

CCSD 46 DISTRICT NEWS

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CCSD 46 Staff Present at the Raising Student Achievement Conference

By Amy Gluck, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning

Educators from six CCSD 46 schools were invited to present at the annual Raising Student Achievement Conference held December 9-10 in Oakbrook, IL. Presented by the Illinois Association of Regional School Superintendents, the conference attracts educators from across the state to learn best practices on a range of topics from improving instruction, literacy, and grading systems, to object-based learning, executive functioning, and engaging minds.

Please join us in congratulating the staff members who were chosen to present at this year's conference!



Pilar Garcia (Park Campus) and Amanda Larrivee (Prairieview School) present at the Raising Student Achievement Conference, December 9-10, 2024.

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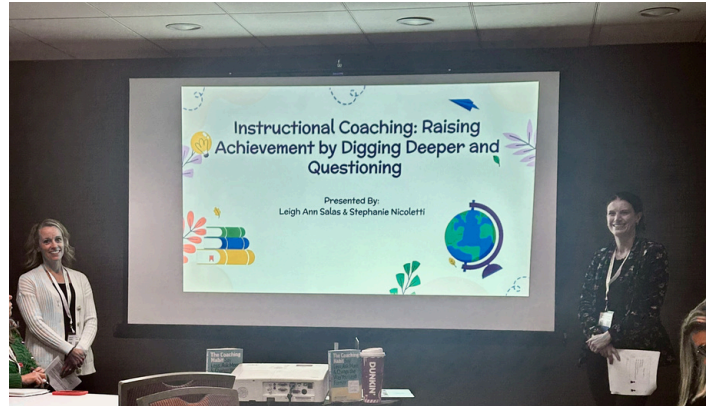
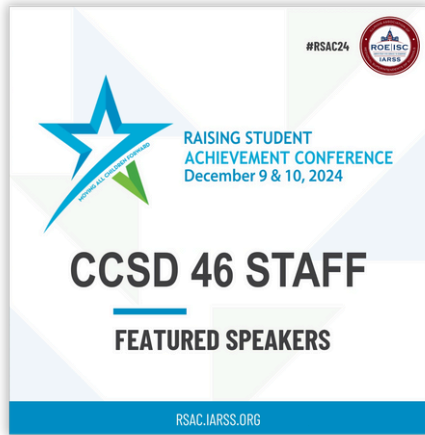
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RAISING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT CONFERENCE (continued)



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UPCOMING EVENTS



DEC 21 - First Day of Winter

DEC 23-JAN 5 - Winter Break

JAN 01 - Happy New Year!

JAN 06 - School Resumes

JAN 14 - School Night Out Fundraiser at Emil's Tavern on Center benefitting the Frederick/Grayslake Middle School PTO

JAN 15 - Late Start Day

JAN 15 - Board of Education Meeting - Frederick School, 6:00 pm

JAN 20 - Legal Holiday: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - No School

JAN 21 - School Night Out Fundraiser at Twisted Burger in Grayslake from 4-8 pm benefitting the Meadowview School PTO

JAN 22 - District Newsletter



INCLEMENT WEATHER GUIDE

by Dr. Lynn Glickman, Superintendent

With wintery weather upon us, we want to share important information regarding weather-related safety.

Inclement Weather

CONSIDERATIONS FOR CLOSING SCHOOLS

Cold Days

- Weather forecast predicts wind chills below -30 degrees for the following school day

Snow Days

- Weather forecast predicts heavy snow/ice conditions for the following school day
- Heavy snow or icy conditions overnight
- Heavy snow or icy conditions that continue or worsen during the day

Other Considerations

- Blowing snow, winds greater than 20mph
- Heavy accumulation of snow, especially during typical travel times
- Status of streets and sidewalks
- Whether buses are unable to run due to extreme cold or unplowed streets
- Hazardous driving conditions
- Power or phone outages
- Late start option

IF SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED...

CCSD 46 Administration will provide cancellation information to families as soon as possible.

CCSD 46 will notify families by 5:00 AM when schools will be closed due to extreme cold or snow. There may also be times when a remote e-learning Day will be called instead of a full school closure. If schools are closed for the day, all afterschool activities in the district, including sports and evening events, will also be canceled unless otherwise communicated.

If the district has advanced notice of a possible school closure, teachers will remind students to take home Chromebooks and other materials in case schools are closed and an e-learning day is implemented. In that case, school Principals will send out the day's e-learning schedule.

If school is already in session and conditions begin or continue to worsen, the district will decide by 1:00 PM whether afterschool activities will be canceled for that afternoon.

INCLEMENT WEATHER GUIDE (Continued)



IF SCHOOLS ARE NOT CLOSED...

When school is not canceled, parents/guardians always have the right to keep their child at home if they feel that is safer for the child. Keeping a child home due to weather will be recorded as an excused absence on the student's record as long as the parent and/or guardian report the absence to school in a timely manner.

HOW IS THE DECISION TO CANCEL SCHOOL MADE?

Superintendents from area districts start communicating with each other as soon as weather reports start to look threatening. The superintendents generally try to reach a consensus on school closures, if possible. Several districts share bus services or educate students from communities across the county. Discussing the decision to close schools with each other is also helpful in considering all of the scenarios and possible outcomes.

WHEN SCHOOL CLOSINGS ARE NECESSARY

When it is necessary to close schools or the arrival/dismissal time is changed due to severe weather, the status of CCSD 46 facilities will be updated on the district website <https://d46.org> with a red school closing banner across the top of the page. This closing banner will also be on each school page as well. We will also post the information on the District's Facebook and Instagram pages, as well as update the Emergency Closing Center website (<https://www.emergencyclosingcenter.com>).

Emergency Closing Center™

 ParentSquare

School closing and e-learning day notifications will also be communicated through ParentSquare. Whether you are set to receive immediate notifications or digest emails, families will receive an emergency alert immediately by your preferred method of communication (email, phone, text). To update these preferences, please log in to your ParentSquare account and choose Notification Settings in your account.

For questions or concerns related to CCSD 46's emergency closings or inclement weather guide, please contact Dr. Lynn Glickman, Superintendent of Schools.



WINTER WEATHER CONCERNS



When weather is snowy, children in grades K-4 should remember to wear the 5 Points, which are snow pants, boots, gloves/mittens, winter coat, and hat. Children wearing the 5 Points can play in the fields and on the playground equipment for recess time. The blacktop provides a play area for children who are not dressed for the snow.



Children in grades 5-8 are reminded to also dress for the weather. Students should consider the 5 Points (snowsuits/pants, boots, coats, hats, and gloves) due to the conditions when walking to/from school or the bus stop. This should eliminate any calls home because of wet clothes.



Please be aware that frostbite can occur with exposure to extreme cold. Keep children warm with loose-fitting, layered, warm clothes. Don't forget hats and gloves for older children and adults too.

Please use caution when walking on sidewalks that are close to buses or cars. In the wintertime, icing can occur which makes for slippery conditions.

Please keep all of our children safe by making sure your sidewalks are clear and please enlist the help of neighbors without school-age children to keep their sidewalks and bus stops clear.

While snowballs are fun to make, they are not allowed to be thrown on school grounds or at the bus stop.



MLK DAY OF SERVICE: January 20



School is closed on Monday, January 20, 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? Here is a list of family activities that align with the spirit of service and community engagement.

- **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.

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.



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: January 15, January 29, February 12, February 26

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

GENERAL MEETING: December 11, 2024

The CCSD 46 Board of Education held a general meeting on Wednesday, December 11, 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, an opportunity for public comment was presented. There were no comments made.

Board reports were presented as well as the Superintendent's report. During the Board reports, Mrs. Kristy Miller shared that the Grayslake Area Public Library is seeking input from the community through a survey to gather feedback on the design of their website.

Dr. Stephen Mack and Dr. Lynn Glickman, Superintendent, discussed the Special Education District of Lake County's (SEDOL) amended budget, highlighting key areas of concern:

- Construction: \$500,000 was originally budgeted, but \$6,270,000 is outstanding and planned for the summer of 2025.
- Salaries: Costs are \$1.645 million higher than the budgeted amount.
- Contract Agency Costs: \$4.852 million in expenses were not included in the budget.

They explained that for the past five years, tuition rates for member districts have been set below the actual costs of programming, contributing to the current financial challenges.

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Next steps:

A one-time tuition rate adjustment of 15-17% is proposed for member districts in FY2026. A committee is meeting to restructure tuition for future years.

During the Superintendent's Report, Mrs. Amy Gluck, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, shared that 11 staff members recently presented at the Rising Student Achievement Conference which was held on December 9th and 10th.

Dr. Lynn Glickman announced that concert season is in full swing, with numerous band and choir performances taking place across the district. She also shared that Grayslake Middle School students would be presenting the play Beauty and the Beast on December 12-14.

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

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

- Approval of the School Maintenance Project Grant Round 1 Application
Approved: 6-0
- Approval of the Purchase and Installation of Boilers, and Installations of Chillers
Approved: 6-0
- Approval of the Student Fees, Early Childhood Tuition, and Facility Rental Fees for School Year 2025-2026
Approved: 6-0

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

- None



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

- Student Services Opportunity Review

Dr. Heather Lorenzo, Director of Student Services, shared a presentation on the Student Services Opportunity Review. In the spring of 2023, the CCSD 46 Board of Education approved this review to assess services provided to students. A third-party company specializing in evaluations and action planning for school districts conducted the review during the summer and fall of 2023. Following the review, a Guiding Coalition composed of district leaders, building leaders, and union representatives collaborated to develop an action plan addressing identified areas for improvement. Implementation of the plan began in the summer of 2024.

Key Areas of Focus:

- Strengthening district communication structures
- Reestablishing and cultivating consistency in student services
- Developing staff skills to support multilingual learners
- Defining an instructional coaching model
- Clarifying the role of program assistants

Next Steps:

The district will continue re-evaluating and refining these opportunities. Further information on the Student Services Opportunity Review can be found in the December 11th Board Packet on the District website: <https://d46.org>.

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 went into closed session at 7:12 pm.

The next scheduled Board of Education general meeting on January 15 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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Scenes from around the District



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