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U46 enrollment continues to drop; funding for school renovations gets underway

By: James Fuller

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The number of students enrolled in Elgin Area **School District U-46** continues to plummet, according to the latest data shared with school board members. At the same time, the district is beginning to put the borrowing in place to fund \$380 million worth of school improvements.

The district's student population is down 13% from the 2015-16 school year. That was the last time enrollment topped 40,000 students. The school population dipped by an average of 625 students every year since then -- leaving 34,864 students currently in classrooms.

Brian Lindholm, the district's chief of staff, attributed the drain to declining local birthrates. He said local private schools have seen comparable drops, though Elgin Math and Science Academy is at capacity.

Lindholm predicted the student population will bottom out at about 30,000 if the trend continues as expected. Just about all of the enrollment decline is concentrated at the elementary and middle school levels. Canton Middle School is particularly notable, Lindholm said, because there are fewer than 400 students there, leaving the building operating at about 50% of its capacity.

Following that news, school board members viewed several school renovation and expansion plans funded, in part, by the referendum voters approved earlier this year. That referendum included a plan to borrow \$179 million and add that money to \$100 million of savings and another \$100 million in working cash bonds and debt certificates to fund all the improvements.

Among the aims of the referendum are moving to a middle school model with grades 6 to 8 together, using space in elementary schools to expand early childhood programs and replacing or renovating older elementary schools.

Because voters approved the referendum, the district will borrow money equal to the old debt it will retire. That means people paying property taxes to U-46 will see the debt service portion of the

district's tax levy remain flat rather than see a smaller tax bill. Taxes to the district would have fallen by \$178 in 2024 for a home with a \$300,000 market value.

School board members will now use some of that retained borrowing power to start working on the list of school improvements.

The board learned it will cost \$52.4 million to transition Hawk Hollow from an elementary to a middle school. That's in line with the administration's cost projections for the project. That work is set to be done by Wood Dale-based George Sollitt Construction. It will be completed by July 2025.

Next in line is the construction of a new Elgin Middle School and an addition for and renovation of Kimball Middle School.

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IHSA playoff football: Time, dates for Class 1A to 8A second-round matchups

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Neuqua Valley's Carson Stevens recovers a Palatine fumble on the opening kickoff in a Class 8A first round playoff football game last Friday in Naperville. The Wildcats play at defending state champion Loyola at 1 p.m. Saturday. (John Starks | Staff Photographer)

Here are the matchups, with dates and times included, for the second round of the IHSA football playoffs.

Class 8A No. 16 Naperville (Neuqua Valley) (7-3) at No. 1 Wilmette (Loyola Academy) (10-0), Sat., Nov. 4, 1 p.m.

No. 8 Huntley (9-1) at No. 24 Chicago (St. Ignatius) (7-3), Fri., Nov. 3, 7 p.m.
 No. 13 Glen Ellyn (Glenbard West) (8-2) at No. 4 Edwardsville (H.S.) (9-1), Sat., Nov. 4, 1 p.m.
 No. 5 Elmhurst (York) (9-1) at No. 21 LaGrange (Lyons) (7-3), Sat., Nov. 4, 6 p.m.
 No. 15 Minooka (8-2) at No. 2 Frankfort (Lincoln-Way East) (10-0), Fri., Nov. 3, 6:30 p.m.
 No. 10 Gurnee (Warren) (8-2) at No. 7 **South Elgin** (9-1), Sat., Nov. 4, 1 p.m.
 No. 14 Naperville (Central) (8-2) at No. 3 Barrington (10-0), Sat., Nov. 4, 7 p.m.
 No. 11 Belleville (East) (8-2) at No. 6 Park Ridge (Maine South) (9-1), Fri., Nov. 3, 6 p.m.
 Class 7A No. 16 Bradley (B.-Bourbonnais) (7-3) at No. 1 Normal (Community) (10-0), Sat., Nov. 4, 6 p.m.
 No. 9 Lombard (Glenbard East) (9-1) at No. 25 Addison (A. Trail) (7-3), Fri., Nov. 3, 6 p.m.
 No. 13 Downers Grove (North) (8-2) at No. 4 Arlington Heights (Hersey) (10-0), Sat., Nov. 4, 4 p.m.
 No. 12 New Lenox (Lincoln-Way West) (8-2) at No. 28 Collinsville (6-4), Sat., Nov. 4, 3 p.m.
 No. 15 Villa Park (Willowbrook) (8-2) at No. 2 Rockton (Hononegah) (10-0), Sat., Nov. 4, 2 p.m.
 No. 10 New Lenox (Lincoln-Way Central) (9-1) at No. 7 Batavia (9-1), Sat., Nov. 4, 1 p.m.
 No. 3 Quincy (Sr.) (10-0) at No. 19 Wheaton (North) (7-3), Sat., Nov. 4, 2 p.m.
 No. 11 Mt. Prospect (Prospect) (8-2) at No. 6 Chicago (Mt. Carmel) (9-1), Fri., Nov. 3, 7 p.m.
 Class 6A No. 1 Lake Zurich (9-1) at No. 9 Maple Park (Kaneland) (7-3), Sat., Nov. 4, 4 p.m.
 No. 5 Wauconda (8-2) at No. 4 Belvidere (North) (8-2), Sat., Nov. 4, 1 p.m.
 No. 7 Geneva (8-2) at No. 15 Lake Forest (H.S.) (6-4), Fri., Nov. 3, 7 p.m.
 No. 3 Cary (Grove) (8-2) at No. 11 Highland Park (7-3), Sat., Nov. 4, 2 p.m.
 No. 8 Blue Island (Eisenhower) (7-3) at No. 1 Kankakee (Sr.) (10-0), Sat., Nov. 4, 1 p.m.
 No. 5 Normal (Community West) (8-2) at No. 4 East St. Louis (Sr.) (8-2), Sat., Nov. 4, 1 p.m.
 No. 7 Crete (Monee) (7-3) at No. 2 Washington (9-1), Sat., Nov. 4, 3 p.m.
 No. 6 Chatham (Glenwood) (7-3) at No. 3 Oak Lawn (Richards) (8-2), Sat., Nov. 4, 2:30 p.m.
 Class 5A No. 8 Wheaton (St. Francis) (8-2) at No. 16 Sterling (H.S.) (5-5), Sat., Nov. 4, 5 p.m.
 No. 4 Chicago (Morgan Park) (9-1) vs. No. 5 Sycamore (H.S.) (9-1) at Gately Stadium, Sat., Nov. 4, 12:30 p.m.
 No. 7 Glen Ellyn (Glenbard South) (9-1) at No. 15 LaGrange Park (Nazareth Academy) (5-5), Sat., Nov. 4, 1 p.m.
 No. 6 Mundelein (Carmel) (9-1) at No. 3 Antioch (10-0), Sat., Nov. 4, 1 p.m.
 No. 1 Morris (10-0) at No. 9 Springfield (Sacred Heart-Griffin) (7-3), Sat., Nov. 4, 2 p.m.
 No. 13 Troy (Triad) (7-3) at No. 12 Joliet (Catholic Academy) (7-3), Sat., Nov. 4, 1 p.m.
 No. 15 New Lenox (Providence Catholic) (6-4) at No. 10 Country Club Hills (Hillcrest) (7-3), Sat., Nov. 4, 1 p.m.
 No. 6 Metamora (8-2) at No. 3 Highland (9-1), Sat., Nov. 4, 2 p.m.
 Class 4A No. 1 Chicago (Dyett) (9-1) vs. No. 8 Sandwich (7-3) at Gately Stadium, Sat., Nov. 4, 4:30

p.m.

No. 4 West Chicago (Wheaton Academy) (9-1) vs. No. 12 Arlington Heights (St. Viator) (6-4) at Forrestview Education Center, Fri., Nov. 3, 7 p.m.

No. 7 Elmhurst (IC Catholic) (8-2) at No. 2 Rockford (Boylan Catholic) (9-1), Sat., Nov. 4, 2 p.m.

No. 3 Dixon (H.S.) (9-1) at No. 11 Burbank (St. Laurence) (7-3), Sat., Nov. 4, 1 p.m.

No. 8 Coal City (8-2) at No. 1 Rochester (10-0), Fri., Nov. 3, 7 p.m.

No. 5 Mt. Zion (8-2) at No. 4 Breese (Central) (8-2), Sat., Nov. 4, 2 p.m.

No. 7 Charleston (8-2) at No. 2 Murphysboro (9-1), Sat., Nov. 4, 2 p.m.

No. 14 Peoria (Notre Dame) (6-4) at No. 11 Harrisburg (7-3), Sat., Nov. 4, 5 p.m.

Class 3A No. 1 Byron (10-0) at No. 9 Peotone (7-3), Sat., Nov. 4, 1 p.m.

No. 5 Pecatonica [Du-Pec Coop] (8-2) at No. 13 Stillman Valley (6-4), Sat., Nov. 4, 1 p.m.

No. 2 Princeton (9-1) at No. 10 Monmouth (M.-Roseville) (6-4), Sat., Nov. 4, 5 p.m.

No. 6 Lombard (Montini) (7-3) at No. 14 Fairbury (Prairie Central) (6-4), Sat., Nov. 4, 2 p.m.

No. 1 DuQuoin (H.S.) (10-0) at No. 9 Tolono (Unity) (8-2), Sat., Nov. 4, 2 p.m.

No. 5 Sullivan [Sullivan-Okaw Valley Coop] (9-1) at No. 4 Mt. Carmel (9-1), Sat., Nov. 4, 2 p.m.

No. 7 Stanford (Olympia) (8-2) at No. 2 Greenville (10-0), Sat., Nov. 4, 3 p.m.

No. 6 St. Joseph (Ogden) (8-2) at No. 3 Roxana (10-0), Sat., Nov. 4, 3 p.m.

Class 2A No. 1 Seneca (10-0) at No. 9 Taylor Ridge (Rockridge) (9-1), Sat., Nov. 4, 2 p.m.

No. 5 Wilmington (9-1) at No. 4 Downs (Tri-Valley) (10-0), Sat., Nov. 4, 2 p.m.

No. 7 Momence (9-1) at No. 2 Maroa (M.-Forsyth) (10-0), Sat., Nov. 4, 2 p.m.

No. 6 Farmington (9-1) at No. 3 Bloomington (Central Catholic) (10-0), Sat., Nov. 4, 1 p.m.

No. 8 Nashville (7-3) at No. 16 Quincy (Notre Dame) (5-5), Sat., Nov. 4, 1 p.m.

No. 5 Red Bud (8-2) at No. 4 Athens (8-2), Sat., Nov. 4, 2 p.m.

No. 2 Shelbyville (9-1) at No. 10 Vandalia (7-3), Sat., Nov. 4, 2 p.m.

No. 3 Johnston City (9-1) at No. 11 Breese (Mater Dei) (7-3), Sat., Nov. 4, 1 p.m.

Class 1A No. 8 Forreston (8-2) at No. 1 Lena (L.-Winslow) (10-0), Sat., Nov. 4, 2 p.m.

No. 5 Morrison (9-1) at No. 4 Kewanee (Wethersfield) [A.-Wethersfield Coop] (9-1), Sat., Nov. 4, 1 p.m.

No. 2 Toulon (Stark County) (10-0) at No. 10 Oneida (ROWVA) [Coop] (8-2), Sat., Nov. 4, 2 p.m.

No. 3 Chicago (C. Hope Academy) (9-1) vs. No. 6 Aurora (Christian) (8-2) at Altgeld Park, Sat., Nov. 4, 1 p.m.

No. 1 Camp Point (Central) (10-0) at No. 9 Hardin (Calhoun) [Coop] (7-3), Sat., Nov. 4, 2 p.m.

No. 5 LeRoy (9-1) at No. 4 Belleville (Althoff Catholic) (9-1), Sat., Nov. 4, 1:30 p.m.

No. 7 Catlin (Salt Fork) (8-2) at No. 2 Sesser (Valier) [Coop] (10-0), Sat., Nov. 4, 2 p.m.

No. 6 Casey (Westfield) (9-1) at No. 3 Greenfield [G.-Northwestern Coop] (10-0), Sat., Nov. 4, 2 p.m.

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Football pairings and local scores for the Southland, Aurora, Elgin, Naperville and Lake County

By: From Staff Reports

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St. Laurence's Aaron Ball (6) finds a hole at the line of scrimmage for a big gain against Chicago Vocational in a Class 4A first-round playoff game at Gately Stadium in Chicago on Saturday, Oct. 28, 2023. (Vincent D. Johnson/Daily Southtown)

Results and highlights of high schools and local colleges from the Southland and Aurora, Elgin, Naperville and Lake County coverage areas.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

HIGH SCHOOLS

FOOTBALL

STATE PLAYOFFS

First Round

CLASS 8A

Edwardsville 35, West Aurora 14

West Aurora (5-5): Mason Atkins TD pass to Terrence Smith.

Glenbard West 23, Naperville North 8

York 43, Homewood-Flossmoor 22

South Elgin 55, Lane 6

CLASS 7A

Bradley-Bourbonnais 38, St. Charles North 21

CLASS 6A

Wauconda 21, Grant 20
Highland Park 56, Mather 6
Lake Forest 49, Lake View 6
East St. Louis 61, Lemont 0
Crete-Monee 47, Champaign Centennial 13
CLASS 5A
Morgan Park 34, Corliss 12
Springfield Sacred Heart-Griffin 23, T.F. North 0
Providence 21, Morton (Ill.) 14
Providence (6-4): Gavin Haden 74-yard TD run. Kaden Nickel TD run.
Hillcrest 22, Carbondale 8
CLASS 4A
Dyett 28, Ag. Science 14
St. Laurence 64, Chicago Vocational 0
CLASS 2A
Maroa-Forsyth 42, Chicago Christian 6

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

CLASS 3A SECTIONALS

HINSDALE CENTRAL

Advancing local teams: 3. Naperville Central 140, 4. Neuqua Valley 143, 5. Sandburg 151.

Top local individuals: 2. Zac Close, Neuqua, 15:11.91; 7. Grant Giblin, Sandburg, 15:29.18; 10. Ammar Bhanpuri, Naperville North, 15:34.61.

HOFFMAN ESTATES

Advancing local teams: 4. Highland Park 155, 6. Deerfield 181.

Top local individuals: 3. Brian Hatoum, Highland Park, 15:03.10; 5. Nate Wehner, Highland Park, 15:14.36; 9. Matthew Andreano, Jacobs, 15:20; 10. Andrew Beyer, Jacobs, 15:20.25.

LAKE PARK

Advancing local teams: 2. St. Charles East 129, 5. Batavia 161.

Top local individuals: 11. Cole Tupper, **Elgin**, 15:13.8; 13. Jedidiah Wilson, St. Charles East, 15:15.7.

CLASS 2A SECTIONALS

GENESEO

Advancing local team: 7. Oak Forest 193.

Top local individual: 4. Gavin O'Connor, Brother Rice, 15:49.40

TRINITY

Advancing local teams: 2. Benet 57, 6. St. Laurence 184.

Top local individuals: 2. Finn Richards, Benet, 15:18.50; 4. Luis Flores, St. Laurence, 15:29.30; 6. Charlie Phelan, Benet, 15:38.70; 7. Aiden Hulett, Benet, 15:41; 10. Rocco Cipolla, Evergreen Park, 15:49.60.

WOODSTOCK

Advancing local teams: 1. Marmion 101, 2. Kaneland 105, 4. Grayslake Central 136, 7. Lakes 188.

Top local individuals: 1. Trey Sato, Grayslake Central, 15:25.82; 3. Evan Nosek, Kaneland, 15:57.06; 6. David Valkanov, Kaneland, 15:59.22; 7. John Daffenberg, Marmion, 16:03.80; 8. Adan Cordova, Grayslake Central, 16:09.04.

CLASS 1A SECTIONALS

BISHOP MCNAMARA

Advancing local teams: 2. Harvest Christian 66, 6. Chicago Christian 173.

Top local individuals: 2. Luca Bryja, Harvest Christian, 16:04.60; 4. J.J. Gonnem, Harvest Christian, 16:09.90; 6. Jimmy Bernaeyge, Harvest Christian, 16:19.90; 7. Noah Luke, Chicago Christian, 16:20.20.

OREGON

Advancing local team: 2. Aurora Central Catholic 86.

Top local individual: 3. Patrick Hilby, ACC, 16:26.89.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

CLASS 3A SECTIONALS

HINSDALE CENTRAL

Advancing local teams: 2. Naperville North 62, 3. Naperville Central 100, 4. Sandburg 118, 7. Metea Valley 217.

Top local individuals: 1. Liv Phillips, Naperville Central, 17:42.16; 2. Julie Piot, Naperville North, 17:49.09; 4. Lindsey Gerhardtstein, Sandburg, 18:24.41; 6. Rianna Tandon, Naperville North, 18:40.63.

HOFFMAN ESTATES

Advancing local teams: 4. Warren 183, 7. Lake Zurich 226.

Top local individuals: 4. Anna Lester, Vernon Hills, 17:37.47; 7. Kaylee Wilson, Warren, 17:55.56.

LAKE PARK

Advancing local team: 6. Batavia 200.

Top local individual: 2. Sofia Borter, Geneva, 17:32.4.

CLASS 2A SECTIONALS

GENESEO

Advancing local team: 7. Lemont 199.

Top local individuals: 1. Niki Tselios, Lemont, 18:47; 2. Claire Blotnik, Joliet Catholic, 19:00.40.

TRINITY

Advancing local teams: 2. Benet 76, 7. St. Laurence 247.

Top local individuals: 2. Delilah Helenhouse, Benet, 18:12.70; 8. Jadie Chavez, St. Laurence, 18:47.60; 9. Payton Mathelier, Benet, 18:51.10.

WOODSTOCK

Advancing local teams: 1. Grayslake Central 83, 5. Lakes 138, 7. Lake Forest 202.

Top local individuals: 1. Sundara Weber, Sandwich, 18:15.29; 3. Izzy Bing, Carmel, 18:50.01; 4. Madison Twarling, Lakes, 18:57.19; 5. Sara Armstrong, Grayslake Central, 19:01.56; 7. Lucy Schlachtenhaufen, Lake Forest, 19:03.06.

CLASS 1A SECTIONALS

BISHOP MCNAMARA

Advancing local teams: 1. Chicago Christian 64, 6. Harvest Christian 165.

Top local individuals: 3. Grace Mullin, Chicago Christian, 18:34.20; 8. Kaylee O'Sullivan, Chicago Christian, 19:16.10.

OREGON

Advancing local team: 3. Aurora Central Catholic 130.

Top local individual: 4. Cecilia Hilby, ACC, 19:38.23.

BOYS SOCCER

CLASS 3A SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

JOLIET WEST

Stagg 1, Bloom 0

PLAINFIELD NORTH

Naperville North 1, Naperville Central 0

Naperville North (21-1-3): Noah Radeke goal.

WEST CHICAGO

St. Charles East 4, York 3 (SO)

CLASS 2A SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

DE LA SALLE

St. Laurence 2, Solorio 1 (SO)

St. Laurence (13-7-2): Saul Garcia goal in regulation.

LEMONT

Brother Rice 2, Kankakee 1 (SO)

WHEATON ST. FRANCIS

Timothy Christian 2, Benet 1

LOCAL COLLEGES

FOOTBALL

CCIW

North Central College 56, North Park 0

North Central College (8-0, 7-0): Luke Lehnert 11-for-16, 225 yards, 3 TDs; 8 carries, 84 yards, 3 TDs (3, 59, 12 yards). Joe Sacco 9 carries, 137 yards, 55-yard TD run; 15-yard TD reception. Charles Coleman 61-yard TD receptions.

MIDWEST

Lake Forest College 41, Beloit (Wis.) 0

Lake Forest College (7-1, 6-1): Joshua Gasca 19-for-27, 157 yards, 2 TDs. Trevor Land 5 receptions, 77 yards, 2 TDs (26, 19)

MSFA MIDWEST

Olivet Nazarene 35, St. Francis 7

St. Francis (6-3, 2-3): Carl Bew 81-yard TD pass to Dezzion Jordan.

Roosevelt 56, Judson 28

Judson (0-7, 0-4): Aydan Edwards 16-for-27, 179 yards, 3 TDs. Brandon Mackey 16 carries, 164 yards, 46-yard TD run. Grant Alexander 8 receptions, 134 yards, TD (39).

St. Xavier 38, St. Ambrose (Iowa) 13

St. Xavier (5-3, 3-0): Stuart Ross 27-for-33, 288 yards, 5 TDs. Justin Pringle 8 receptions, 156 yards, 3 TDs (43, 48, 42). Ronnie Foster 2 TD receptions.

NACC

Aurora 77, Rockford 10

Aurora (8-0, 6-0): Ian Luyando 22-for-25, 327 yards, 5 TDs; 30-yard TD run. Jhe'Quay Chretien 16 carries, 138 yards, 3 TDs; 12-yard TD reception. Trey Madsen 6 receptions, 119 yards, 2 TDs (30, 38).

MEN'S BASKETBALL

GOVERNORS STATE CLASSIC

Governors State 101, East-West 65

Governors State (1-1): Oluyemi Elutilo 18 points.

NEWS AND NOTES

St. Xavier teammates Stuart Ross (offense), Marcus Griffin (defense) and Justin Pringle (special teams) were named players of the week by the MFSA Midwest.

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