward to the challenge."

Larkin (14-8-1) scored the lone goal of the first half on an unassisted tally from Ariana King with 12:20 remaining in the first half.

With only 1:40 elapsed in the second half, the Chargers knotted the score at 1 on an unassisted goal from Katelyn Skibinski.

The Chargers scored what turned out to be the game-winner on a goal by Rylee Quillen off an assist from Skibinski with 35:56 left in the contest.

"It was a perfect pass from Katelyn," said Quillen. "She put the ball in the perfect spot to score. Coach (Falinski) told us at halftime we had to finish and want it more."

D-C senior goalkeeper Diana-Santillian-Cepa, who missed the early portion of the season with a concussion, was outstanding in the goal with 8 saves.

"My mindset is I have to concentrate at all times and have my mind totally in the game at all times," said the D-C goalie. "It was tough to miss games early in the season with the concussion. It is nice to help the team win."

Larkin coach Ken Hall praised Santillian-Ceja,

"The D-C keeper was the difference in the game," said Hall. "She made the great save when she had to."

The Royals had a golden chance to tie the game with 1:20 remaining when Miranda Preuss blasted a 30-yard direct kick right on goal but the Santillian-Ceja was able to push the ball over the net to preserve the Chargers' win.

D-C outshot Larkin 13-9. Lluviana Carmona had 11 saves for the Royals.

Larkin had to play the last 65 minutes without junior defender Amy Leon.

"She is a really solid player,' said Hall. "We certainly missed her play and her leadership." $\,$