CEO’s Weekly Message  
May 19, 2017

We are almost there. Just a few more days before the end of the school year.

Lucky you, that means next week you will receive your final weekly message from me for the school year. I am asking you to send me your kudos for next week’s message. Share with me the people you would like to recognize for outstanding service, connecting with kids, I will throw in a few of my own.

To make it easy for me to see your kudos, send them to Superintendent@u-46.org.

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Calendar

Thursday, May 25: Citizens’ Advisory Council Executive Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., room 240, ESC  
Saturday, May 27: High School Graduations, all day, Sears Centre Arena, Hoffman Estates  
Monday, May 29: Memorial Day, offices closed  
Tuesday, May 30: Last Day for Students  
Monday, June 5: U-46 Board of Education Meeting, 7 p.m., public session, room 140, ESC

Registration

2017-18 Student Registration Reminder

Please remind your families that all U-46 parents must register their students online for the next school year. Online registration opened last month at www.u-46.org. To register, parents can click on the Infinite Campus Parent Portal button on the homepage under “Quick Links” and login by entering their username and password. Each family should have received a registration packet, including instructions, via the U.S. Postal Service. If their child is eligible for transportation, they must complete online registration by Wednesday, May 31 in order to guarantee that transportation is available on the first day of school. If there are any questions, please contact the Registration Office at ext. 5715.

Assessment and Accountability

Assessment Updates

KIDS
  • Kindergarten: Data entry window is Friday, May 12 to Friday, May 26.
District Literacy Assessment (DLA)
- Grades sixth through 12th: Testing window is open until Saturday, May 20.

DLB
- Grades Pre-K through sixth (refer to the District Assessment Guide for specific grades and programs): Testing window is open until Friday, May 19 (scores must be entered by May 19).

NWEA MAP (Regular Full Length Test)
- Grades second through 12th: Testing window is open until Friday, May 19.
- Directions for teachers to test their class are [here](#).

Curriculum & Instruction

C&I Newsletter

The May 17 version of the C&I newsletter can be found [here](#).

Standards-Based Learning and Assessment
At U-46...
We will implement and support a challenging, standards-based curriculum across all content areas.

From Jonathon...
"When I first learned about standards-based grading in 2010, I was confused. I didn't know why I would give a test and not record the score. My stress level also went up as I thought about making multiple tests for one standard. I wasn't loving the idea. Even though I had my doubts and reservations, I tried it. [...] I compared what we were going to do to track and field athletes. Like in all sports, track and field athletes practice all week and get feedback from their coaches. They don't get a ribbon for practicing. Then on Saturday, they get to shine and show off what they have learned during the week. The athletes are ready to perform and earn ribbons or metals. My students bought it. They understood that they didn't need points every time they did something in my class. And they loved the idea that they would get immediate feedback up to the big event (the test)."

All K-12 teachers are invited to join the conversation about transforming practice.
Attend one, two, or all three sessions!

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Click the dates above to register on Courseware!
Are you interested in Summer PD opportunities?

Summer professional development opportunities are now available on Coursewhere and on the Student Growth website. Click the flyer below for more information about offerings and dates. In addition, watch for some new PLC and Work Sessions available starting in the fall. The Work Sessions will provide a setting to work collaboratively on Rubric Creation, Assessment Creation or your SLO Process with the support of others, including the Teacher Leaders for Student Growth. PLCs will provide a format for deeper reflective conversation about student learning and assessment with others.

Are you willing to share your SLO for our resource page?

We are in the process of collecting samples that will be reviewed by the Resource Committee to select tools to share on the website, in PD sessions, or as supports in other ways. When selecting resources, we are looking for a variety of grade-levels, content areas, and teaching assignments. All identifying information (teacher and student) will be removed before they are shared in any way.
To share your SLO with us, please use these directions to save the SLO as a PDF, and email it to StudentGrowth@u-46.org. New samples will be added to the Student Growth website prior to the beginning of the school year.

For support, contact Kim Stancl or Alisha Wildermuth, or email StudentGrowth@u-46.org.

**Professional Development Committee**

The committee is conducting a Needs Assessment. Information collected is used to inform PD decisions moving forward. The survey takes less than three minutes to complete.

Due to changes in District Travel Policy and the impact on timelines for approval of Individual PD Applications, the window for applications for 2017-18 has opened. A timeline has been added to the website to assist applicants. The link is below.

The window for ISBE Scholarships for National Board Certification opened on Feb. 15. To qualify you must meet the following requirements:
- Completed 3 years of teaching/counseling
- Be a teacher or school counselor
- Hold a Professional Educator License endorsed as a teacher or school support personnel
- Teach in an Illinois public school
- Be a first time recipient (not used scholarship in the past)

U-46 offers multiple opportunities for support. See the attachment or contact DoreenRoberts@u-46.org or MaryellynFriel@u-46.org for more information.

Have you been to the Professional Development Committee Website?
- You can learn about the work the PD Committee has done.
- You can find out about university announcements.
- You can check the Professional Practice Calendar which lists PD offerings planned and facilitated by teachers.

**Would you like to facilitate Professional Development sessions for your colleagues?**

Try Professional Development Design 101: Workshop to familiarize participants with effective presentation skills. Adult Learning Theory, effective outcomes, professional development layout,
connecting to the Danielson Framework and DIP/SIP goals will be covered. Tips and suggestions for engaging professional development will be shared.

Are you seeking feedback on PD Sessions you’ve designed?

Register for Professional Development Design 102: Using the professional development session started in Professional Development Design 101, participants will present to colleagues to receive constructive feedback based on a rubric for professional development. Register for either session through Coursewhere.

PE and Health Education
Call to Committee - Junior Leadership Physical Education Curriculum Writing Committee

School District U-46 is seeking certified staff members to form a committee that will lead the district in making decisions about the development and implementation of a Junior Leader Physical Education Curriculum.

This committee aligns with the U-46 Strategic Plan:
● Student Achievement: We will implement and support a challenging standards based curriculum across all content areas.
● Effective and Engaged Staff: We will encourage collaboration and provide differentiated support to all staff members to grow as professionals throughout their career.

Expected Committee Outcomes:

The committee will have the following outcomes:
● Develop a deep knowledge of the National and State Physical Education Standards along with Illinois State Mandates to insure implementation into the curriculum.
● Determine the concepts, standards and learning tasks that are essential for mastery of Physical Education at the junior grade level.
● Develop a standards based curriculum with rubrics and assessments.
● Review and determine appropriate materials and resources to support the understanding and application of Physical Education.
● Present proposal to Instructional Council and the Board of Education.

Committee Configuration:
Each member will take part in the development of the Junior Physical Education Leader curriculum, assessments and rubrics. Members are expected to share the committee’s work with their school teams and provide their feedback to the committee. There will be a total of 10 committee members selected with representation from a variety of secondary schools. The breakdown of this committee is below:
Physical Education Teachers (7)
Adaptive Physical Education Teacher (1)
Secondary Building Administrator (1)
District Administration (1)
**Length of Committee Term:** This will be a one year process.

Year 1 Focus: Review current physical education learning standards.
Review Understanding by Design process.
Begin to develop curriculum templates
Assessment and rubric development.
Materials review and recommendations.
BOE presentation.

Committee will meet the following dates from 8 a.m. to 2:15 pm at ESC in room 480:
- June 5, 2017
- June 6, 2017
- June 7, 2017
- June 8, 2017
- October 4, 2017
- October 18, 2017
- November 1, 2017

**Application:**
Applications may be made electronically by completing the following application link.
[Application](#)

The application deadline will be **May 26, 2017**.
Candidates will be notified of their acceptance by May 30, 2017.
If applicants have further questions, please contact Tracey Jakaitis, Student Wellness Coordinator at ext. 7039.

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**Gifted**

**Gifted Education Seminars**

Two gifted education seminars for teachers will be offered this summer. Trainings consisting of four days face-to-face time and 15 hours of independent study will be offered twice, one session starting on Monday, June 12 and a second session beginning Monday, July 17.

Two sessions for administrators are also offered. These are two-day sessions on Monday, June 5 - Tuesday, June 6 and Wednesday, June 7 - Thursday, June 8.

Participants must register through Coursewhere at least two weeks prior to the start of the session.

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**Pass Illinois’ Budget! Campaign**
The Pass Illinois’ Budget initiative launched Monday, April 24 and since then, 438 school district superintendents, representing more than 1.4 million public school students, have signed on to call on members of the Illinois General Assembly and the Governor to do the following:

- Immediately and with bipartisan support end the state budget impasse
- Improve the state’s education funding formula and invest in students and schools, including higher education institutions
- Pay school districts what they are owed this year

To date, the State of Illinois owes U-46 $18.5 million and we don’t know when or if we’ll get paid, and there’s no state budget on the table for approval. Last week, a letter was sent out from all involved superintendents to leaders about the campaign.

Please join the effort and:
- Visit www.u-46.org and go to “Hot Topics” on the home page and click on “Pass Illinois’ Budget!” to learn more about how we fund our schools in Illinois.
- Use social media to share your budget concerns with the hashtag #PassILBudget.
- Ask your friends, colleagues and community members to join our efforts.
- Contact your local legislator at https://openstates.org/find_your_legislator/.

Together, we will stand up for our students and our future. Let’s all work together to #PassILBudget.

State News


KUDOS

Kudos from Brian Stark, Principal at Coleman Elementary to the Coleman PTC, Yvette Gonzalez, Elliot Gonzalez, Julie Reuter, Flor Delfin, Karie Jiacomin, Belen Patino, and Joe Corcoran:
Coleman School hosted its third 3K Cougar Color-A-Thon on May 5. We raised more than $7,600 to help with renovations for our playground and could not have done it without the help
of countless volunteers, including these staff members. Thank you for making this event a tremendous success!

Kudos from Tami Behrman, Division Chair, to Nathan McCoy, Assistant Principal at Streamwood High School
I want to thank Nathan for all of the work he's done to try to hold SHS together this year. He goes above and beyond to support when he can, and despite the immense load he's been given this year, he's still there to support the administrators, teachers, and first and foremost, the students that work with him. His knowledge and expertise have been of extreme value to us. I believe we wouldn't have made it through this semester without his support.

Kudos from Tami Behrman, Division Chair, to Streamwood High School secretaries, especially Bebzaida Camacho, Gaby Portillo & Kathy Pinsky
Thank you for all of the support you have given me and everyone else this year. Bebzaida went above and beyond this year to support the Language Arts Department to ensure our events went smoothly, taking on tasks without me having to ask, and following through with the details. Gaby has spent countless hours working on a master schedule in the absence of an Associate Principal, and this is a duty far beyond her job description, and one among several countless tasks she's taken on this year. Kathy helped to make sure that I am meeting timelines, helped to organize conference locations, and assisted me in locating resources for my teachers. Without our secretaries, I know this building would not function as efficiently. Thank you!!

Kudos from Tami Behrman, Division Chair, to Cindy Meier, Art Teacher at Streamwood High School
I want to thank Cindy for the dedication she's had to our Art Department for more than 20 years. Cindy truly loves her content, engages her students to create beautiful representations of their creativity, and has a passion for teaching that is unmatched. In addition to that, she's just a wonderful person with a positive presence. Cindy retires this year, and we will all miss her terribly. Thank you so much, Cindy!
Kudos from District Records & Registration to Donna Kaup
On June 15, after 23 years of working for School District U-46, Donna Kaup will retire. We would like to say thank you to Donna for her dedication, hard work, and friendship. Donna started her career in 1994 at Streamwood High School as the Health Secretary and soon after moved to the Registrar position. For the last 17 years she worked in the District Records Office as the Statistical Specialist and has done an excellent job. Donna, we will miss you, and wish you all the best on your retirement! Thank You!

Kudos from Joe Corcoran, Harriet Gifford Elementary Principal to Maureen Kane, Heidi Soderberg, Jane Mursewick and staff
I would like to send out a Kudos to Maureen Kane and Heidi Soderberg for their outstanding work in organizing our annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner. There was much work behind the scenes in planning, making certificates and making sure we had enough food for 200 guests. Together, they made sure we properly recognized and thanked those who gave the gift of time to our students.

In addition, I would like to recognize Jane Mursewick for the great job she did in coordinating our school mentors. Through her efforts and coordination, several of our students had a new caring adult in their lives that checked in on them each week during the school year. Great job Jane.

Finally I would like to recognize and thank the Harriet Gifford staff members who participated in the Girls on the Run (GOTR) program. This year we doubled the size of our team thanks to the efforts of Ana Guerrero, Rosie Thomas, Maggie Johnson and Lily Rivera. Also to the Harriet Gifford staff that served as running buddies for the girls at the GOTR 5K this past Saturday, Jessie Kostro, Marina Monreal, Julie Schultz, Tiffany Paoletti, Sofia Dominguez; and I would also like to thank Dave Manikowski, Maureen Kane and Marty Angelo for their support of this great program.

Kudos from Maryellyn Friel, NBCT and Catherine Fletcher, Heritage Elementary Principal, and National Board Cohort Administrator to Meghan Doyle, Betty Martinez, Sandy Cintron Karen Witt, Janine Bernel and Gisselle Moreira.
You have completed your three-year journey on the National Board crazy train! You are individually and collectively an inspiration! Well done mis amigas!

Kudos from Colleen LaSpisa, to Tom Stiglic, Centennial Elementary Principal
Kudos to Tom Stiglic for being a wonderful principal at Centennial Elementary. Wishing Tom a healthy, happy retirement.