

Superintendent's Weekly Newsletter



January 11, 2024

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome, 2024! I am excited to see our students and staff back in our buildings and continue our mission:

To change until all our systems measurably work for all children. It is our responsibility to ensure all students are engaged in rigorous learning, receive quality core instruction, and can develop the skills they need for better life chances and opportunities. Our focus must be on rigor, agency and equity (and all systems must support). We will become a choice district that inspires families to join us.

In November, we provided the Board of Education with an [update on our instructional focus](#) to enhance student growth. Just prior to winter recess, we made [recommendations to the Board of Education](#) outlining facilities changes at the elementary school level. Throughout the second semester, we will continue to provide these updates in connection to our goals for the 2023-2024 year:

- School District U-46 will maximize resources available to accelerate student growth in alignment with the U-46 instructional clarity framework.
- School District U-46 will update and enhance the wide range of college and Career and Technical Education (CTE) pathways and magnet school programs.
- School District U-46 will increase access to and enrollment in high quality early childhood programs.
- School District U-46 will establish and operate inclusive, efficient, safe and equitable learning environments.

The following sections on our website continue to be excellent resources for our ongoing work: [U-46 Rising](#) and [Unite U-46](#).

It's a great day to learn in U-46!

Dr. Suzanne Johnson

Kudos

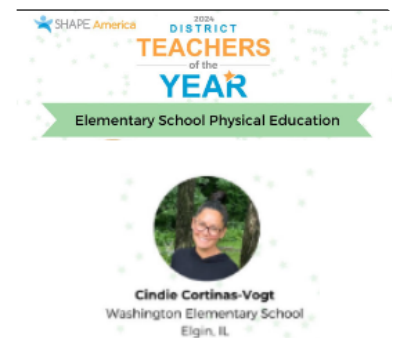
Send Kudos directly by clicking [HERE](#) or using Let's Talk. Remember, only Kudos with the sender's name will appear in the Weekly; no anonymous messages. Kudos are due by 5 p.m. each Tuesday.

Kudos to Luis Uribe, Custodian at Glenbrook Elementary School, from Principal Rajan Sharma, Assistant Principal Sandra Vazquez, and the Glenbrook Family

Kudos to our hard working custodian, Luis Uribe! He is always there to support our school, staff and students. We appreciate him more than he will ever know and so we say to you, Mr. Uribe.....GRACIAS!! Thank you for all you do. This kudos comes with much love and appreciation.

Kudos to Cindie Cortinas Voght, Washington Elementary PE Teacher, from Tracey Jakaitis, Coordinator of Physical Education and Student Wellness

Congratulations to Cindie, who has been selected as the 2024 Midwest Shape America Teacher of the Year. We are so proud of you, Cindie, as well as thankful for the amazing experiences you provide the students at Washington.



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