



The weekly newsletter from School District U-46

March 1, 2023

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Calendar

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

- **Wednesday, March 1:** Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee Meeting. [Details here](#).
- **Friday, March 3:** Kane County Institute Day. No classes for students. [Details here](#).
- **Monday, March 6:** Board of Education Meeting. [Details here](#).
- **Thursday, March 9:** African American Advisory Council Meeting. [Details here](#).
- **Thursday, March 9:** Community Advisory Council Candidate Forum. [Details here](#).

A Welcome from Interim Superintendent Dr. Suzanne Johnson



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DR. SUZANNE JOHNSON
INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT

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Scholarship Application Deadline Tonight

The deadline for U-46 seniors to apply for U-46 Educational Foundation Scholarships is 11:59 p.m, Wednesday, March 1. Yes, that is tonight! High school seniors and their parents/guardians should look to an email sent out on Feb. 27 that details how they can make sure that they have reviewed, completed, and submitted their application before the deadline. Any questions should be directed to foundation@u-46.org.



No Classes for Students on Friday, March 3

This Friday, March 3, is the Kane County Institute Day, and U-46 teachers and many other staff members will be engaged in professional development. It is a non-attendance day for students. There will be no classes.

Public Invited to Candidate Forum at U-46 Welcome Center

The U-46 Community Advisory Council (CAC) will host a forum at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 9, at which members of the public can learn more about the candidates running for School District U-46's Board of Education. The forum is being held at the U-46 Welcome Center, 1019 E. Chicago St., Elgin. The forum will also be streamed live on the District's YouTube channel. The event is open to all, and Spanish translation will be available for those attending in-person.



The U-46 Board of Education has seven members, along with a non-voting student advisor.

In the election on April 4, voters in U-46 will choose up to four candidates on their ballots for the U-46 Board of Education. Learn more [here](#).

African American Advisory Council to Focus on Curriculum

The District's Curriculum & Instruction Department will be the focus of the next meeting of the African American Advisory Council. Celia Banks, the Director of Curriculum and Instruction, will deliver the presentation. 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, March 9. Advanced registration is required and is available [here](#).

5Essentials Can Help Improve Your Child's Learning Environment

Can you set aside 10 minutes this week to help improve the school culture and learning environment at your children's schools? That's all it will take to complete the 5Essentials Survey, a research-based survey that provides a unique opportunity for teachers, students, and parents to have a voice in improving our schools.



The 5Essentials Survey is completely confidential and will never be connected to you or your child. It is available in English and Spanish and can be taken on your mobile phone, tablet, laptop or computer. [Click here](#) to take the survey today.

More information available at u-46.org/5Essentials

Parents Invited to Talk With Other Caregivers About Keeping Families Strong

The U-46 Family Welcome Center hosts "Parent Cafes" regularly at schools throughout the District. During these cafes, parents have the opportunity to talk with other caregivers about the challenges and rewards of raising a family. They also learn about five "protective factors" — such as social connections and knowledge of parenting — that have been shown to keep children safe and families strong.



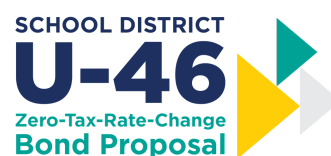
The sessions are held in Spanish.

Parents and guardians are welcome to attend a Parent Cafe even if their child does not attend that specific school. For a complete schedule, click [here](#).

Any questions can be directed to parent educator Norma Burns at normaburns@u-46.org.

Bond Proposal Aims to Protect Community's Investment

This spring, community members in U-46 will be asked to vote on a **zero-tax-rate-change bond proposal** that will address essential school building needs, expand preschool opportunities, and ensure all U-46 schools have up-to-date safety and security features. This proposal will give voters a unique chance to improve our schools, without increasing the property tax rate. As previous debt from a referendum in the early 2000s is



paid off, the District can take on new debt without changing the tax rate homeowners pay. You can find more information at u-46.org/bondproposal.

Job Fairs with Interviews on the Spot

Have you considered becoming a part of the U-46 team? We are hosting two hiring events for open positions in March at the U-46 Welcome Center, 1019 E. Chicago St., Elgin. The dates are:



- Friday, March 17 between 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.
- Saturday, March 18 between 9 a.m. and noon

We have a variety of part-time and full-time vacancies, from teaching positions to groundskeepers, bus drivers, and more. School District U-46 offers competitive wages and benefits, robust professional development, opportunities for growth, a diverse and welcoming work environment, and the chance to work with more than 35,000 amazing individuals - our students! Please consider joining us at these fairs to learn more.

You can learn more about our District and job openings at u-46.org/careers.

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:

- Taylor Family YMCA - Youth Basketball League
- Hanover Township - The Parent Map

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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