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## **Board of Education to Honor Teachers as Part of Teacher Appreciation Week**

*BOE to also salute school nurses*

**ELGIN** - The School District U-46 Board of Education will issue a proclamation Monday to salute all U-46 instructors as part of Teacher Appreciation Week, as well as school nurses who have played such an important role during the COVID-19 pandemic.

U-46 employs about 2,600 teachers who work across 56 school sites. May 3-9 is recognized nationwide as Teacher Appreciation Week, a celebration of educators sponsored by the National Education Association.

"We are always extremely grateful for the hard work, creativity and dedication exhibited by our teachers, who not only educate our students but help prepare them for life," said U-46 Superintendent Tony Sanders. "The COVID-19 pandemic has only highlighted the vital role teachers play in the lives of our students, our families, and greater community. While we formally honor teachers this week, we recognize their contributions year-round, now more than ever."

Tied to Teacher Appreciation Week, the U-46 Educational Foundation is inviting families to make a donation and share a message about a special U-46 teacher. Details can be found at [u-46.org/foundation](https://u-46.org/foundation).

The Board of Education will also designate May 6 as School Nurse Day, which is celebrated on the Wednesday within National Nurse Week. U-46 employs 87 nurses — 65 Registered Nurses and 22 Certified School Nurses, who are specially credentialed RNs.



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"The team of Certified and Registered Nurses of U-46 work collaboratively to promote health, safety, medical needs and remove barriers of learning for all students," said Jeff Judge, the District's Supervisor of Health Services.

During the stay-at-home order, U-46's nursing staff has continued that work remotely, Judge said. In addition, the group is helping with food distribution, PPE safety, and philanthropic projects, as well as working to prepare for the 2020-2021 school year.

"I could not be more proud of our entire Health Services team," Judge said. "They have been determined and creative to help keep everyone safe and they are dedicated to supporting our students, their families, and our community, anyway they can."

The Board of Education will virtually recognize teachers and school nurses with "Accent on Achievement" certificates during its meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, May 4. Due to the Stay-in-Place, the Board will be participating electronically using a Zoom Webinar which the public may join live at <https://zoom.us/j/94030509273>. Members of the public will be able to issue public comment through the Zoom application during the public comment portion of the meeting. The meeting will be available on the District's [YouTube Channel](#) within 24 hours of the meeting.

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*School District U-46 serves families in 11 communities: Bartlett, 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 38,000 pre-K through 12th 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](#).*