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Student Advisor to U-46's Board of Education to Host Annual Student Summit

More than 200 high school students will participate in the event

ELGIN - The student advisor to School District U-46's Board of Education will lead about 220 high school students during the Student Summit on Wednesday, April 5, at Elgin Community College (ECC). Angelica Harris, a senior at South Elgin High School, organized this year's Student Summit, which aims to promote a unified school culture across the District.

Students will be welcomed to the summit by U-46 Interim Superintendent Dr. Suzanne Johnson, Assistant Superintendent of Schools Lela Majstorovic, and ECC President Dr. David Sam.

After an outline from Harris on how the day will proceed, the students will listen to a presentation on the first topic of the summit, post-secondary resources, and then break into smaller discussion groups. The same format will follow for the other two topics to be discussed — mental health and school safety.

Deputy Superintendent for Operations Dr. Ann Williams will also give a presentation on student nutrition and the USDA regulations that govern school breakfast and lunch programs.

The students who will attend the summit come from all five of the District's comprehensive high schools as well as the Dream Academy and Central Schools Program. Principals select the students, some of whom serve on the Principal's Student Advisory Council, and the members of the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council will serve as facilitators at the

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tables to keep discussions constructive and positive, and to encourage participation among all students.

Following the Student Summit, District administrators will review the notes and relay information to school administrators. High school principals then will conduct a debrief session with their students to discuss ideas that can be implemented at their school. Harris will also deliver a presentation on the Student Summit to the U-46 Board Of Education in April. Previous summits have led to changes in the District's dress code and influenced Equity initiatives.

Former Student Advisor Eric Loera launched the U-46 Student Summit during the 2016-17 school year. It's continued every year since.

WHO: Board of Education Student Advisor Angelica Harris, U-46 high school students, and administrators including U-46 Interim Superintendent Dr. Suzanne Johnson, Assistant Superintendent of Schools Lela Majstorovic, Deputy Superintendent for Operations Dr. Ann Williams, and ECC President Dr. David Sam.

WHAT: U-46 Student Summit

WHERE: Elgin Community College, 1700 Spartan Drive, Elgin

WHEN: 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 5

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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

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35,000 preschoolers through 12th graders attend the 57 District schools and programs. To learn more, visit the U-46 <u>website</u>, or like us on <u>Facebook</u> and follow us on <u>Twitter</u>.