

CCSD 46 DISTRICT NEWS

JAN 10, 2024



WELCOME 2024

by Dr. Lynn Glickman, Superintendent

I hope that our CCSD 46 community had a wonderful Winter Break, filled with positive time with family and friends.

As we move into a brand new year, we note that this past fall, through our newsletter, community meetings, and mailers, our community heard quite a lot about the needs of the school district. This is because in November 2023, the Board of Education unanimously approved placing a funding measure on the March 19, 2024, ballot. This referendum, which requires taxpayer approval, will not increase the tax rate.

Now that we have turned the page on a new year, we will continue to inform the public about the referendum question. ***If the measure is approved, all students and all schools will be impacted. The District will be able to address capital facility needs; improve safety and security; attract, train, and retain quality teachers; and maintain programming and class sizes.*** This work can be completed without a tax rate increase, but it does require taxpayer approval. Election Day is March 19, 2024.

Please plan to attend a community meeting to learn more. Encourage your friends, family, and neighbors to do so as well. The same information will be presented at all meetings so feel free to attend the one most convenient for you. There will be time for questions at all meetings.

Please visit the <https://d46.org/excellence/> website for more information. It includes a tax calculator so you can better understand the impact of the net tax rate decrease on your own tax bill. Additional details about the improvements to our schools and the impact that these projects will have on CCSD 46 students are also available.



UPCOMING COMMUNITY MEETINGS

JAN 10, 2024 – Avon Center School 6:30 p.m.

JAN 12, 2024 – Multilingual Parent Advisory Committee Presentation – Frederick School 6:30 p.m.
*****Spanish interpreter available***

JAN 29, 2024 – Frederick School 6:30 p.m.

JAN 31, 2024 – Grayslake Middle School 6:30 p.m.

FEB 05, 2024 – Park Campus 6:30 p.m.

FEB 12, 2024 – Prairieview School 6:30 p.m.

FEB 20, 2024 – Woodview School 6:30 p.m.

FEB 28, 2024 – Meadowview School 6:30 p.m.

MAINTAINING  EXCELLENCE

MLK DAY on January 15



School is closed on Monday, January 15, for MLK Day. This day honors the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and is often referred to as **MLK Day of Service**.

Are you looking for something to do as a family that day? Consider attending the Martin Luther King Day Kindness Crafts event at the **Grayslake Area Public Library** from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Craft stations will be available for all ages to create and benefit our community. This program is offered in partnership with the **CCSD 46 Board of Education**.

Also, here is a list of family activities that align with the spirit of service and community engagement (created, admittedly, with the help of ChatGPT).

- **Support a Local Charity:**
 - Contact a local charity or nonprofit organization and inquire about their needs. Whether it's sorting donations, packaging goods, or assisting with administrative tasks, your family can make a positive impact.
- **Create Care Packages:**
 - Assemble care packages for the less fortunate. Include non-perishable food items, hygiene products, and warm clothing. Distribute them to local shelters or individuals in need.
- **Visit Seniors:**
 - Spend time with elderly residents at a nursing home or assisted living facility. Play games, share stories, or simply offer companionship.
- **Clean-up Project:**
 - Organize a neighborhood clean-up. Pick up litter in a local park or along the streets. Bring garbage bags, gloves, and recycling bins to make it an environmentally friendly activity.
- **Create Inspirational Art:**
 - Get creative as a family and make inspirational posters or art pieces with positive messages. Share them with local community centers, schools, or libraries.
- **Bake and Share:**
 - Bake cookies or other treats and deliver them to local police or fire stations as a way of expressing gratitude for their service to the community.
- **Host a Clothing Drive:**
 - Collect gently used clothing from friends, family, and neighbors. Donate the items to a local shelter or organization that supports those in need.
- **Write Letters of Appreciation:**
 - Write letters of appreciation and support to members of the military, veterans, or first responders. Organizations like Operation Gratitude can help distribute these letters to those serving our country.
- **Organize a Community Conversation:**
 - Host a community discussion on topics related to equality, justice, and community engagement. This can be a virtual event where people share their thoughts and ideas.

Remember to check with local organizations in advance to coordinate your family's involvement and ensure that your efforts align with their needs. Additionally, involve your children in the planning process to help them understand the importance of giving back to the community.



EQUITY AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE

The CCSD 46 Equity and Inclusion Committee is a small group of CCSD 46 staff members, administrators, and community members who meet to support the district in achieving educational equity. This committee engages in learning and open discussion about equity and inclusion to support students and families within CCSD 46.

The CCSD 46 Equity and Inclusion Committee meets approximately monthly, virtually, on Monday evenings. We are currently seeking new members. Individuals who are interested in being a part of the committee can apply for membership by completing this [application form](#) by Monday, January 22, 2024. A member of the committee will be in touch with you in February.



CCSD 46 Equity & Inclusion

Empowering Learners | Creating Equity | Cultivating Community

CCSD 46 believes in the fundamental and inherent equality, dignity, and value of all who study, participate, and work in our school community.

Bridge Building

- Will this decision align with the district's Equity & Inclusion Guiding Principles?
- Will this decision perpetuate a current inequity?
- Will this decision create new inequity?
- Are those being affected by the decision included in the process as appropriate?

Barrier Moving

- Who's in the room? What perspectives/voices are we missing?
- What possibilities were explored?
- Have our decisions removed Barriers?
- Is our decision going to build Bridges and provide the needed interventions/solutions?

Guiding Principles

1. We reject hate, discrimination, and intolerance in all its forms.
2. We support academic excellence for all and recognize our diverse community and the contributions that all make to successful learning.
3. We seek to build strategies and solutions to combat and eliminate all forms of discrimination in our school community.
4. We value, as teachers, administrators, Board members, staff, and volunteers, our role in modeling culturally responsive and socially responsible practices for all students.
5. We encourage curiosity and inquiry in order to learn from diverse life experiences.
6. We support all of our students, and we provide safe environments for them to express ideas and concerns.

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SCHOOL MENUS

Arbor Management, the District's food service vendor, has implemented a new online menu system called - My School Menus. All of our menu links on the school web pages now direct to this new online service. All of the regular breakfast/lunch menu options are there as well as nutrition information, allergen identification, flexible printing options, and translation options.

Visit the Food Service webpage (<https://d46.org/food-service/>) for links to more information including a helpful video that shows how to use the new options.



My School MENUS
Powered by Health-e Pro

Dear Families, Nurses & School Administrative
Arbor Management is pleased to introduce **My School Menus™** interactive, online menus. **My School Menus™** allows easy access to complete nutrition information for the school meal programs 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

Features of My School Menus™

- Complete list of all food choices available to students
- Nutrient data for menu items
- Ability to Build-A-Meal and create customized meals
- Ingredient information for certain menu items
- Allergen identification within menu items
- Dietary preference identification showing symbols identifying dietary preferences
- Translation to 160 languages using Google Translate applications and policies
- Flexible printing, including print-to-one-page functionality

Arbor Management is excited to offer **My School Menus™** as a valuable nutrition resource. You can access the web version by visiting the district website at <https://my.schoolmenus.com/generator/2136>

Name, Food Service Director

My School MENUS

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