



The weekly newsletter from School District U-46

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Calendar

- **Thursday, Sept. 14:** African American Advisory Council. [Details here.](#)
- **Monday, Sept. 18:** U-46 Board of Education meeting. [Details here.](#)
- **Wednesday, Sept. 20:** Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee meeting. [Details here.](#)
- **Monday, Sept. 25:** U-46 Board of Education meeting. [Details here.](#)
- **Tuesday, Sept. 26:** Community Advisory Council Specialized Student Services Committee meeting. [Details here.](#)

Hispanic Heritage Month

This Friday, Sept. 15, marks the start of Hispanic Heritage Month. Keep an eye on U-46's social media channels this month as we recognize and celebrate the contributions, history and diverse cultures of the Hispanic American Community.



Specialized Student Services Committee

The Community Advisory Council's Specialized Student Services Committee works to promote parent engagement and education on topics relevant to students and families with special needs.

Its first meeting of this school year is being held virtually on Tuesday, Sept. 26, at 7 p.m. The Zoom link is [here](#).

All are welcome to join and meet parents of U-46 students with special needs as well as members of the U-46 Specialized Student Services team. The meeting will feature introductions, open discussion, and some work to finalize logistics for an October program that will center on executive function.

Find more info [here](#), and write cac.sss.u46@gmail.com with any questions.

Dual Language Parent Interviews

U-46 is looking for parents and guardians of children in our Dual Language program to provide feedback on their family's experience. This effort is part of an audit of the Dual Language program, designed to ensure the District is best addressing the strengths and needs of our Dual Language students.



Interviews will be conducted this fall of parents who have children in a Dual Language preschool or kindergarten classroom, or have a 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th or 5th grader in the Dual Language program. More information can be found [here](#), and questions can be directed to the Multilingual & Multicultural Education Department via [Let's Talk](#).

Magnet Academy Open Houses

In School District U-46, current 8th grade students are encouraged to consider applying to attend high school at one of the District's specialized academies. Each of the District's five comprehensive high schools houses one Magnet Academy that offers unique, focused programming.



The application window will be later this fall; it is the only time students can apply for Magnet Academy admission.

To help with the decision-making process, each academy will be hosting an open house for students and their parents one evening during the month of October. All open house events will be held from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. on the following dates:

Tuesday, Oct. 10 - [Visual and Performing Arts Academy](#) at Larkin High School

Wednesday, Oct. 11 - [Science, Engineering and High Technology Academy](#) at Bartlett High School

Monday, Oct. 16 - [International Baccalaureate/Gifted and Talented Academy](#) at Elgin High School

Tuesday, Oct. 17 - [Beacon Academy](#) at South Elgin High School

Wednesday, Oct. 18 - [LEAD Academy](#) at Streamwood High School

More information on the open houses, as well as the application process, will be sent directly to 8th grade families. It can also be found at u-46.org/magnetacademies.

Save the Date!

Explore 2023 - More than 2,000 8th graders and teachers in School District U-46 will participate on Thursday, Oct. 5, in Explore 2023 at the NOW Arena in Hoffman Estates during the school day. Parents and guardians of both freshmen and 8th graders are invited to attend the Explore Parent Session the evening of Wednesday, Oct. 4. More information will be available soon.



Unite U-46 Update - We have an update as part of the Unite U-46 process and invite our entire community to join us on Thursday, Oct. 5, at 7 p.m. at Elgin High School, 1200 Maroon Drive. Details available at u-46.org/uniteu46.



More Resources

Careers

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.



Care

[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.



Community

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

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](#).

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](#).



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