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Media Advisory: Back to School Events

U-46 community helps prepare students for success

ELGIN - School District U-46 families are invited to several events around the community to ensure students are ready for the first day of school, Wednesday, Aug. 15.

The annual backpack distribution hosted by [Hanover Township](#) will begin at **9 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 8 at the Astor Avenue Community Center, 7431 Astor Ave., Hanover Park.** Students in K-8 can receive a free backpack filled with school supplies while supplies last. Students must show proof of residency within Hanover Township boundaries.

The U-46 Health Services department will host a [Health Fair](#) from **9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 9 at Streamwood High School, 701 W. Schaumburg Road, Streamwood.** Advocate Healthcare, VNA Health Care, Jewel-Osco, CVS Minute Clinic and Greater Elgin Family Care Center will provide physical and immunizations on a first-come, first-served basis to U-46 students. Providers offer a range of options for students with private, public or no insurance.

U-46 is among the event partners for the ninth annual [Back-to-School Supply Fair](#) at Elgin Community College on Saturday, Aug. 11. The event will **begin at 9 a.m. and last until 1 p.m. (or while supplies last) in Building J at ECC, 1700 Spartan Drive, Elgin.** The event, known as Project Backpack, provides school supplies for students in need as they prepare for the upcoming academic year.

More than 17,000 have been distributed since the launch of Project Backpack in 2010. Donations collected throughout the Elgin community will provide a gender-neutral backpack filled with the following supplies:

- 6 folders
- 4 spiral notebooks

- 1 pack of loose leaf paper
- 1 package of pencils
- 2 black pens
- 1 pair of scissors
- 2 glue sticks
- 1 ruler
- 1 pack of crayons

Filled backpacks and supplies will be distributed at ECC on a first-come, first served basis; limit one backpack per student. Recipients of supplies must provide proof of fall 2018 registration at ECC or school enrollment in districts including U-46, D300, D301 or D20. If students cannot provide proof of enrollment, they can bring proof of residency in one of the school districts.

To make a donation to Project Backpack, visit www.project-backpack.com

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School District U-46 serves families in 11 communities: Bartlett, Elgin, South Elgin, Hanover Park, South Elgin, Streamwood and Wayne, as well as portions of Carol Stream, Hoffman Estates, St. Charles, Schaumburg, and West Chicago. In total, the District encompasses 90 square miles within the Fox River Valley, approximately 45 minutes west of downtown Chicago, and includes communities within Cook, DuPage and Kane counties. More than 39,000 pre-K through twelfth graders attend the 57 District schools and programs. To learn more, visit the [U-46 website](#), or like us on [Facebook](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#).