

U46Engage: The Newsletter

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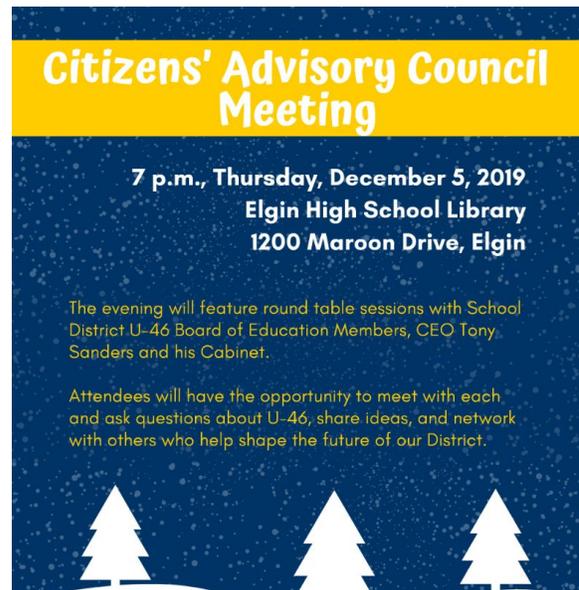
Calendar

- **Thursday, Dec. 5:** Citizens' Advisory Council's Holiday Roundtable, 7 p.m., Elgin High School, 1200 Maroon Drive, Elgin.
- **Monday, Dec. 11:** Public Sky Shows at 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., U-46 Planetarium, 312 Watch St., Elgin.
- **Monday, Dec. 16:** U-46 Board of Education Meeting, 5:15 p.m. Board to convene and open meeting but will go into closed session until the 7 p.m. scheduled open session. Also available to watch on [YouTube](#). Room 140, Educational Services Center, 355 E. Chicago St., Elgin.
- **Friday, Dec. 20:** No classes for students.
- **Monday, Dec. 23-Friday, Jan. 3:** No classes for students. Winter break.

CAC's December Meeting to Feature Roundtable with U-46 Administrators

Members of the U-46 community are invited to attend the Dec. 5 Citizens' Advisory Council's (CAC) Holiday Season Celebration, an annual roundtable discussion with U-46 Board of Education members and District administrators, including CEO Tony Sanders.

Refreshments will be served at the event, which will get underway at 7 p.m. in the Elgin High School Library, 1200 Maroon Drive, Elgin.



This annual meeting offers a fun and relaxed setting for U-46 parents to learn more about the mission of the CAC and talk to U-46 leaders. All are welcome. For more information, please visit the [CAC website](#).

Parents Urged to Participate in Illinois 5Essentials Survey

The 2019 Illinois 5Essentials Survey is now open to parents, providing them a unique opportunity to have a voice in improving their child's education.



The results help District and school administrators and staff to identify a school's strengths and areas that need improvement. That information can help school leaders better target resources and interventions for their buildings.

The parent survey is mobile friendly, available in English and Spanish, and only takes about 15 minutes to complete. Parents can identify themselves by leaving an email address or they can remain anonymous as they complete the survey. The survey will ask to choose a county, please select the county where the school is located.

To take the survey, parents are instructed to visit survey.5-essentials.org/Illinois/ to answer important questions about their child's school. Parents can complete a survey for each child. For example, if a parent has two students in a U-46 elementary school and one in a U-46 middle school, the parent can complete two surveys for the elementary school and one for the middle school.

U-46 parents with any questions on 5Essentials are encouraged to please use [Let's Talk](#).

U-46 Planetarium to Focus on Winter Solstice at Sky Show

The U-46 Planetarium will be hosting its second public sky show of the school year on Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. The hour-long show will focus on the winter solstice and stars of the winter sky. Admission is \$3 per person or \$10 per family, cash only. Doors open at 4 p.m. with limited seating.



In partnership with the Elgin Public Museum, visitors will also receive a passport that they can bring to the museum's winter solstice event on Dec. 21 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Admission for the museum's event is \$6 for non-members. Attendees will receive a stamp that allows free admission to one event at either venue in 2020. Find more info [here](#).

Support Students in U-46 with an 'Affinity Card'

Members of the U-46 community can now support the District's students by using an exclusive U-46 Educational Foundation Affinity Visa® Card from KCT Credit Union. With every purchase made, KCT donates a portion of the transaction to the Foundation to support its efforts in expanding opportunities for students in District U-46. You can choose from a variety of debit and credit card programs, each with their own U-46 design featuring one of the District's five high schools or the District's logo. For more information, visit u46.kctcu.org.

Alumni Feature: Ana Lalley of Streamwood High School

As a kid growing up in Streamwood, Ana Lalley would often travel the streets in and out of nearby



Elgin, not suspecting that one day she would be the person ultimately responsible for keeping those streets safe.

In 2018, the City of Elgin named Lalley as the 35th chief of the Elgin Police Department, placing her in charge of 260 officers and support staff, and crowning a law enforcement career that has spanned more than 20 years.

Before her law enforcement career began, Lalley attended U-46 schools, including Heritage Elementary and Tefft Middle School, both in Streamwood. She graduated from Streamwood High School in 1992.

To read more about Chief Ana Lalley, and other interesting and accomplished U-46 alumni, visit the [Alumni section of the website](#) or follow the #U46AlumniSunday hashtag on the [U-46 Facebook page](#). If you have the name and contact info for a graduate you think we should feature, please let us know via Let's Talk, our customer service tool, by using the [School and Community Relations button](#).