



The weekly newsletter from School District U-46

Feb. 8, 2023

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Calendar

Stay tuned for upcoming events with our District website calendar available [here](#).

- **Monday, Feb. 6:** Kindergarten registration underway through Feb. 12. [Details here](#).
- **Thursday, Feb. 9:** African-American Advisory Council meeting. [Details here](#).
- **Thursday, Feb. 9:** Community Advisory Council general meeting. [Details here](#).
- **Monday, Feb. 13:** Board of Education meeting. [Details here](#).
- **Tuesday, Feb. 14:** Planetarium Public Sky Show. [Details here](#).
- **Thursday, Feb. 16:** Dual Language Parent Support Group. [Details here](#).
- **Monday, Feb. 20:** Presidents' Day holiday. No classes, buildings closed. [Details here](#).
- **Thursday, Feb. 23:** Panel with representatives from Historically Black Colleges and Universities. More details to come.

Celebrate Superintendent Sanders

U-46 students, their families, staff, and members of the community are invited to recognize Superintendent Dr. Tony Sanders for his 15 years of service to the District, including the last eight as its leader, before he moves on to his next role as the Illinois State Superintendent. The celebration is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 15, in the gymnasium of South Elgin High School. Doors will open



at 4 p.m. and the program will begin at 5 p.m. We're asking those who plan to attend to RSVP [here](#) to help with planning.

Bilingualism for All

The District's award-winning Dual Language program will be the focus of Thursday night's meeting of the African American Advisory Council. Griselda Pirtle, the Director of U-46's Multilingual & Multicultural Education Department, will deliver a presentation entitled, "U-46 Dual Language Program: Promoting Bilingualism for All." It will address the percentage of African-American students in the Dual Language program as well as the benefits for students who enroll as an enrichment option.

At the end of the meeting, the council will continue its book club discussion of "Fugitive Pedagogy" by Dr. Jarvis Givens.

All are welcome to attend the meeting, which will be conducted via Zoom at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 9. Advanced registration is required and is available [here](#).

Learn About the Pathways Open to Your High Schooler

Educational Pathways will be the focus of the next Community Advisory Council meeting being held via Zoom Thursday, Feb. 9, at 7 p.m. Mitchell Briesemeister, U-46's Director of Educational Pathways, will provide an update on how U-46 continues to strengthen its Educational Pathways, which are strategically planned sequences of career-oriented courses that lead directly to a post-secondary plan in a high-skill, high-wage occupation. He will also discuss the District's five Magnet Academies, a pilot internship program, and other career-related initiatives. Please register [here](#) to join the meeting via Zoom.



Support for Dual Language Parents

The next Dual Language Parent Support Group is being offered virtually on Thursday, Feb. 16, at 6:30 p.m. This group is for parents and guardians who have children in the District's award-winning Dual Language program.

Parents will connect with other Dual Language families, as well as members of the Multilingual and Multicultural Education Department, and can ask questions and get tips for supporting their child's education. Support groups will be offered in English and in Spanish. Register [here](#) to receive the Zoom link.

If you have questions, please contact Family Welcome Center Coordinator [Brenda Escobedo](#).

Deadline for Full-Time Dual Credit Program

The application window for the full-time Dual Credit program at Elgin Community College (ECC) closes on Wednesday, Feb. 15. The program provides an opportunity for students to take all of their coursework at ECC while earning both high school and college credit for all of their courses.

Current sophomores and juniors with qualifying test scores are eligible to apply to the Dual Credit program for the 2023-24 school year.

More details, including a link to the Dual Credit interest form and application and a recorded presentation from an informational session, can be found at u-46.org/dualcredit.



STEM Expo Registration

Registration is now open for the 2023 STEM Expo, being held the morning of Saturday, April 29, at Eastview Middle School in Bartlett. This free event, open to all students in kindergarten through 12th grade, allows students to explore and discover Science, Technology, Engineering and/or Math through hands-on investigation and research. Participating students will plan and carry out projects based on their natural curiosities, and present their projects to fellow students, families, and community members at the Expo. Find more details, and a link to the registration form, at u-46.org/science.



Looking for a New Career?

Have you considered becoming a part of the U-46 team? As the second-largest school district in the state of Illinois, School District U-46 offers a number of rewarding opportunities for educators and support staff, including bus drivers, social workers, secretaries, food service technicians, and more. You can learn more about our District and job openings at u-46.org/careers.



Here are a couple of positions that we are highlighting:

- [Senior Buyer](#) - This employee assists the District with all aspects of purchasing and procurement, with methods including bidding, requests for proposals, and requests for qualifications in accordance with the Illinois School Code.
- [Building Substitute Teachers](#) - This important role helps to ensure that students continue on their learning path even when their classroom teacher cannot be present.

Online Backpack

Visit our [U-46 Online Backpack](#) to find information on community events, activities and resources for our U-46 families and students.

Coming up:

- Hanover Township - Winter/Spring tutoring
- Taylor Family YMCA - Youth Basketball

The flyers in the Online Backpack are the responsibility of the group listed and not a District endorsement. Visit Online Backpack to view the organization's flyer for more information.



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