



The weekly newsletter from School District U-46

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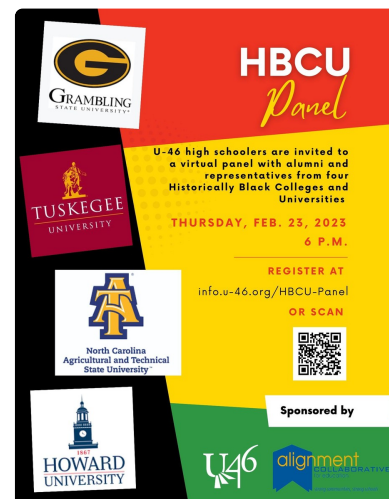
Stay tuned for upcoming events with our District website calendar available [here](#).

- **Thursday, Feb. 23:** Panel with representatives from Historically Black Colleges and Universities. [Details here](#).
- **Friday, Feb. 24:** U-46 Black History Month Celebration. [Details here](#).
- **Monday, Feb. 27:** Board of Education meeting. [Details here](#).
- **Wednesday, March 1:** Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee Meeting. [Details here](#).
- **Friday, March 3:** Kane County Institute Day. No classes for students. [Details here](#).

High Schools Invited to Learn More about HBCUs

U-46 high schoolers and their parents or guardians have a great chance this week to learn more about the opportunities available at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). A virtual panel being held at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 23, will feature representatives, current students, and alumni from Howard University, Tuskegee University, Grambling State University, and North Carolina A&T State University. The current students will talk about why they chose an HBCU for their post-secondary path, and the challenges and opportunities in attending college outside the Midwest. Alumni will address how their time at an HBCU prepared them for the career they're in now. Admissions representatives will detail the support and services that are available to students. In addition, there will be lots of good advice for any student participating in the college search and

decision process. To attend this event students and their family members should register at info.u-46.org/HBCU-Panel, and the necessary Zoom link will be sent to them. This event is being sponsored by U-46 and the Alignment Collaborative for Education.



Honoring Contributions Made by Black Americans

Students in schools across U-46 have been celebrating Black History Month with special programs, displays, and performances. You can catch a glimpse of some of those on the [U-46 Facebook page](#).

The District's Black History Month celebration is being held Friday, Feb. 24, at 7 p.m., at Larkin High School. It will feature a keynote speech from Roger Simmons, an adjunct professor at Judson University who provides instruction to students about cultural diversity. He also serves as Judson's Director of Diversity and Spiritual Development, working with the university community to develop programs, policies, and practices that promote an institutional culture of diversity, equity, and inclusive excellence. His presentation is entitled "Power, Promise and Purpose: Our Gaze is Fixed!" All are welcome. For questions, please email gifted@u-46.org.



High School Seniors: Don't Miss Scholarship Deadline!

The U-46 Educational Foundation manages more than a dozen scholarships, and 10 of them can be applied for using just one form! The deadline to submit the [U-46 Educational Foundation Online Scholarship Application](#) is 11:59 p.m on Wednesday, March

1. But many scholarships require recommendation letters, so high school seniors should review the [scholarships the Foundation manages](#) and then get the application started. The application system allows for seniors to save their progress and return later to finish it. Any questions should be directed to foundation@u-46.org.



Dual Language Interest Forms Being Accepted

The Dual Language Interest Form is now available to parents and guardians of children who will be in kindergarten or 1st grade next school year. Filling out the form does not guarantee placement in this award-winning program, but it does start the process. Both an online and printable version of the interest form can be found [here](#):



The window for the acceptance of these interest forms closes officially on Friday, May 12.

For families who want to learn more about the Dual Language program, several informational sessions are being held this winter and spring, hosted by the Multilingual and Multicultural Education Department. The next one is a virtual session on Tuesday, March 14, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The Zoom link to join is [here](#).

Click [here](#) for the dates and location of all information sessions, which will explain the structure of the program and resources available for parents to support their child's learning experience. The programs will be offered in English and Spanish.

Please help spread the word about this opportunity. Any families with questions can call 847-888-5000, ext. 5331 or 5332, or visit u-46.org/duallanguage.

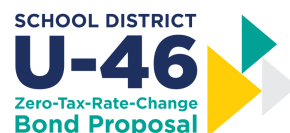
Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee to Meet

The next Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee (BPAC) meeting is Wednesday, March 1, at 6 p.m. It will be held in person at the Gail Borden Public Library, or parents and guardians can join the virtual session at info.u-46.org/BPAC-22.

During the meeting, psychologist Ferney Ramirez will address the "dark side" of social media and how parents and guardians can help their children navigate social media in a safer manner. The meeting will be conducted in Spanish. Childcare will be available at the library for children ages 5 to 10. You can learn more about BPAC [here](#), and questions about the meeting can be sent to Family Welcome Center Coordinator [Brenda Escobedo](#).

Learn about the Bond Proposal

This spring, community members in U-46 will be asked to vote on a zero-tax-rate-change bond proposal that will address essential school building needs, expand preschool opportunities, and ensure all U-46 schools have up-to-date safety and security features. This proposal will give voters a unique chance to improve our schools, without increasing the property tax rate. As previous debt from a referendum in the early 2000s is paid off, the District can take on new debt without changing the tax rate homeowners pay. You can find more information at u-46.org/bondproposal.



5Essentials - Your Feedback is Important

Parents across Illinois once again have an opportunity to participate in the annual Illinois 5Essentials Survey. This survey is designed to generate a detailed picture of your child's school as it relates to the important elements of school effectiveness and help guide school improvement. [Click here](#) to take the survey today. More information available at u-46.org/5Essentials.

Looking for a New Career?

Have you considered becoming a part of the U-46 team? As the second-largest school district in the state of Illinois, School



educators and support staff, including bus drivers, social workers, secretaries, food service technicians, and more. You can learn more about our District and job openings at u-46.org/careers.

Here are a couple of positions that we are highlighting:

- [Director of Grants](#): This individual provides financial direction and oversight to all grant programs in U-46, which includes ensuring grant budgets align to the District's vision, mission and goals, and that funding is spent equitably across the District.
- [School Social Worker](#): The person in this position provides individual and group social-emotional support to students and families, prioritizing special education as mandated by IEPs.

Online Backpack

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

Coming up:

- South Elgin Parks & Recreation - Father/Son Nerf Battle and Mother/Daughter Beach Bash
- University of Illinois Extension 4-H of Kane County

The flyers in the Online Backpack are the responsibility of the group listed and not a District endorsement. Visit Online Backpack to view the organization's flyer for more information.



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