



## 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](#).

- **Monday, Feb. 26:** Board of Education meeting. [Details here](#).
- **Tuesday, Feb. 27:** Dual Language Informational Meeting. [Details here](#).
- **Friday, March 1:** Deadline for the U-46 Educational Foundation scholarship application. [Details here](#).
- **Friday, March 1:** Kane County Institute Day. No classes, offices open.

### 5Essentials

Make your voice heard by participating in the [Illinois 5Essentials Survey](#)!

This survey asks for feedback that generates reports to help drive school improvement on the five leading indicators or “essentials” – effective leaders, collaborative teachers, involved families, supportive environment and ambitious instruction. Schools use these insights to make changes and create new programs.

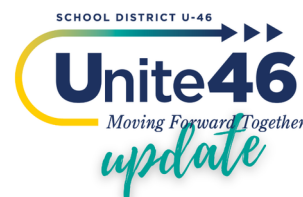
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**5Essentials**  
Survey  
Organizing Schools for Improvement

The survey will take you about 10 to 15 minutes to complete, it is mobile friendly and offered in both English and Spanish. It is confidential, too, and will never be connected to a parent, teacher, or student.

To take the survey, please visit [survey.5-essentials.org/Illinois](https://survey.5-essentials.org/Illinois) and select the parent survey to begin. Make sure to hit "submit" once the survey is complete to ensure your responses are recorded. Find more information [here](#).

## Unite U-46 Session Highlights

Did you miss the Feb. 8th Unite U-46 session, or do you want to revisit the key moments? [Click here](#) to watch the highlights from our previous session. It's a short recap, and once you review it, please complete the feedback activity [here](#) available through Friday, Feb. 23.



At the session, we reviewed the recently Board of Education approved proposal to retire, rebuild, and renovate several elementary schools. This, along with the shift of 6th grade into middle schools, will require adjustments to the school attendance boundaries. Although these changes will not happen immediately, they will affect all grade levels. The feedback activity provides the opportunity for the community to help us prioritize the attendance boundary planning criteria and guidelines. To watch the full recording of the session, [click here](#).

## Agenda



- Review of Unite U-46 progress
- Discuss attendance boundary planning criteria and guidelines
- Preview of boundary mapping tools being used by U-46
- Work activity



Esta noche trabajaremos en los criterios y guías de planificación de los límites,

## HBCU Panel

U-46 high schoolers and their parents or guardians have two great chances this month to learn more about the opportunities available at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). A virtual panel being held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 27, will feature alumni from Jacksonville State University, Morehouse University, and Howard University. To attend this event, high schoolers and their family members should register in advance [here](#) to receive a confirmation email with the

information to join. This event is being sponsored by U-46 and the Alignment Collaborative for Education.

In addition, sophomores and juniors will be able to attend a session during the sophomore and junior postsecondary day on Tuesday, March 5, dedicated to HBCU opportunities and recruitment and support for Latino/a students. The session will include a panel of representatives from Chicago State University, Dominican University, North Carolina A&T and the University of Illinois at Chicago. School counselors will provide students with more information soon.



## 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.

"A Guide to Navigating Your Child's Transitions in U-46 Special Education" 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](https://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](mailto:u46cac@gmail.com).

Special Education Virtual Program Series: 2023 – 2024

TRANSITION

Guide to Navigating Your Child's Transitions in U-46 Special Education

Learn about school transitions in U-46 for students with Specialized Student Services. The school transition periods are from early childhood to kindergarten, elementary school to middle school, middle school to high school, and high school to post secondary transition.

There will be a short presentation on each transition period that will cover major changes for the student, district procedures and communication, and what parents need to think about to make the best decisions. Following the presentation, attendees will choose a breakout room specific to a transition period for a question/answer session.

Tuesday, February 27, 2024 @ 7:00 PM  
<https://info.u-46.org/CACSpedFeb>

This program will be presented in English with Spanish interpretation.

Hosted by:  
The Community Advisory Council and School District U-46  
For more information about the CAC, visit [www.u46cac.org](http://www.u46cac.org)

## African American Advisory Council

Supporting students will be the focus of the [U-46 African American Advisory Council](#) meeting on Thursday, Feb. 29. The U-46 Office of Schools will deliver the main presentation with an update on U-46 Rising and the department. The meeting, which will begin at 6 p.m. via Zoom, will also feature a visit with Dr. Bettina L. Love, author of "Punished for Dreaming: How School Reform Harms Black Children and How We Heal." Registration is available [here](#). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. All are welcome. For questions, please use [Let's Talk](#).



## Foundation Scholarship

Members of the Class of 2024 should know about the tens of thousands of dollars in scholarship opportunities offered to U-46 seniors through the [U-46 Educational Foundation](#) this year.





The [U-46 Educational Foundation Online Scholarship Application](#) allows students to be considered for up to 10 scholarships without having to fill out a different application for each scholarship. Those are listed [here](#). Other scholarships are outlined [here](#). But students can't wait! A number of the scholarships have application deadlines as soon as March 1.

## Johnson on the Job



In our new video series “Johnson on the Job,” Superintendent Dr. Suzanne Johnson Johnson visits U-46 employees on the job to learn more about their daily work and the important part they play in School District U-46. First up, she spends time with bus driver Rob Reimer. [Click here to watch.](#)

## STEM Expo

Registration is now open for the 2024 STEM Expo, being held the morning of Saturday, April 27, 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, [here](#).

## 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. Save the date for our next [U-46 Job Fair](#) on March 15 and 16.



## 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.



**School District U-46**

All means all.

