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Calendar

Stay tuned for upcoming events with our District website calendar available here.

- Thursday, Jan. 23: Unite U-46 Session South Elgin Network. Details here.
- Friday, Jan. 24-Saturday, Jan. 25: U-46 Job Fair. Details here.
- Monday, Jan. 27: Board of Education meeting. Details here.
- Thursday, Jan. 29: Unite U-46 Session Streamwood Network. Details here.
- Thursday, Jan. 29: Dual Language Information Session. <u>Details here.</u>
- Friday, Jan. 31: Institute Day. No classes. Details here.

New Strategic Plan Survey

Review the first draft of our Portrait of a U-46 Graduate, as well as student progress goals and measures. We invite the U-46 community to share their thoughts by Friday, Jan. 24, to help shape our new strategic plan. More information and survey links available on our District's Strategic Plan webpage at <u>u-46.org/Page/20520</u>.

Unite U-46: Mapping Our Future

The South Elgin Network and the Streamwood Network will be the focus of the remaining two "Unite U-46: Mapping Our Future" sessions. During these events, community members are invited to provide feedback on preliminary attendance boundary recommendations. The new boundaries are expected to go into effect for the 2026-27 year.

SOUTH ELGIN NETWORK Elementary Schools: Bartlett, Clinton, Fox Meadow, Liberty, Nature Ridge, Other Creek, Wayne, and Willard JOIN US Thursday, Jan. 23 6:30-8 p.m. South Elgin High School Auditorium RSVP at UniteU46.org.

The sessions are:

- Thursday, Jan. 23, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at South Elgin High School, 760 E. Main St., South Elgin. Use Auditorium Entrance (Door #5)
- Wednesday, Jan. 29, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Streamwood High School, 701 W. Schaumburg Road, Streamwood. Use Door #29 to enter the school located at the back of the building.

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-46.org/uniteregistration</u>.

Join the U-46 Team!

School District U-46 is hosting two hiring events this week at the U-46 Welcome Center, 1019 E. Chicago Street in Elgin: Friday, Jan. 24, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, Jan. 25, from 9 a.m. to noon. As the second largest school district in Illinois, School District U-46 is 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 - 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>.



Parents and guardians of incoming kindergartners and 1st graders are encouraged to attend one of the Dual Language informational meetings offered this winter and spring.

The next one is being held <u>via Zoom</u> on Wednesday, Jan. 29, at 6:30 p.m. You can see an entire schedule <u>here</u>.

These sessions will outline how learning takes place in a Dual Language classroom, benefits for students who learn in a bilingual setting, and next steps for families who are interested. By attending a meeting, you are not obligated to sign up your child for the Dual Language program, but you will be able to make an informed decision. Choose the session that works best for your schedule! More details are available at <u>u-46.org/duallanguage</u>.

No School

Friday, Jan. 31, is an Institute/Professional Development Day for teachers. U-46 students will not have classes, but District offices will be open.

Kindergarten Preview

School District U-46 encourages parents and guardians whose children will begin kindergarten next fall to attend a "Kindergarten Preview" in February at their neighborhood school. Attendees will be able to meet the principal, learn about U-46's full-day, play-based kindergarten program and Dual Language opportunities, and get tips for how they can help their child be ready for kindergarten. Families can also review the registration process at these events. There will be no student registration fees collected at this time.

The Kindergarten Preview schedule can be found <u>here</u>. Please help us spread the word and share this information with families who have a child turning 5 years old by Sept. 1, 2025.



Class of 2025 Scholarships

The U-46 Educational Foundation will award tens of thousands of dollars in scholarship money this spring to members of the Class of 2025. The Foundation's online scholarship application is now open, with a deadline of Monday, March 3. U-46 seniors, and their parents and guardians, should <u>click here</u> for details and a link to the application portal.

Save the Date!

CAC's Specialized Student Services Committee Meeting

The Community Advisory Council's Specialized Student Services Committee has a special program planned on Tuesday, Feb. 18, entitled "Legal and Financial Planning for the Special Needs Family." The presentation is being held virtually and will start at 7 p.m. Find more details here.



U-46 STEM Expo

The U-46 STEM Expo is being held the morning of Saturday, March 22, at Eastview Middle School in Bartlett. Students in grades K-12 are encouraged to consider participating. Find the sign-up link, and more details, <u>here</u>.



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 YouTube channel and via Zoom. Written highlights from the meetings, as well as presentations delivered to the Board, can be found here.



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.



