



The weekly newsletter from School District U-46

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## Calendar

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

- **Monday, March 27-Friday, March 31:** Spring Recess. No classes for students. [Details here](#).
- **Tuesday, April 4:** Election Day. No classes for students. [Details here](#).
- **Friday, April 7:** Spring Holiday. No classes for students, U-46 buildings closed. [Details here](#).

## Search process for next Superintendent is underway

The U-46 Board of Education has hired an executive search firm, Hazard, Young, Attea and Associates (HYA), to conduct an internal search for the next Superintendent of School District U-46.

During Monday night's [Board meeting](#), HYA outlined its proposed timeline for the process, including a calendar for key events and meetings. The firm plans to hold interviews, focus groups or open meetings with a number of stakeholders, including U-46 Board members, employees, parents, students, elected officials, advisory boards, and community members.

It also has created an online survey to help determine the competencies and characteristics that the District's next Superintendent should possess. **That survey is available [here](#).**

As more information on opportunities to provide your feedback are finalized, details will be shared in this newsletter and posted on the website at [u-46.org/superintendentsearch](http://u-46.org/superintendentsearch).

## The importance of being at school

U-46 families will want to mark their calendars for these upcoming dates that are non-attendance days for students:

- **Monday, March 27 through Friday, March 31:** Students will not have classes during the Spring Recess
- **Tuesday, April 4:** Students will not have classes on Election Day. A number of U-46 school buildings will be used as polling places.
- **Friday, April 7:** Students will not have classes for the Spring Holiday. U-46 buildings will be closed on this date.



Even though the schedule will be unique over the next couple of weeks, when classes are in session, it is extremely important that our students are in school and on time to class every day, for the entire school day.

Each day in school counts and helps build the foundation for your child's academic success. It is an important opportunity for students to learn as well as collaborate with their peers on rigorous, standards-aligned tasks that require critical thinking, collaboration, creativity, and communication. When your child is absent, they miss out on this collaboration.

We hope you plan your Spring Break vacation in time for your child(ren) to return to school on Monday, April 3. We'll look forward to seeing them back in class!

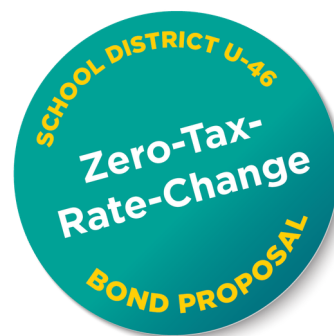
For our Student Attendance Guidelines as part of our Student Handbook, please visit [u-46.org/attendance](http://u-46.org/attendance).

## You can help make a positive impact on our schools

Each Monday evening for the past several weeks, U-46 families have received a newsletter focused on the [Zero-Tax-Rate-Change Bond Proposal](#) on the April 4 ballot.

**You can help spread the word about this Bond Proposal in a variety of ways:**

1. Like, comment, and share our posts about the Bond Proposal on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [YouTube](#).
2. Copy the link for the latest newsletter — [www.smores.com/9g8nc](http://www.smores.com/9g8nc) — and text it to friends and neighbors.
3. Learn the facts: Visit [u-46.org/bondproposal](http://u-46.org/bondproposal) and encourage people in your neighborhood, at your church, or in your friend group to do the same!



It is important to know that passing this Zero-Tax-Rate-Change Bond Proposal will not increase the District's tax rate.

### Early voting is now open! ☒

In any election, every vote counts. It's important for you to vote on April 4, or before—and remind your friends and family to vote, too.

## Don't miss out on participating in the STEM Expo

If your family has some down time over Spring Break, it's a great opportunity for children to plan a project for the 2023 STEM Expo, being held the morning of Saturday, April 29, at Eastview Middle School in Bartlett.



The [Facebook page](#) of the U-46 Science and Planetarium department has a number of posts that could prompt ideas for a project. In addition, the STEM Expo Kick-Off events, held last fall, can be viewed on a YouTube playlist [here](#).

Participants who sign up for the STEM Expo before April 1 are guaranteed a free t-shirt and tri-fold board. It's open to all students in kindergarten through 12th grade.

Find more details, and a link to the registration form, at [u-46.org/science](https://u-46.org/science).

## Online registration for the 2023-24 school year opens next month

It's nearly time to register for the 2023-24 school year!



Online registration for incoming preschool through 12th graders officially opens on Saturday, April 1. By registering this spring, you can help the District better plan for staffing and transportation for next school year.

**NEW THIS YEAR!** All currently enrolled students must be registered no later than May 31.

No instructional fees are being collected; the District is covering the cost of instructional materials for the 2023-24 school year.

Find more information at [u-46.org/registration](https://u-46.org/registration) and easy instructions for current families [here](#).

## Juniors to learn more about post-secondary opportunities

A "Post-Secondary Fair" being held on Thursday, April 6, is aimed at helping 11th grade students learn more about a variety of opportunities after high school. Students will participate virtually during their English Language Arts 3 or AP English Language and U.S History or AP U.S. History classes. Students in specific special education programs, ILP, MLP, EN1, EN2, and transition, will have a regular school day.



Students will get more information about the event from their English and U.S. history teachers starting April 3. More information can also be found [here](#).

## Learn about options for building a career in U-46

Are you looking for a new career? As the second-largest school district in the state of Illinois, School District U-46 offers a number of rewarding opportunities for 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](https://u-46.org/careers).



Here are a couple of positions that we are highlighting:

- [Bilingual School Psychologist](#): This individual will provide support, instruction and technical assistance to students and families who are English Language Learners.
- [Secretary for the Health Services Department](#): This position provides office support to the nurse's office, students, employees, and visitors to ensure organized and efficient operations for the Health Office.

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## 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:

- Hanover Township - Spring Break Open Gym
- Children's Theatre of Elgin - Production of "Jack"

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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