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## **School District U-46 to Launch 'Unite U-46' Effort with Community Meetings**

*April 27 meeting to feature both an in-person and virtual option*

**ELGIN** - School District U-46 is hosting a community engagement session on Wednesday, April 27, as part of Unite U-46, an effort to develop recommendations on how to implement the District's five-year Educational Facility Master Plan.

The meeting, beginning at 7 p.m., will be held at the U-46 Welcome Center, 1019 E. Chicago St., Elgin. A virtual option via Zoom is also available. All U-46 residents are welcome to attend to learn more and provide feedback, whether they have a child in its schools or not. Spanish-language interpretation will be offered and light refreshments will be served.

Unite U-46 grew out of the District's work to develop a long-range process that assessed U-46's infrastructure, classrooms, and overall facility use, efficiency, and readiness in order to meet the District's vision of:

- Shifting its middle school model to include grades 6th, 7th, and 8th, rather than just 7th and 8th grades, as they are currently structured;
- Expanding the preschool program to all elementary schools;
- Closing, rebuilding, repurposing, or remodeling some of the District's oldest elementary school buildings to provide equitable access to learning environments that support academic success for all.

"While we have a road map to where we want to take the District, we need community input on how we reach the full vision," said U-46 Superintendent



Dr. Tony Sanders, Superintendent

[www.u-46.org](http://www.u-46.org)

Dr. Tony Sanders. "Unite U-46 is a way for all members of our community to participate in the conversation about moving our schools forward together."

The April 27 session is the first of six scheduled Unite for U-46 community engagement initiatives. During the first one, attendees will learn about key challenges facing the District, including aging buildings, declining enrollment, and how the condition of facilities can impact student achievement. Additional sessions will take place on May 11, May 25, Sept. 14, Oct. 19, and Nov. 9, 2022. Each session will provide information about and gather feedback on a different topic.

At all sessions, attendees will participate in interactive work activities with other community members to come to a general agreement about priorities moving forward. The result of these work activities will be included in a series of recommendations to the U-46 Board of Education.

More information, including how to access the virtual option for the April 27 meeting, can be found at [UniteU46.org](http://UniteU46.org).

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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 36,000 pre-K through 12 graders attend the 57 District schools and programs. To learn more, visit the U-46 [website](http://www.u-46.org), or like us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/u46) and follow us on [Twitter](https://twitter.com/u46).*