



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](#).

- **Thursday, Feb. 15:** Newcomer Parent Support Group. [Details here](#).
- **Monday, Feb. 19:** President's Day holiday. No classes, offices closed.
- **Friday, Feb. 23:** End of 2nd trimester.
- **Monday, Feb. 26:** Board of Education meeting. [Details here](#).
- **Tuesday, Feb. 27:** Specialized Student Services presentation on "Guide to Navigating Your Child's Transitions in U-46 Special Education." [Details here](#).
- **Tuesday, Feb. 27:** Dual Language Informational Meeting. [Details here](#).

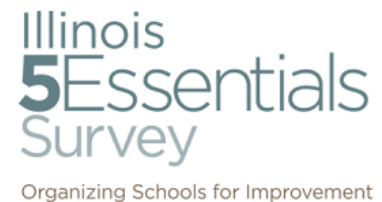
Presidents Day Holiday

Monday, Feb. 19, is Presidents Day, and it's a non-attendance day for students. All U-46 buildings will be closed.



5Essentials

Parents across Illinois once again have an opportunity to participate in the annual Illinois 5Essentials Survey. This survey is designed to generate a detailed picture of your child's school as it relates to the important elements of school effectiveness and helps guide school improvement.



U-46 asks all parents to take about 10 minutes to complete the confidential online survey. This survey is completely confidential, will never be connected to you or your student, and is available in English and Spanish. To take the survey, please visit survey.5-essentials.org/Illinois and select the parent survey to begin.

Find more information [here](#).

Learn How to Guide Your Child Through Transitions

The Community Advisory Council's Specialized Student Services committee will host a virtual presentation at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 27, for parents of children with special needs.

The presentation is called "A Guide to Navigating Your Child's Transitions in U-46 Special Education," and it will focus on the transitions that occur when a child moves from early childhood to kindergarten, from elementary to middle school, from middle to high school, and then from high school to life after graduation.

Following the presentation, attendees will choose a breakout room for a question and answer session specific to their transition period.

Register at info.u-46.org/CACSpedFeb for a unique link to join the 7 p.m. virtual session on Tuesday, Feb. 27. For questions, please email u46cac@gmail.com.

Windy City Bulls

Are you looking for a fun evening for your family? Then you should plan to attend the "U-46 District Takeover Night" when the Windy City Bulls play the Grand Rapids Gold on Tuesday, March 12. Tip-off is at 7 p.m. at the NOW Arena in Hoffman Estates.



Students and staff from U-46 will be featured on the court throughout the game. U-46 ticket holders are eligible to take part in on-court experiences, such as

the High Five Tunnel, the Scream Team, and Red, White & Blue Crew.

Tickets are \$25, and a portion of all ticket sales will benefit the [U-46 Educational Foundation](#), which creates opportunities that expand student learning and well-being. Purchase tickets using [this link](#). Any questions can be directed to foundation@u-46.org.

WEPS

Did you know that School District U-46 has its own radio station? WEPS 88.9 FM went live in 1950 and has showcased a variety of content over the years. It's Illinois' oldest operating non-commercial, educational radio station.



Currently, you can tune in at 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. on weekdays to listen to an assortment of programs created by U-46 high school students over the last decade. The programs feature music, news, sports, speech performances, and entertainment.

When student-produced content is not airing, the station broadcasts The Ideas Network from Wisconsin Public Radio (WPR), which is a mix of programs from the BBC, NPR, and WPR.

First Day Ready

Parents and guardians of children who will be in kindergarten or 1st grade next school year are encouraged to start learning now about U-46's award-winning Dual Language program. The knowledge will help parents make an informed decision on whether to express interest in having their child participate in the U-46 Dual Language program.

In the U-46 Dual Language Program, students learn academic subjects through both English and Spanish instruction. This setup allows English- and Spanish-speaking students to develop high levels of proficiency in both languages, while also excelling academically.



The Multilingual and Multicultural Education Department is hosting four information sessions over the next few months; two are in-person and two are virtual to explain the structure of the program and resources available for parents to support their child's learning experience. Click [here](#) for the dates and location of all information sessions. The first one is Tuesday, Feb. 27, at 6:30 p.m. the Gail Borden Public Library in Elgin.

Please help spread the word about this opportunity. Any families with questions can call 847-888-5000, ext. 5331 or 5332, or visit u-46.org/duallanguage.

Early Registration

U46 EARLY REGISTRATION for 2024-25 now open



Click here for more info

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 [here](#).



Board of Education

The Board of Education meetings are streamed on the District's [YouTube channel](#) and via Zoom. Written highlights from the meetings, as well as presentations delivered to the Board, can be found [here](#).

Careers

Have you considered becoming a part of the U-46 team? School District U-46 offers a number of [rewarding opportunities](#) for educators and support staff.



Care Coordination

[Care Solace](#) 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.



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Community

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



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