

# Superintendent's Weekly Newsletter

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**Aug. 17, 2023**

Welcome to the 2023-2024 year! I am excited to have our students back in our buildings, busy learning and participating in the countless activities available across our system. This year, we continue to be focused on our moral imperative:

*To change until all our systems measurably work for all children. It is our responsibility to ensure all students are engaged in rigorous learning, receive quality core instruction, and can develop the skills they need for better life chances and opportunities.*

*Our focus must be on rigor, agency and equity (and all systems must support). We will become a choice district that inspires families to join us.*

With this focus, our daily effort will be to make each day a great day to learn! Several weeks ago, I surveyed administrators to gather input about what a great day of learning looks like for students and staff. The three most frequent responses included: buildings that are safe and accessible for every student, staff member and stakeholder; a welcoming environment that supports a sense of belonging for every student, staff member and stakeholder; and rigorous instruction or learning opportunities for every student and staff member.

Over the coming weeks, we will connect these components of a great day of learning to our Goals for the 2023-2024 year and what we can expect as we proceed with [U-46 Rising](#) and [Unite U-46](#)! In late September, we will conduct the confidential #U46Voice Employee Engagement Survey, offered by our partner Gallup. This survey is an opportunity for us to hear from all of our staff members and to start conversations about how we can ensure that U-46 is a great place to work and learn.

I am proud of our work as a school district and I can't wait for our next steps. I am thankful that our communities support our school district and I look forward to our ongoing collaboration to see the amazing outcomes of U-46 Rising in our updated facilities as a result of Unite U-46.

It's a great day to learn in U-46!

Dr. Suzanne Johnson



**School District U-46**

