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Calendar

Stay tuned for upcoming events with our District website calendar available [here](#).

- **Friday, Jan. 31:** Institute Day. No classes. [Details here](#).
- **Monday, Feb. 10:** Board of Education meeting. [Details here](#).

Reminder! No School on Friday

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

Extension of the Elementary School Day

Starting with the 2025-26 school year, elementary students in U-46 will receive 20 additional minutes of instruction each day, 100 minutes each week, and approximately 60 additional hours each school year!

To accomplish this, elementary schools that currently start at 8 a.m. and end at 2 p.m. will shift to start at 7:50 a.m. and end at 2:10 p.m. Elementary schools that currently start at 8:30 a.m. and end at 2:30 p.m. will shift to begin at 8:20 a.m. and end at 2:40 p.m.



Again, this change will not occur until Aug. 11, 2025. More information, including some FAQs, can be found [here](#).

New Middle School in Bartlett

The new middle school being constructed to serve the southeast portion of the District will be called Hawk Hollow Middle School! The Board of Education approved the naming resolution on Monday night. Learn more [here](#).

District and schools celebrate Black History Month

Saturday marks the first day of Black History Month, observed every year during the month of February and designed to pay tribute to the generations of African-Americans who struggled with adversity to achieve full citizenship in American society.

The District and individual schools will be hosting a variety of programs, events, displays, and activities to mark this important month. Watch future U-46 Engage newsletters, and our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) channels, for details and photos.



Early Registration for all Families Opens Feb. 1



Do you have a child in your household who will turn 5 by Sept. 1, 2025? Or maybe you know one in your extended family, neighborhood, social, or church group? If so, it's time to think about kindergarten registration for the 2025-26 school year!

Each elementary school in U-46 is hosting a Kindergarten Preview during the week of Feb. 3 for incoming kindergarten families. Parents and guardians will be able to meet the principal, learn about U-46's full-day, play-based kindergarten program, and get tips

for how they can help their child be ready for kindergarten. Kindergarten families can also review the registration process at these events. The Kindergarten Preview schedule can be found [here](#).

We want to ensure all U-46 schools are ready to welcome all students on the first day of school, Aug. 11, 2025. In order to have the classrooms set to go, teachers hired, and transportation routes all set, **U-46 will open up early registration on Feb. 1 to all families, not just ones with incoming kindergarten students.** Details are available at [u-46.org/registration](#). There will be no student registration fees collected at this time.

Care Solace

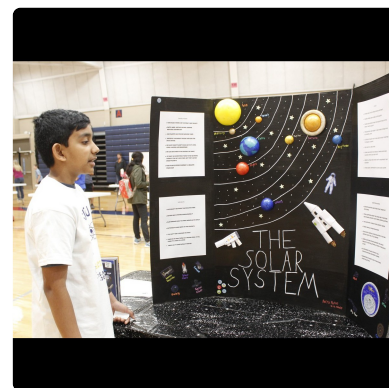
U-46 is proud to offer [Care Solace](#) as a complimentary and confidential service for our students, staff, and their family members. [This video](#) about school leaders and staff in Midwestern school districts who use Care Solace features Assistant Superintendent of Equity & Innovation Dr. Leatrice Satterwhite and Certified School Nurse Amelia Velazquez. To help locate a provider for mental health care or substance use treatment, visit caresolace.com/site/u46 or call or text (888) 515-0595.



STEM Expo - Sign Up Today!

[Registration](#) is open for the 2025 STEM Expo! This exciting event will take place on the morning of Saturday, March 22, at Eastview Middle School and is open to all students from kindergarten through 12th grade in the U-46.

This free event offers students the chance to explore and discover Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math through hands-on projects and research. Participants will plan and carry out projects based on their natural curiosities, create amazing projects, and present their findings to families, friends, and the community.



If you haven't registered yet, there's still time! Don't miss out on this fun and educational opportunity. We'd love to see you there!

Dual Credit Deadline

The deadline to apply for the full-time Dual Credit program at Elgin Community College (ECC) is Saturday, Feb. 15, 2025. The Dual Credit program provides an opportunity for students to take all of their coursework at ECC while earning both high school and college credit simultaneously. More details, including a link to the Dual Credit interest form and application and a recorded presentation from an informational session, can be found at u-46.org/dualcredit.



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.](#)



Windy City Bulls Game

Come celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month and cheer on the Windy City Bulls on Friday, March 21. A portion of the sale of each ticket will benefit the U-46 Educational Foundation. [Buy tickets here.](#)

More Resources

We're Hiring

Have you considered becoming a part of the U-46 team? School District U-46 offers a number of [rewarding opportunities](#) for educators and support staff.



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 [here](#).



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](#).



Community

Visit our [U-46 Online Backpack](#) to find information on community events, activities, and resources for our U-46 families and students.



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All means all.

