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Calendar

Stay tuned for upcoming events with our District website calendar available <u>here</u>.

- Wednesday, Jan. 15: Webinar on "Creating Respectful and Inclusive Schools." Details here.
- Thursday, Jan. 16: Community Advisory Council planning meeting. Details here.
- Monday, Jan. 20: Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. No classes, offices closed.
- **Tuesday, Jan. 21:** Community Advisory Council's Specialized Student Services Committee meeting. <u>Details here</u>.
- Wednesday, Jan. 22: Meeting of the Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee/Dual Language Parent Support Group. <u>Details here</u>.
- Thursday, Jan. 23: Unite U-46 Session South Elgin Network. Details here.
- Friday, Jan. 24-Saturday, Jan. 25: U-46 Job Fair. Details here.

Winter Weather and Outdoor Recess

The month of January reminds all who live in northern Illinois about the challenges posed by snow, ice, and frigid temperatures, and there's a long time ahead before winter weather ends.

So we wanted to explain to U-46 families our weather policies for outdoor recess and physical education, which seek to balance the importance of time outdoors with safety precautions.

School leaders have the discretion in deciding whether students will be outdoors or indoors for recess and/or physical education. Schools are provided with <u>guidelines</u>, including ensuring that students are not outside when the temperature or wind chill falls below 10 degrees.

U-46 families should ensure their children are dressed appropriately for the winter weather before leaving the house each morning. This

includes a winter jacket, hat, gloves, scarf, and snow boots when there's snow on the ground.

Keeping Students Healthy While Supporting Attendance

We want to remind you how important it is for students to be in school every day to support their learning. However, we also understand that illnesses are more common during this time of year, and it's important to prioritize your child's health. Currently, our country is experiencing a significant uptick in viral illnesses, including Influenza, COVID-19, RSV, and Norovirus. This has led to the term "quad-demic" being coined to describe the simultaneous spread of multiple viral infections. Click here for a complete <u>Quad-demic Update</u>.

If your child is sick, please keep them home to rest and recover. This helps protect other students and staff while ensuring your child is ready to return to school. To help, please refer to this "<u>When</u> <u>To Keep Your Child Home</u>" guide for deciding when to keep your child home.

Thank you for working with us to make Every Minute Matter!

Connect with Dual Language Families



School District U-46.

The next meeting of the group designed to support parents of children in U-46's Dual Language is Wednesday, Jan. 22, at 6 p.m. It's being held virtually and can be joined by clicking <u>info.u-46.org/BPAC-DualParent</u>.

The Dual Language Parent Support Group is offered as part of the meeting of the <u>Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee</u>, which works to establish a clear and collaborative voice between families with students in the Dual Language Program at our school sites and

During the virtual gathering, parents of students in the Dual Language program will connect with other Dual Language families, as well as members of the Multilingual and Multicultural Education Department, and can ask questions and get tips for supporting their child's education. Support groups will be offered in English and Spanish. More info is available <u>here</u>.

Unite U-46: Mapping Our Future

The South Elgin Network will be the focus of the next "Unite U-46: Mapping Our Future" session in which community members are invited to provide feedback on preliminary attendance boundary



recommendations. It is being held Thursday, Jan. 23, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at South Elgin High School, 760 E. Main St., South Elgin.

The final session, scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 29, will focus on the Streamwood Network. It will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Streamwood High School, 701 W. Schaumburg Road, Streamwood. Learn about and give your feedback on proposed new attendance boundaries. UniteU46.org

The new boundaries are expected to go into effect for the 2026-27 year.

More details are available at <u>uniteu46.org</u> as well as videos of the boundary recommendations for the Elgin, Bartlett, and Larkin networks. We also encourage anyone to submit feedback or questions using <u>this online form</u>.

Learn more and register to attend either or both of the upcoming sessions at <u>info.u-</u> <u>46.org/uniteregistration</u>.

U-46 Job Fair

Are you looking for a rewarding career? Join us at our upcoming Job Fair! As the second largest school district in Illinois, School District U-46 is currently hiring for a wide range of positions including teachers, social workers, paraeducators, bus drivers, food service technicians, groundskeepers, maintenance staff, and more. Bring your resume, any certifications and enthusiasm on Friday, Jan. 24, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, Jan. 25, from 9 a.m. to noon at the U-46 Welcome Center, 1019 E. Chicago St., Elgin. On-site interviews will be conducted at the event. Learn more at <u>u-46.org/careers</u> and direct questions to <u>humanresources@u-46.org</u>.



Save the Date!

Mark your calendars for the "U-46 District Takeover Night" when the Windy City Bulls play the Mexico City Capitanes on Friday, March 21, at the NOW Arena in Hoffman Estates. More info will be shared soon!



More Resources

Weekly Message from Dr. Johnson

Each week, Superintendent Dr. Suzanne Johnson shares a message with U-46 employees and community members. You can read the latest message <u>here</u>.

Board of Education

The Board of Education meetings are streamed on the District's <u>YouTube channel</u> and via Zoom. Written highlights from the meetings, as well as presentations delivered to the Board, can be found <u>here</u>.

Care Solace

Care Solace is a complimentary and confidential service provided by School District U-46 to help locate a provider for mental health care or substance use treatment. It's available to U-46 students, staff, and their family members. Learn more <u>here.</u>

Community

Visit our <u>U-46 Online Backpack</u> to find information on community events, activities, and resources for our U-46 families and students.











