



The weekly newsletter from School District U-46

Dec. 14, 2022

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## Calendar

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

- **Thursday, Dec. 15:** Dual Language Parent Support Group. [Details here](#).
- **Monday, Dec. 19:** Board of Education meeting. [Details here](#).
- **Friday, Dec. 23:** First day of winter recess. [Details here](#).

## Unite U-46

Community chairs for the [Unite U-46](#) initiative delivered their recommendations to the U-46 Board of Education on Monday night. The meeting can be viewed on the District's YouTube channel at [youtube.com/user/SchoolDistrictU46](https://youtube.com/user/SchoolDistrictU46) or by clicking on the video below.



As a reminder, Unite U-46 is a community engagement initiative that seeks to develop recommendations on the best way to implement the long-range vision of the U-46 Board of Education; this vision includes shifting middle school to include grades 6th, 7th, and 8th (the current model has 6th grade as part of elementary school); using the space in elementary schools to expand early childhood opportunities across U-46; and to replace and/or renovate some of the

District's older buildings to provide equitable access to learning environments that support academic success for all.

The U-46 Board of Education is holding a special meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 19, to consider the committee's recommendations. That meeting can also be viewed on the District's [YouTube channel](#); a limited number of seats will be available in the Board room at 355 E. Chicago St., Elgin.

Additional details can be found at [UniteU46.org](#).

## Board Meeting - December 12, 2022



## Winter Recess

Students are in class through Thursday, Dec. 22. Winter recess begins Friday, Dec. 23 and will last through Friday, Jan. 6. We'll be excited to see our students back in the classroom in 2023 - the first day of classes after break will be Monday, Jan. 9. Find calendars for this school year as well as 2023-24 at [u-46.org/calendar](#).



## Middle School Survey

Thursday, Dec. 22 is the last day that middle school students and parents can take a survey to provide feedback that will drive meaningful school improvement and guide impactful professional development strategies. Results from the survey will also help the District with the shift to a 6, 7, and 8th grade middle school model. Learn more about this transition [here](#).

Students currently in 7th and 8th grade will have time during the school day to complete the survey. It's confidential and being offered in English and Spanish.

Parents can find the unique link to their school's survey [here](#). On the same page, there is a list of student survey questions and parent survey questions and more information about the company administering the survey.

## Season of Giving

This is the season of giving, and students across the District have both shown generosity and been recipients of it.

The Elgin High School Student Council took select 5th and 6th graders from Channing Elementary School to Target in South Elgin to purchase them a new pair of shoes. The student council conducts fundraisers to cover the trip, but this year everyone was in for a surprise. [Click here](#) to read all about it.

More than 300 Washington Elementary students attended a winter wonderland celebration, complete with treats and gifts, sponsored by Elgin Meijer and the Boys & Girls Club of Elgin. See photos from the event and learn more [here](#).



## We're Hiring

Have you considered becoming a part of the U-46 team? 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:

- [Cross Categorical Resource Teacher](#): These employees work under the guidance of the Special Education program to provide individualized instruction as mandated by individual student IEPs.
- [Vocational Job Coach](#): These individuals direct support, training and vocational services to participating students with disabilities whose goal is to be independent through employment.

## 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:

- Boys & Girls Club of Elgin - After-School Program at South Elgin Clubhouse
- Hooper Township - Open Gym

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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