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## **School District U-46 Hosts Twelfth Annual 'Principal for a Day' Event**

*Community leaders to experience  
school life through a new lens*

**ELGIN** - The state's second largest school district will once again open school doors and invite community leaders to learn more about the inner workings of running a school during the 12th annual School District U-46 Principal for a Day event. The event gives more than 60 local leaders an opportunity to see firsthand how principals guide school teams to meet the academic, social and emotional goals for each student.

Participating guest principals include local leaders representing chambers of commerce, state and local elected officials, police and fire departments, and leaders in the areas of medicine, finance, business and education. The U-46 team welcomes guest principals to return to schools and build long-term partnerships that will support each school's priorities and goals. Guest principals, for example, might sponsor a school activity, mentor and tutor, host a field trip or provide an internship for a high school student to explore a career of interest.

"Strong public schools enable communities to thrive, and strong community support helps schools and students to thrive," said Tony Sanders, CEO of School District U-46. "While we host one Principal for a Day event each year, we welcome community partnerships and relationships year-round."

Each year the District aims to invite new community leaders to the event; 36 of the 62 guest principals are new to the role this year. Representatives from Side Street Studio Arts and Bartlett Chamber of Commerce are among our new participants.



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Side Street Studio Arts offers a program called "Community Moves," that helps children find their voice through artistic expression. The organization, based in Elgin, also provides on-site after-school programming for our young student artists.

"I am excited to visit with the U-46 school team and students," said Side Street Studio Arts Executive Director, Tanner Melvin. "Together we can help build the foundation for our youth to become well-rounded and responsible citizens."

Bartlett Area Chamber President, Nanette Gudenkauf, wants to bring awareness of career opportunities available through local businesses.

"Principal for a Day is the perfect opportunity to form a stronger connection with U-46, which is why I am thrilled to be involved with this event," said Gudenkauf. "We share a common value of wanting students to succeed."

To conclude the Principal for a Day event, the guests will convene for a luncheon sponsored by Marco, a leading technology services provider, at Villa Olivia in Bartlett. The featured speaker, Illinois State Board of Education Chair Darren Reisberg, will address state education initiatives during the luncheon. Mr. Reisberg had previously served as the general counsel and deputy superintendent of the ISBE between 2005 and 2012. He is currently the vice president of programs and strategy at the Joyce Foundation, a nonpartisan private foundation that invests in public policies and strategies to advance racial equity and economic mobility for the people in the Great Lakes region.

**WHO:** Community leaders, U-46 schools.

**WHAT:** Community leaders will visit schools to serve as a "[Principal for a Day](#)."

**WHEN:** Friday, Dec. 6.

8 a.m. to noon - Guest principals at U-46 schools.

Noon to 2 p.m. - Luncheon at Villa Olivia, 1401 W. Lake St., Bartlett.



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**PHOTO OPPORTUNITY:** Available at schools all morning.

Reporters who want to cover or photograph the event, please RSVP with Mary Fergus at [MaryFergus@u-46.org](mailto:MaryFergus@u-46.org).

Below is a chart that outlines which community leaders will serve at which school.

School	Principal	Principal for a Day	Organization	Principal for a Day	Organization
Abbott M.S.	Kathy Davis				
Bartlett Elem.	John Signatur				
Bartlett H.S.	Mike Demovksy				
Canton M.S.	Jeffrey Smith				
Centennial Elem.	Sarah N. Rabe				
Central School Programs	Lindsay Mota				
Century Oaks Elem.	Dr. Andrea Erickson				
Channing Elem.	Josefina Melendez				
Clinton Elem.	John Oliver				
Coleman Elem.	Brian Stark				
Creekside Elem.	Joel Pollack				
Dream Academy	Krystal Bush				
Eastview M.S.	Donald Donner				



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Elgin H.S.	Krystal J. Thomas				
Ellis M.S.	Yvette G. Gonzalez-Collins				
Fox Meadow Elem.	Sjoukje Brown				
Garfield Elem.	Dr. Kyle D. Bunker				
Glenbrook Elem.	Cheryl DeRoo				
Hanover Countryside.	Harold Shepherd				
Harriet Gifford Elem.	Joe Corcoran				
Hawk Hollow Elem.	Noelle Dupuis				
Heritage Elem.	Catherine Fletcher				
Highland Elem.	Steve Johnson				
Hillcrest Elem.	Teresa Winters				
Hilltop Elem.	Dr. Kyle VonSchnase				
Horizon Elem.	Jennifer Schwardt				
Huff Elem.	Dr. Angelica Ernst				
Illinois Park	Apryl Lowe				
Independence	Lisa Bergbreiter				
Kenyon Woods M.S.	Lisa Olsem				



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Kimball M.S.	Charlotte Coleman				
Larkin H.S.	Jamie Crosen				
Larsen M.S.	Gina Crespo				
Laurel Hill Elem.	Maria A. Lopez				
Liberty Elem.	Stephanie Sylvester				
Lincoln Elem.	Abbie Eklund				
Lords Park Elem.	Noe Velazquez				
Lowrie Elem.	Tiffany Robinson				
McKinley Elem.	Juan Lira				
More at Four	Angela Gallegos				
Nature Ridge Elem.	Cyndi S. Aleman				
Oakhill Elem.	Laura Alegria				
Ontarioville Elem.	Dr. Elizabeth Ma				
Otter Creek Elem.	David Aleman				
Parkwood Elem.	Ana Arroyo				
Prairieview Elem.	Paul Flatley				
Ridge Circle Elem.	Janelle Raine				
Ronald D. O'Neal Elem.	Marcie Marzullo				
South Elgin	Brian Moran				



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H.S.					
Spring Trail Elem.	Amy Kendryna				
Streamwood H.S.	Jennifer Van Deusen				
Sunnydale Elem.	Dr. Maria Valdovinos-Bhatia				
Sycamore Trails Elem.	Lisa Cardenas				
Tefft M.S.	Luis Fernando DeLeon				
Timber Trails Elem.	Dr. Elisa Biancalana				
Washington Elem.	Lori Brandes				
Wayne Elem.	Adam Zurko				
Willard Elem.	Dustin Covarrubias				

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*School District U-46 serves families in 11 communities: Bartlett, Elgin, Hanover Park, South Elgin, Streamwood and Wayne, as well as portions of Carol Stream, Hoffman Estates, St. Charles, Schaumburg, and West Chicago. In total, the District encompasses 90 square miles within the Fox River Valley, approximately 45 minutes west of downtown Chicago, and includes communities within Cook, DuPage and Kane counties. More than 38,000 pre-K through twelfth graders attend the 57 District schools and programs. To learn more, Visit the U-46 [website](#), or like us on [Facebook](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#).*