

# U46Engage: The Newsletter

## February 2020

### Calendar

- **Monday, Feb. 17:** President's Day holiday. No classes for students, offices closed.
- **Saturday, Feb. 22:** [STEM Expo](#), 8 a.m. to noon, Streamwood High School, 701 W. Schaumburg Road, Streamwood.
- **Monday, Feb. 24:** U-46 Board of Education Meeting. Check [u-46.org](http://u-46.org) for specific meeting time in Room 140, Educational Services Center, 355 E. Chicago St., Elgin. Also available to watch on [YouTube](#).
- **Friday, Feb. 28:** No classes for students.

### U-46 Families Invited to Presentation by Motivational Speaker for Black History Month

As part of School District U-46 events celebrating Black History Month, an acclaimed motivational speaker and educator will speak to U-46 families about how students can succeed both inside and outside the classroom.

Keynote speaker Robert Jackson is an author, educational consultant, former NFL player, and former teacher. Jackson will be the main speaker at Larkin High School on Monday, Feb. 24 for a 6:30 p.m. event titled "Refocusing Our Vision: Honoring Our Legacy and Pursuing Promise in Our Children."



During Jackson's teaching career in Indianapolis Public Schools, he refused to let his students feel sorry for themselves or let their circumstances define their futures. He speaks and teaches on topics of cultural diversity, restorative practices, socio-emotional learning, and how to retain troubled students in school. He challenges parents to take a more active role in their

children's education, and he works with students to overcome hardships through discipline and accountability.

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## **Catch the Stars of U-46 at TalentFest**



Mark your calendars to attend the ninth annual U-46 TalentFest at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 10 at the Hemmens Auditorium, 45 Symphony Way, Elgin.

The popular talent competition features two finalists from each of the five U-46 high school talent shows. All 10 acts will perform in the first act for the audience, who will then vote for their favorites. The top five vote recipients advance to perform again in the second act. A panel of judges will select the winners.

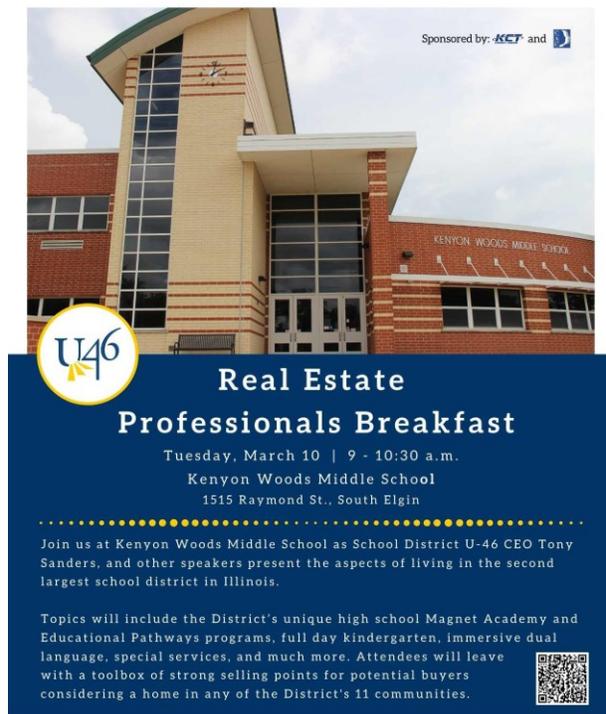
Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased through the Hemmens box office at 847-931-5900 or at the door. TalentFest is made possible with the support of the U-46 Educational Foundation and the Elgin Cultural Arts Commission.

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## **Real Estate Professionals Invited to Learn About U-46**

Local real estate professionals are invited to a breakfast presentation at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, March 10 to learn about the aspects of School District U-46 that make it a great community in which to own a home. This is an annual event sponsored by the U-46 Citizens' Advisory Council (CAC) Family and Community Engagement Committee and KCT Credit Union. This year's event is being held at Kenyon Woods Middle School in South Elgin, and it will be of interest to real estate agents, mortgage professionals, investors, appraisers, and property managers. Those who would like to attend can

[click here](#) to register for the event. The RSVP deadline is Friday, March 4, 2020. Questions can be directed to Karla Jimenez, the U-46 Coordinator of Family and Community Engagement, at [karlajimenez@u-46.org](mailto:karlajimenez@u-46.org).



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 **Real Estate Professionals Breakfast**

Tuesday, March 10 | 9 - 10:30 a.m.  
Kenyon Woods Middle School  
1515 Raymond St., South Elgin

Join us at Kenyon Woods Middle School as School District U-46 CEO Tony Sanders, and other speakers present the aspects of living in the second largest school district in Illinois.

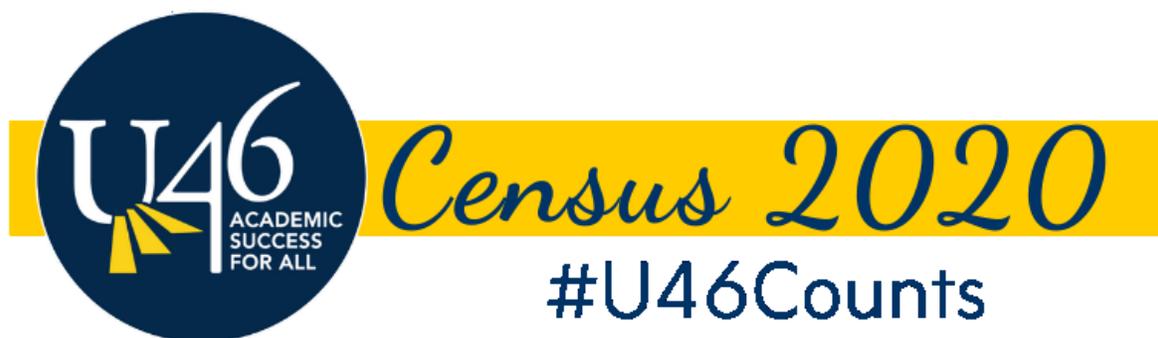
Topics will include the District's unique high school Magnet Academy and Educational Pathways programs, full day kindergarten, immersive dual language, special services, and much more. Attendees will leave with a toolbox of strong selling points for potential buyers considering a home in any of the District's 11 communities.



RSVP by March 4 at : [bit.ly/U46Realtor2020](https://bit.ly/U46Realtor2020)

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## How to Participate in the Census and Make Sure #U46Counts



When people say the word “census” you might have an image of Census Bureau employees knocking on individual doors, asking to count the people who live in a home. But there are three much easier ways to make sure you are counted by the census.

In fact, the 2020 Census marks the first time you'll have the option to respond online. You can even respond on your mobile device! Alternatively, you can respond by phone or by mail. By mid-March, every home will receive an invitation to respond in the Census, so keep an eye out in your mail for that information.

The questions asked by the census are easy - how many people are living in your home as of April 1, 2020; whether your home is owned or rented; how old are the people in your home, their gender, and about their race and/or ethnic background.

The Census Bureau will never ask you for your Social Security number, money or donations, anything on behalf of a political party, or your bank or credit card numbers.

Having an accurate census count benefits your family, your neighbors, and your community. Learn more at [u-46.org/census2020](https://u-46.org/census2020).

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## **Call for Nominations: U-46 Volunteers**



We're asking for your help in identifying and honoring the volunteers who do so much for School District U-46.

Since 1998, U-46 has honored an individual or a group for demonstrating dedication and commitment through consistent volunteer efforts on behalf of our students. Our call for nominations is now open for outstanding volunteer service in the following two categories:

- Volunteer of the Year: This category recognizes a volunteer or group of volunteers who improves the lives of students at three or more schools across the District.
- Helping Hands: This category recognizes a volunteer or group of volunteers who have made a significant impact at the school level.

All nominees will be invited to the annual Volunteer Reception at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 31 in room 240 at the U-46 Educational Services Center where the award recipients for each category will be announced. Online nominations are due by Friday, March 6. To complete an online nomination form, please visit: [www.bit.ly/VolunteerU46](http://www.bit.ly/VolunteerU46).

For questions, please contact Coordinator of Family & Community Engagement Karla Jiménez at [karlajimenez@u-46.org](mailto:karlajimenez@u-46.org).

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## Hanover Park Marks Centennial Celebration of Women's Right to Vote



The village of Hanover Park is celebrating 100 years of women being able to vote in the United States following the ratification of the 19th amendment. They are asking for the public's help in gathering nominations of a woman or girl who has contributed significantly to Hanover Park through her service and leadership. Nominations can be submitted [here](#). The winner will be honored at [Tea Time](#) on International Women's Day on Sunday, March 8 at 2:30 p.m. hosted by Village Clerk Eira Corral Sepúlveda, Village Trustee Sharmin Shahjahan, and Village Trustee Fanny Y. López Benítez. Women and girls in the community are invited to attend Tea Time to connect with local leaders through round table discussions. The event, being held at 1919 Walnut Ave. in Hanover Park, is free, but registration is [required here](#).

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## Alumni Feature: Charles Peters of Elgin High School

Serving his community is the gift Charles Peters is paying forward for the teaching and mentoring he received at Elgin High School.

After a five-year stint in the United States Marine Corps, the 2009 EHS grad joined the Springfield Police Department as a patrol officer and last year became the school resource officer at Lanphier High School in the state capital while continuing patrol work during the summers.



“Everybody needs a little help sometimes, to put them on the right path,” he says. “Sometimes you only see families on their worst day. Seeing kids do well, seeing families turn it around, the way you conduct yourself as an officer can determine if they have a lot of bad days or if that bad day is just a hiccup.”

*To read more about Charles Peters 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](#).*