



## The weekly newsletter from School District U-46

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### Calendar

- **Monday, Sept. 25:** U-46 Board of Education meeting. [Details here.](#)
- **Tuesday, Sept. 26:** Community Advisory Council Specialized Student Services Committee meeting. [Details here.](#)
- **Monday, Oct. 2:** U-46 Board of Education meeting. [Details here.](#)
- **Thursday, Oct. 5:** Unite U-46 Update/Community Advisory Council meeting. [Details here.](#)
- **Monday, Oct. 9:** Columbus Day/Indigenous People's Day. No classes, offices closed. [Details here.](#)

### Explore 2023 - Parent's Night

Parents and guardians of 8th grade and 9th grade students are invited to attend Explore 2023 on Wednesday, Oct. 4, at the NOW Arena, 5333 Prairie Stone Parkway, Hoffman Estates. Explore is the District's annual expo designed to expose students to various careers and demonstrate the connection between academic curriculum and future careers.



The event will get underway at 5 p.m. and end at 8 p.m. Careers and local companies will be showcased from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., followed by a brief keynote with an overview of the event and student opportunities. Parents and guardians will then be able to attend breakout sessions about the District's Magnet Academies and visit other exhibits.

U-46 students in 8th grade, accompanied by their teachers, will attend Explore during the school day on Thursday, Oct. 5.

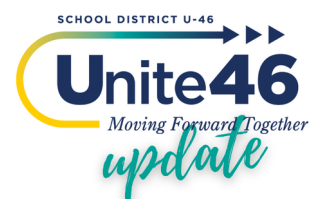
The "Parent's Night" will give families a better understanding of the opportunities available to high schoolers in U-46.

The [Alignment Collaborative for Education](#), a non-profit local organization that brings together community resources and initiatives to support District priorities, is once again partnering with U-46 to organize the event.

Find more info at [u-46.org/exploreexpo](http://u-46.org/exploreexpo).

## Unite U-46 Update

Following the successful passing of the bond proposal in April, the work of Unite U-46 has continued, with a focus on moving the District to a true middle school model, in which 6th graders join 7th and 8th graders in middle school.



A significant update about that work, along with a number of recommendations about facilities, was presented to the Board of Education on Monday night. The presentation slideshow is available [here](#), and a recording of the Board meeting can be watched [here](#).

A summary of the recommendations can also be found [here](#) in the Unite U-46 section of the website. However, those interested in learning more and contributing their feedback are urged to attend the next Unite U-46 session on Thursday, Oct. 5, at 7 p.m. at Elgin High School, 1200 Maroon Drive, Elgin. **Please register [here](#) to join us in person or to receive a copy of the recording directly.**

The Unite U-46 recommendations came from the community, and as the work moves forward, it is crucial that members of the community continue to participate and offer their input.

## Marching Band Showcase

Mark your calendars for the annual U-46 Marching Band Showcase. It's being held this year during the evening of Thursday, Oct. 5, at Elgin High School, 1200 Maroon Drive.

Marching bands from each of the District's five comprehensive high schools will participate in a performance of their halftime show. When one band is performing, the bands from the other schools will watch the performance.



More details will be posted soon on the [U-46 calendar](#).

## Gifted Information Session

U-46 provides a variety of [gifted programs](#) to ensure that high-achieving students have an opportunity to excel. Universal screening via the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) is part of our identification process for gifted programs.



Parents who are interested in learning more about the screening process for 3rd or 6th grade students, or the Gifted opportunities offered in U-46, are invited to attend an information session on Thursday, Oct. 12, at 6 p.m. at the U-46 Welcome Center, 1019 E. Chicago St., Elgin. The presentation will be offered in English and Spanish. More details can be found at [u-46.org/gifted](http://u-46.org/gifted). Please use [Let's Talk](#) for any questions.

## 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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