

CCSD 46 DISTRICT NEWS

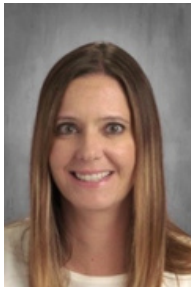
OCTOBER 23, 2024



Principal Appreciation Week October 20-26

The Illinois Principals Association (IPA) encourages all communities in Illinois to celebrate Principal Appreciation Week October 20-26. This state-endorsed recognition was first approved by the Governor of Illinois in 1990 and is celebrated annually.

Principal Appreciation Week provides learning communities the opportunity to publicly recognize the work, commitment, and the importance of principals and assistant principals throughout the state. We invite teachers, students, parents, and community members to acknowledge the outstanding leadership of our building administrators!



Barbara Zarras
Avon Center
School



Laura Morgan
Meadowview School



Vince Murray
Prairieview School



Josh Higgins
Woodview School



Heather Lorenzo
Early Childhood
Center



James Goschy
Frederick School



Mary Murphy
Frederick School



Marcus Smith
Grayslake Middle
School



Aaron Gross
Grayslake Middle
School



Matt Melamed
Park Campus

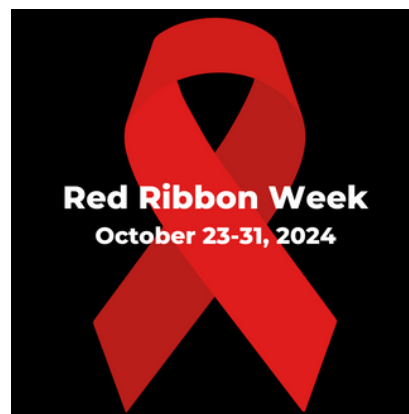


Vanessa Morales
Park Campus

UPCOMING EVENTS



- OCT 25 - MPAC Fall Celebration - Grayslake Middle School 6:00 pm
- OCT 26 - Make A Difference Day
- OCT 31 - Halloween
- NOV 04 - Teacher Institute Day - No Student Attendance
- NOV 05 - Election Day - No School
- NOV 06 - Board of Education Meeting, Frederick School 6:00 pm
- NOV 11 - Veterans Day
- NOV 12 - School Night Out Dinner Fundraiser at Twisted Burger
benefitting Frederick School
- NOV 13 - Late Start Day



ELECTRONIC DEVICE DISTRACTIONS FOLLOW-UP

Cell Phone, Smart Watch, and Headphone Expectations: Results of a Staff Survey

Beginning this school year, our school district put new procedures in place regarding student cell phones in grades 5-8. Through this newsletter, school newsletters, and our Student Handbook, we let families know that students in grades 5-8 who bring cell phones to school are required to either secure them in their lockers or check them into storage units in their classrooms at the start of each class. In addition, just like for cell phones, students cannot use smart watches for messages or phone calls during the school day. Also, only wired headphones can be used during the school day because staff members are often unable to detect visually that students are wearing wireless headphones. This allows students to engage in content that distracts them from what is occurring in the classroom. Students who bring wireless headphones to school will be required to keep them secured in their lockers.



Now that we are well into the school year, we conducted a survey of our staff at those grade levels to see how students have acclimated to these changes. We were thrilled with the results!

90% of the respondents said that this school year students “Never” or “Hardly Ever” take cell phones out in class. 82% of the staff members who responded stated that this school year, they “Never” or “Hardly Ever” see disruption due to smartwatches. 86% of the staff members stated that they “Never” or “Hardly Ever” see students disengaged because they are listening to wireless headphones in class.

When asked, “Do you see an improvement in student engagement that you believe is due to the new expectations?”, 63% responded, “Yes, a lot!” or “Some.”

We wish to thank our families and students for supporting these changes in our schools. We are very glad to see what a difference the changes are making for our learners!

MPAC LITERACY NIGHT

On Friday, September 27th, the CCSD 46 Multilingual Parent Advisory Committee hosted a literacy night for ML students and their families. Students chose a new book, participated in storytime, had snacks, and picked out and made a new reading buddy!



IMPORTANT CALENDAR INFORMATION



Due to the construction planned at all school buildings during the summer of 2026, the District is beginning the planning process to adjust the school year calendars for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years.

In order to incorporate an **extra two-week period** into the summer of 2026 for the purpose of completing construction projects, the District plans to **start the 2025-2026 school year one week earlier than usual and start the 2026-2027 school year one week later than usual.**

We are working with our high school partners to ensure that our winter and spring breaks continue to align to make vacation planning easier for our district families. We will share specific start/end dates as soon as they have been determined.

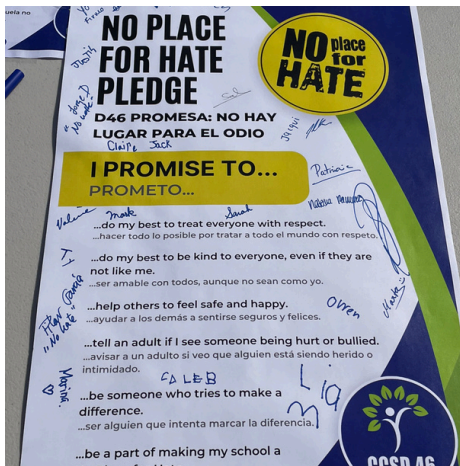




COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE - VILLAGE HARVEST

Cultivating Community through Food, Fun, and Learning

Saturday, October 5, we welcomed our District families to participate in the Village Harvest event in Central Park in Grayslake. Families who are new to the District were invited to come out to the park between Grayslake Middle School and the Grayslake Library and learn about programs and services available in our community. We thank the Community Engagement Committee, the CCSD 46 Multilingual Department, and the Grayslake Area Public Library for creating a warm welcoming afternoon to share food, fun, and learning.



PARENTSQUARE COMMUNICATIONS PLATFORM

CCSD 46 has adopted a new form of school-to-home communication called ParentSquare. School principals are now using ParentSquare to send their school newsletters and other parent communications. Teachers will begin using ParentSquare for classroom communications after November 11, 2024.

In addition to this helpful video [Parents—Getting Started Video](#) and the [Parent/Guardian Getting Started Guide](#), we have compiled some helpful links and Frequently Asked Questions on the D46 website, **including how to update your language and notification preferences.**

Please visit <https://d46.org/departments/communications/parentsquare/> for more information.



3,591

STUDENTS →

633

STAFF & TEACHERS →

4,497

PARENTS →

99.6%

CONTACTABLE



3,591 STUDENTS' FAMILIES →

- CONTACTABLE 3,578 →**
At least one student contact is contactable
- NON-CONTACTABLE 13 →**
No student contact is contactable
- NO CONTACT INFO 0 →**
There are no student contacts listed

LANGUAGES



CCSD 46 BOARD OF EDUCATION

GENERAL MEETING REVIEW

CCSD 46 Board of Education Meeting Review is a brief summary of events and topics of discussion that occur at general board meetings.

We welcome you to join us at our meetings or watch our live video stream on the CCSD 46 website. We have two opportunities for public comments at our meetings. Board meeting schedules, agendas, video links, and minutes are available on the [BOE webpage](#).

Upcoming Meetings: November 6 | November 20 | December 11 (one meeting in December)

All meetings are held at Frederick School, 595 Frederick Road, Grayslake.

GENERAL MEETING: October 16, 2024

The CCSD 46 Board of Education held a general meeting on Wednesday, October 16, 2024, in the Falcon Room of Frederick School.

President Stephen Mack called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Following the Pledge of Allegiance and the approval of the agenda was the opportunity for public comment. One public comment was made pertaining to the upcoming levy.

Mr. Chris Wildman, Assistant Superintendent of Finance, presented the proposed 2024 Tax Levy, which the Board will vote on at the Regular Board of Education meeting on November 20, 2024.

Board reports were presented as well as the Superintendent report. Board members Jessica Albert and Kristy Miller commented on the success of the Village Harvest event, which was held in collaboration with the Grayslake Area Public Library. Superintendent Glickman expressed gratitude for the success of the Village Harvest and shared results from a staff survey (grades 5-8) on the impact of the new electronics device rules. Dr. Glickman also shared that Mr. Scott Gaunky, Interim Director of Operations & Maintenance, successfully submitted the district for the Recovery of the Year Award, which will be presented to the district at the Midwest Facility Masters Conference.



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President Mack then requested a motion for the approval of the Consent Agenda, which includes Minutes from previous meetings, the Personnel Report, FOIA Review, Exception Report, and Accounts Payable Report. The motion carried.

Action Items voted on by the Board for this meeting included:

- Approval of the Contract with Premistar for Scheduled Service Support
Approved: 4-0
- Approval of the Resolution of the Proposed 2024 Tentative Tax Levy and Schedule the Public Hearing on the 2024 Tax Levy and Issue a Notification to the Public
Approved: 4-0

Unfinished Business, which are unresolved issues that were previously brought before the Board to be discussed further included:

- Sustainability Resolution
Board Members Kristy Miller and Jessica Albert presented a revised draft of a Sustainability Resolution for Board consideration.

New Business, which are new issues for the Board to discuss, included the following:

- Press Plus Policy Updates 115 & 116
The Board of Education reviewed proposed changes to many policies from Press Plus and discussed additional policy revisions as noted on the agenda.
- Revised Board Meeting Calendar
A proposal to change the May 7th and May 21st Board of Education Meetings to one meeting on May 14th was suggested to allow the Board and Administration to attend the Lake County Regional Office of Education Educator of the Year Ceremony on May 7, 2024.

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- Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement for Mutual Assistance in Response to Crises in the Public Schools of Lake County, Illinois

The agreement establishes a collaborative approach among school districts and cooperatives in Lake County to provide mutual aid during crises. Lake County ROE will administer the agreement with the Regional Superintendent of Schools overseeing an Advisory Panel which will design and implement training programs to prepare school personnel for effective crisis response. This agreement will be an Action Item on the Board's November 6th agenda.

As the meeting drew to a close, topics for future agenda items were discussed, and the public once again had an opportunity to address the Board of Education. There were no public comments. The Board adjourned the general meeting at 7:48pm.

The next scheduled Board of Education general meeting on November 6 will be held at 6:00 pm and live-streamed online. Please visit d46.org/board-of-education for more information.

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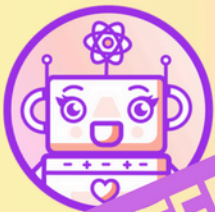
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From anywhere.



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Involúcrate en la aprendizaje
y actividades escolares de tus estudiantes.
Desde cualquier parte.





REGISTER NOW!

Lake County

STEM FOR GIRLS



November 2, 2024

(8:00am - 12:30pm)



Grayslake Central High School

400 N Lake Street
Grayslake, Illinois



<http://www.lcstemforgirls.com/>



For more info, to volunteer or donate:
lcstemforgirls@gmail.com

Middle school girls in Lake County are invited to an interactive exploration of Science, Technology, Engineering + Math. Be inspired by incredible local women STEM professionals!

Hurry! Registration closes October 25th!

REGISTER

