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## Calendar

Stay tuned for upcoming events with our District website calendar available [here](#).

- **Thursday, Dec. 12:** African American Advisory Council meeting. [Details here](#).
- **Friday, Dec. 13:** Planetarium Public Sky Show. [Details here](#).
- **Saturday, Dec. 14:** Unite U-46 Mapping Our Future Community Session (Bartlett Network). [Details here](#).
- **Monday, Dec. 16:** U-46 Board of Education meeting. [Details here](#).

## Help Shape the Future of Our Schools

The "[Unite U-46: Mapping Our Future](#)" sessions get underway this week, giving U-46 families and community members a chance to learn more about preliminary attendance boundary recommendations that are expected to go into effect for the 2026-27 school year.

Organized in an open house format, the sessions will also allow attendees to ask questions and share feedback.



Join us at a community session near you to share your feedback.

RSVP today >>> [UniteU46.org](https://UniteU46.org)



A full schedule with addresses and times can be found at [uniteu46.org](http://uniteu46.org). Registration is not required, but an [RSVP](#) will be helpful for planning, and if you can't attend in person, the RSVP form has an option to ask for a video of the presentation to be emailed to you.

## African American Advisory Council



Hate speech and offensive language will be the focus of the next meeting of the African American Advisory Council, being held virtually at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 12. Attendees will learn more about the work happening in the District around the topic as well as resources available to support parents in discussions with their children. There will also be time for questions and for attendees to suggest other topics for future discussion. The Zoom link to join is available [here](#), and more information is available [here](#). All are welcome.

## New Middle School Name

We are excited to share the eligible name nominations for the new middle school in Bartlett and invite you to provide feedback at our upcoming town hall meeting.

### Town Hall Details

- **Date and Time:** Wednesday, Dec. 18, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- **Location:** Prairieview Elementary School (Multipurpose Room)  
285 Mayflower Lane, Bartlett 60103
- **RSVP:** Although registration is not required, it helps with planning. Please confirm your attendance at <https://forms.gle/Ve89Tvff8vE1h7ybA>.

This is your opportunity to make your voice heard. The feedback received will help guide the final recommendation that will be presented to the Board of Education in January 2025.

# COMMUNITY TOWN HALL



Join us to review and discuss eligible nominations to **name the new middle school in Bartlett**

**Wednesday, Dec. 18**

6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Prairieview Elementary School  
285 Mayflower Lane in Bartlett



**Open to the Public**

**Residents in the surrounding area of the previous Hawk Hollow Elementary School site are welcome to join us.**

## Winter Recess

Students are in class through Friday, Dec. 20. Winter recess begins Monday, Dec. 23, and will last through Friday, Jan. 3. As we approach winter recess, we ask that families ensure their children attend school every day. [Every Minute Matters](#) in maintaining the excitement for learning and classroom activities. Research shows that missing just nine days of school can significantly impact a student's learning, potentially leading to falling behind in their work or declining grades.



We'll be glad to see our students back in the classroom in 2025 - the first day of classes after recess will be Monday, Jan. 6. Find calendars for this school year as well as 2025-26 at [u-46.org/calendar](http://u-46.org/calendar).

## Snow Days and Dressing for Winter

U-46 families are encouraged to ensure their children are dressed appropriately for the winter weather before leaving the house each morning. This includes a winter jacket, hat, gloves, scarf, and snow boots when there's snow on the ground.

School leaders have discretion in deciding whether students will be outdoors or indoors for recess and/or physical education. Schools are provided with [guidelines](#), including ensuring that students



are not outside when the temperature or wind chill falls below 10 degrees.

Sometimes, U-46 must close schools due to inclement weather. When inclement weather is underway or expected, Superintendent Dr. Suzanne Johnson is in regular contact with our Transportation and Plant Operations teams for updates. Information is also gathered from the State of Illinois, authorities in our three counties (Kane, Cook and DuPage), local police and colleagues in

other area school districts.

With that input, the Superintendent makes the decision on the status of schools, if possible, by 5:15 a.m. If classes are canceled for the entire day due to inclement weather, the District will send out a mass notification phone call, email, and text message to all parents and staff by 5:45 a.m. When the regular school day is canceled, all before and after-school activities are canceled as well.

Closings will also be posted on the District website at [u-46.org](http://u-46.org), and posted on the District's social media channels.

For more information on the process, please read the District's [Emergency Closing Procedures](#) document, and for Dr. Johnson's thoughts about using e-learning days rather than emergency days, read her [latest newsletter](#).

## Care Solace

The winter holiday season can be a time for joy, connection, and creating meaningful memories with loved ones. It's also a season that can bring its own pressures, like planning visits, managing gift budgets, and organizing events. While traditions and celebrations are meaningful, here are a few tips to help care for your mental well-being:



- Modify traditions if needed. It's okay to adjust traditions if they feel overwhelming. Your mental health takes priority.
- Learn the power of saying "no." If a commitment feels too much, give yourself permission to decline.
- Plan ahead. Use a calendar to stay organized and avoid last-minute tasks that can create unnecessary stress.
- Share your feelings. Talk to someone you trust if you're feeling anxious or missing a loved one. You are not alone.
- Take time for self-care. Make sure to rest and recharge, even as you care for others.

If you'd like professional support, Care Solace is available to help connect you or your loved ones to mental health services. This is a complimentary, confidential service provided by School District U-46. [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. Learn more at [caresolace.com/u46](http://caresolace.com/u46).

## Save the Date!



Informational meetings about U-46's award-winning Dual Language program will get underway in January. These meetings are designed for parents of incoming kindergarten or 1st grade students interested in participating in the Dual Language program. The first one is scheduled at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 9, [via Zoom](#), with more meetings being offered on Jan. 29, March 10, and April 24. More details are available at [u-46.org/duallanguage](https://u-46.org/duallanguage).

## More Resources

### We're Hiring

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.



### 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](#).



### 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.



