

## The weekly newsletter from School District U-46

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### Calendar

Stay tuned for upcoming events with our District website calendar available here.

• Wednesday, Jan. 24: Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee meeting. Details here.

### **No School**

Friday, Jan. 26, is an Institute/Professional Development Day for teachers. U-46 students will not have classes, but District offices will be open.

## African American Advisory Council

U-46's award-winning Dual Language program will be the focus of the <u>U-46 African American</u> <u>Advisory Council</u> meeting on Thursday, Jan. 25. The meeting, which will begin at 6 p.m. via Zoom, will feature a presentation from the Multicultural & Multilingual Education Department.

Important update: Dr. Bettina L. Love, author of "Punished for Dreaming: How School Reform Harms Black Children and How We Heal," has had to reschedule her appearance. She will now be a guest of the African American Advisory Council at its Feb. 29 meeting. Registration for both the Jan. 25 and/or Feb. 29 meeting is available <u>here</u>. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. All are welcome. For questions, please use <u>Let's Talk</u>.

### **U-46 Retail Investor Seminar**

On April 4, 2023, the U-46 community approved a \$179 million referendum allowing us to improve safety and security features, renovate and rebuild building infrastructure, add classrooms for early childhood education, construct accessibility improvements under the Americans with Disabilities Act, and build STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) labs and classrooms.

School District U-46 plans to offer its General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2024, to finance certain referendum-approved projects of the District. The Bonds are currently expected to be sold the week of Feb. 5, 2024.

U-46 wants to offer the community the opportunity to invest in these Bonds. To learn more, a virtual information session for community members interested in purchasing the Bonds will be held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 30. To join the Zoom, you can click on <u>info.u-46.org/InvestorSeminar</u>, or you can listen by phone by calling (312) 626-6799, then enter 959 8000 0895 followed by the # key.



CAC/Unite U-46 Meeting

The next meeting of the Community Advisory Council is being held in conjunction with the Unite U-46 community engagement initiative.



The session will take place at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 8, in the library of Elgin High School, 1200 Maroon Drive in Elgin. Registration is not required, but RSVPing will be helpful for planning.

For those who cannot make it to Elgin High School, a recording of the presentation will be available. Please <u>click here</u> to register to join us in person or to receive a copy of the recording directly.

More information, including recordings of past sessions, can be found at <u>u-46.org/uniteu46</u>.

### **Kindergarten Registration**

Registration for incoming kindergarten students in U-46 will open next month!

Each elementary school is holding a <u>Kindergarten Preview</u> during the week of Feb. 12 in which parents and guardians will be able to meet the principal, learn about U-46's full-day, play-based kindergarten program, and get tips for how they can help their child be ready for kindergarten.

Families can also review the registration process at these events. The Kindergarten Preview schedule can be found <u>here</u>. There will be no student registration fees collected at this time.

To be eligible to enter kindergarten next fall, children must be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2024.

We ask all to help us spread the word and share this information with others who may have an incoming kindergarten student. Details available at <u>u-46.org/registration</u>.

# **V46KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**



u-46.org/registration

### U-46 Job Fair

U-46 held a successful two-day Job Fair last week at the U-46 Welcome Center. Despite the wintry weather, more than 140 job candidates began the screening process to be considered for careers including as teachers, paraeducators, secretaries, food service technicians, bus drivers, maintenance workers, and more.

The next U-46 Job Fair is scheduled for Friday, March 15, and Saturday, March 16. Details can be found on the <u>U-46 calendar</u>.

But more information can be found immediately at <u>u-46.org/careers</u>. We offer full-time and parttime positions and great benefits. U-46 also offers competitive wages, professional development, and growth opportunities for all in a diverse and welcoming environment. For any questions, please contact <u>humanresources@u-46.org</u>.



## **More Resources**

### Weekly Message from Dr. Johnson

Each week, Superintendent Dr. Suzanne Johnson shares a message with U-46 employees and community members. You can read the latest message <u>here</u>.





**Board of Education** The Board of Education meetings are streamed on the District's <u>YouTube channel</u> and via Zoom. Written highlights from the meetings, as well as presentations delivered to the Board, can be found <u>here</u>.



### **Care Coordination**

<u>Care Solace</u> is a complimentary and confidential service provided by School District U-46 to help locate a provider for mental health care or substance use treatment. It's available to U-46 students, staff, and their family members.



### Community

Visit our <u>U-46 Online Backpack</u> to find information on community events, activities, and resources for our U-46 families and students.

