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U-46 to Host Building Tour and Open House

Community members encouraged to visit sites, give feedback on plans for the future, as part of Unite U-46 initiative

ELGIN - School District U-46 is hosting a building tour and an open house this month as part of its Unite U-46 community engagement initiative, giving members of the public a chance to get an inside look at seven school buildings and provide feedback on three different plans to move U-46 schools forward.

Unite U-46, which got underway last spring with a series of public meetings, is an effort to gather feedback on how to implement the Board of Education's vision to provide equitable access to 21st century learning environments that support academic success for all.

The next step in the initiative is to offer members of the public a chance to get inside U-46 facilities to see firsthand the varied learning conditions at some of the schools, which range from buildings constructed in the 1800s to the early-2000s.

The building tour is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 24, from 9 a.m. to noon. Participants will travel on school buses from the U-46 Welcome Center, 1019 E. Chicago St. in Elgin, to three sites: Garfield Elementary School, Hilltop Elementary School, and Ellis Middle School. Space is limited for this option, and reservations are required via [this online form](#).

The open house is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 29, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Participants can stop by any or all of the following buildings for a self-guided



tour: Eastview Middle School in Bartlett, Glenbrook Elementary School in Streamwood, Horizon Elementary School in Hanover Park, and Willard Elementary School in South Elgin. Attendees can also learn more about Unite U-46, talk with principals and school district leaders, and provide feedback about plans for the future of our schools.

“I encourage all those who live within the U-46 community to participate in Unite U-46 however best works for their life and schedule - attending our meetings in-person or virtually, watching presentations later by video, or attending the building tour or open house,” said Superintendent Dr. Tony Sanders. “Whether you have a child in U-46 or not, this is an important process that will dramatically impact the future of our schools and the greater community.”

Unite U-46 grew out of the District’s work to develop a long-range plan 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 across the District;
- Retiring, rebuilding, repurposing, or remodeling some of the District’s oldest school buildings to provide equitable access to learning environments that support academic success for all.

More information about Unite U-46, including the building tour, open house, and videos from past community presentations, can be found at 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



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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 35,000 preschool 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](#).