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### U-46 to host sessions for kindergarten parents

By Madhu Krishnamurthy

Elgin Area School District U-46 will host informational sessions starting this week for parents and guardians of the district's more than 2,500 full-day kindergarten students this year.

The 90-minute U46Engage sessions are designed to help parents navigate their child's educational pathway through graduation in 2031 at the state's second-largest district.

Parents will learn about the various academic offerings, services and opportunities, such as gifted and dual-language programming, as well as ways to support their child's education at home and at the school and district levels.

Sessions will be at 5 and 7 p.m. Thursday in English and Tuesday in Spanish in the library of Elgin High School, 1200 Maroon Drive, Elgin. Free childcare will be provided. Parents must RSVP for the session they would like to attend at [goo.gl/Zd7Xtm](http://goo.gl/Zd7Xtm).

A panel comprising a U-46 parent, student, principal and school board member will share tips, experiences and expectations followed by a roundtable discussion.

Students Kiersten Larsen, of South Elgin High School, and Isaiah Mercado, of Ellis Middle School, will sing during the Thursday and Tuesday sessions, respectively.

Parents are encouraged to fill out the Parent Volunteer Promise to be involved with their child's education.

During the 2017-18 school year, more than 1,000 kindergarten parents (41 percent) submitted a completed pledge agreeing to be involved in their child's education for at least five hours during the school year through activities, such as reading at home with their child, participating in parent-teacher groups or a district advisory group. The document is available [online](#) in English and Spanish.

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### SPORTS SECTION

### Boys soccer: Elgin-Streamwood rivalry stays even, again

By Steve Nemeth



**Elgin's Jesus Millan spins over the ball to keep it away from Streamwood's Brian Caldera in a boys soccer game in Elgin Wednesday.** *John Starks | Staff Photographer*

Both coaches insist Streamwood versus Elgin is an evenly matched rivalry.

Wednesday's meeting proved they're right, once again.

For the third time in the last four years, the Upstate Eight Conference foes battled to a tie, the 2018 edition being a 2-2 draw. Last season was a 1-1 stalemate just like in 2015. That makes 2016's 4-0 Sabres win an anomaly.

Elgin (8-1-2, 4-0-1 in the Upstate Eight Conference) appeared headed for a lopsided victory based on a 2-0 intermission lead, however Streamwood (8-3-2, 1-0-1) used a pair of goals 21 seconds apart to equalize.

That outcome means both sides remain in the running for this year's UEC crown which is being contested as a top-to-bottom race. In 2017, Elgin edged Streamwood to claim the UEC River Division title while West Aurora ruled the Valley Division. Those Blackhawks are also currently undefeated and serve as October foes for both teams.

A mere 42 seconds into the match, Elgin looked to scoring machine Omar Lopez and the senior didn't disappoint. Using a Christopher Collin pass to attack from the left side, Lopez tucked a shot inside the far right post.

The state's unofficial Class 3A scoring leader based strictly on schools submitting individual numbers to MaxPreps, Lopez upped his goal total to 24 making it 2-0 at 21:40.

By agreement of the coaches and referees, the match began early in lieu of darkening clouds. That eliminated the national anthem by Elgin's marching band, which did a spirited halftime performance along with the dance team in a fairly steady downpour. It was a pleasant distraction for the 300-plus in attendance mainly huddled under umbrellas.

"It was a combination of us being a little overconfident and them being opportunistic," Elgin coach David Borg acknowledged in regard to Streamwood's lightning-quick start after halftime.

The Sabres scored 1:22 into the second half with Bryan Mora setting up Alex Chavez. Streamwood got the ball back after Elgin's restart and caught the Maroons still frustrated with an equalizer at 41:43. Edwin Peralta earned the assist to Jesus Limon, who kept pace with Chavez with a team-best seventh goal.

"At halftime coach (Matt Polovin) talked about pressuring them from the start and not be content with just one," Chavez said. "Scoring quickly meant they were a little down and started to worry about the lead, the perfect time to catch a team again."

"We'll take it," Streamwood's Polovin said. "Not losing is far better considering we were down two. Let's just say we had a spirited talk at halftime and they were asked to come out strong."

A rematch remains a distinct possibility as both Elgin and Streamwood are among the 19 schools assigned to the Hampshire regional.

Last year, the Maroons were a No. 2 seed that got upset in a shootout by the 11-seed Whip-Purs in a regional championship. Hampshire then lost in the sectional to Streamwood, which fell short in the sectional final.



**Streamwood's Alejandro Morales heads the ball toward the net against Elgin in a boys soccer game in Elgin Wednesday.** *John Starks | Staff Photographer*