

CCSD 46 DISTRICT NEWS

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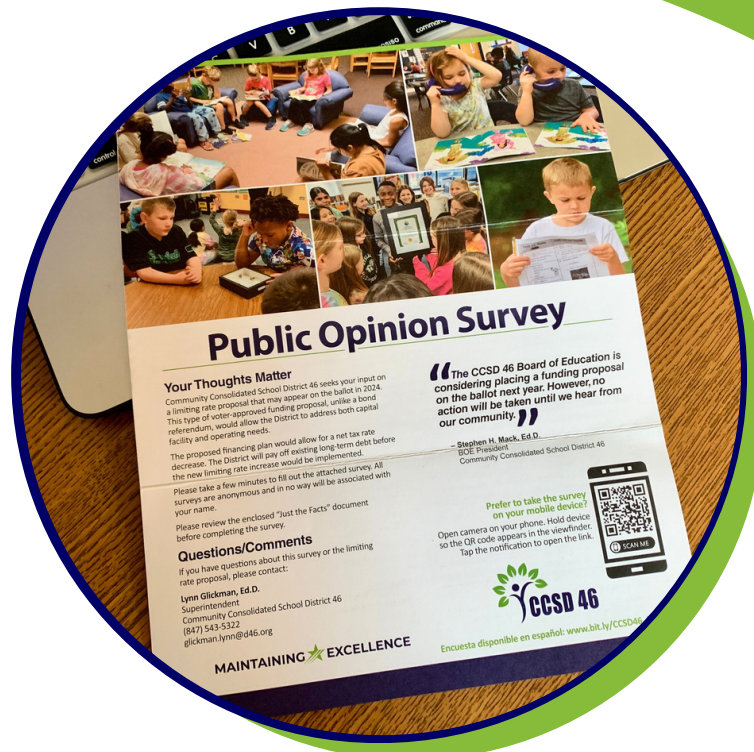


MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

by Dr. Lynn Glickman

The school district has been communicating with our community about the potential of a Funding Proposal on a ballot in 2024. If you did not have a chance to attend one of the community meetings about this topic over the past several weeks, you can view a recorded version of a presentation at d46.org/excellence. To find that video, please click on Community Meetings. On the d46.org/excellence page, you can also find a wide variety of informative reports, an FAQ, and a short video about the district's needs (click on Watch Our Video.)

Along with facility needs (which include building maintenance, enhanced library/media centers to support student collaboration and important STEM learning, and improved student services spaces), a funding proposal could help fill the funding gap that has been identified by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE). According to ISBE, CCSD46 is only 65% funded. This means that ISBE has assessed how much money our school district should collect every year through local taxes and state and federal funding, and has determined that we are only able to collect 65% of what we should have. Currently, that "adequacy gap" equals approximately 17 million dollars every year. Therefore, if a funding proposal is initiated by the Board of Education and approved by the community, then some of the funds



could be applied towards attracting, training, and retaining quality teachers, protecting current programming, and maintaining class size.

By now, all residents should have received a mail survey about the funding proposal. If you have not yet filled it out, we hope that you will take a few moments to do so. Your feedback will assist our Board of Education in making a decision about whether or not to move forward with a funding proposal, along with the content and timing of such a potential proposal.

MAINTAINING EXCELLENCE

Thank you for taking the time to learn more and maintain excellence in CCSD 46!
Please visit d46.org/excellence for more details.

OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE: SOLAR PROJECT

by Mr. Chris Wildman, CSBO
Assistant Superintendent - Finance

In the spring of 2019, Community Consolidated School District 46 completed the installation of four (4) large-scale solar photovoltaic (PV) systems. These consist of ground-mount systems at Frederick and Prairieview, and roof-mounted systems at Park Campus and Grayslake Middle School. The solar arrays were built and financed using a combination of district funds and debt certificates, with the funding of the debt derived from a combination of energy savings, a one-time ComEd rebate and the sale of Renewable Energy Credits (RECs.)

Here are some of the Sustainability and Financial Highlights of our solar projects:

- 7,491,350 kWh in lifetime energy production
 - equivalent to reducing 3,241 metric tons of CO₂, or 8,307,732 miles driven by an average gasoline-powered passenger vehicle
- 80% reduction in annual building electricity usage
- \$679,061 in lifetime energy savings
- \$2,606,674 in rebates and incentives

View the [Sustainability Dashboard](#) on our website to see our daily energy production.



Frederick School Solar PV System - 459 kWdc



Prairieview School Solar PV System - 634 kWdc



Park Campus Solar PV System - 451 kWdc



Grayslake Middle School Solar PV System - 8111 kWdc

STUDENT ONLINE PERSONAL PROTECTION ACT (SOPPA) NOTIFICATION

Ms. Amanda Pelsor
Director of Innovation

CCSD 46 takes the privacy and online safety of our students very seriously. We have always taken steps to closely guard the student data collected within our networks or by the online resources we use in our schools. Student data is protected through comprehensive privacy policies and security measures such as firewalls, secure servers, intrusion detection software, and other methods. The district adheres to the following applicable laws regarding student data and privacy:

- Student Online Personal Protection Act (SOPPA) which guarantees that student data is protected when collected by educational technology companies, and that data is used for beneficial purposes only. ([Annual Notice](#))
- Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA) which restricts the collection of personal information from children under 13 by companies operating websites, games, mobile applications, and digital services that are directed to children or that collect personal information from individuals known to be children.
- Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) which ensures schools protect children from harmful online content while promoting access to the educational resources available on the internet.
- Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) which governs information in a student's education record, restricting access and use of student information.

CCSD 46 values your child's privacy and strives to ensure that parents/guardians are aware of what web-based tools and applications are being used for educational purposes. A list of approved web-based tools, written agreements with operators, and a list of data elements shared can be found and reviewed [here](#).



HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH - September 15 through October 15 NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN MONTH - November

Ms. Amy Gluck
Asst. Superintendent - Teaching & Learning

September 15 through October 15 is National Hispanic Heritage Month. CCSD 46 honored this month in classrooms by reading and listening to stories, engaging in discussions, creating projects, and enjoying presentations.

Students will also honor National American Indian Month throughout the month of November.





Mrs. Denise Mack
President, Foundation46

Foundation46 is comprised of a group of parent volunteers who have committed to the support of our District 46 students and staff. Foundation46 has a mission to enhance and enrich the educational experience offered to all students in District 46. We are motivated by the vision that all D46 students will have exposure to a wide variety of educational experiences that will prepare them to become lifelong learners and fulfill their individual dreams and passions. We have funded grants for Makerspaces, robotics, music instruments, and 3D printing. Foundation46 fosters a sense of community for our children by showing that they are valued while raising our children's awareness of their future possibilities.

Because the Foundation has 501(c)(3) status it is able to apply for grants and accept tax-deductible donations. We raise funds with our annual Barnfest event so that we can offer staff grants to District 46 teachers and support other educational events in the community. Our community wants to provide the very best educational opportunities for our children. What better way to aid in the success of our children than through Foundation46!

We invite you to support us on our first fundraiser for the year. We will be hosting a Dine & Share event at The Vine in Grayslake on November 9th from 11am to 9pm, with 15% of all food sales coming back to the Foundation. At this event, we will be raffling off some wonderful prizes and we will be selling tickets for Barnfest, in the spring of 2024!

We also welcome family volunteers to help us with their time, no amount is too little, there are a variety of opportunities to help us be successful this year to support your D46 community. If you are interested in helping with event coordination, fundraising or social media, please email us at foundation46board@gmail.com.

We continue to wish our D46 community a successful year full of opportunity.



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