

CCSD 46 DISTRICT NEWS

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2025-2026 School Year Registration Now Open!

Online Registration for the 2025-2026 school year is now open! CCSD 46 offers a \$25 Early Bird discount for families that complete the online application and submit payment before June 3rd, the last day of school.

Please remember that for registration to be complete for the upcoming school year the Online Registration application must be submitted with necessary supporting documents and payment or a payment plan must be received. Schedules and transportation assignments will not be released in August until registration is complete.

Pre-K students must complete the Early Childhood Screening and qualify for one of the early childhood programs PRIOR to completing the registration application. For more information regarding the Early Childhood program, please contact Sue Hobson at (847) 543-6204.



Returning Family Registration

If a child in your family has currently or previously been enrolled in any CCSD 46 school, you can access registration through your Infinite Campus [parent portal](#). If you do not have an account or have forgotten your password, please contact your child's school.

Online registration is completed as a family. If you are enrolling new students from your family or your student is moving buildings, they are still considered continuing students, and all students in the family are completed through the same application.

New Family Registration

If you have never had a student enrolled in a CCSD 46 school, you will complete a [New Family Registration](#) form.

More information about registration can be found on the district website's [Registration](#) and [Frequently Asked Questions](#) pages.

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UPCOMING EVENTS



FEB 11 - School Night Out Fundraiser at Culver's benefitting Avon Center School PTF

FEB 12 - Late Start Day

FEB 12 - Board of Education Meeting, 6:00 PM Frederick School

FEB 14 - Teacher Institute Day - No student attendance

FEB 14 - Valentine's Day

FEB 17 - Legal Holiday: Presidents' Day - All Schools Closed

FEB 25 - School Night Out Fundraiser at Twisted Burger 4:00-8:00 pm benefitting Woodview School PTO

FEB 26 - Board of Education Meeting, 6:00 PM Frederick School



DESIGN PROCESS UPDATE: Media Centers

Wold Architects and Engineers, the district's Architect of Record, presented a Design Process Update at the January 29 Board of Education Meeting. Mr. Matt Verdun of Wold Architects explained the next steps in the planning process to modernize all of the CCSD 46 school media centers which is scheduled to begin in the summer of 2026. This revitalization of our media centers will create enhanced learning environments for all CCSD 46 students. As the Core Planning process has been completed, User Group meetings will begin shortly in each school to lay out the details for each area's reconfiguration. There will be 2-3 rounds of meetings with specific stakeholders, including each school's principal. Using detailed drawings and renderings, Wold will assist each group in detailing the special needs required for each space using the basic "kit of parts" already determined during the Core Planning process.



Based on the design criteria from the Core Planning Group, Mr. Verdun presented the basic layouts of the reconfigured Media/Library spaces, which will now accommodate that "kit of parts", including library stacks, work areas, story areas, large group work areas, and maker spaces in the K-4 buildings, with additional STEM areas at Frederick, Park Campus, and Grayslake Middle School. Mr. Verdun also shared the estimated project cost for each building's construction and furniture, fixtures, and equipment.

Costs of the project are being split between summer construction in 2026, and summer construction in 2027, utilizing funding secured through the successful 2024 Maintaining Excellence referendum campaign. Also included in the summer 2026 budget are building and safety improvements which were highlighted in the referendum campaign - security camera improvements, intercom/clock replacement, access control improvements, emergency management system, as well as exterior building maintenance and repair.

Since the November 2024 Wold update, Mr. Verdun shared that based upon the scope of the project and age of several of the schools, it is recommended to spread the project over two summers to accommodate any remediation needed at the buildings. Reflecting this schedule, and as has been previously shared with the community, the school calendar for 2025-2026 will be modified to start a week earlier than usual, meaning school will end in May of 2026 (unless emergency days are used). This modification will allow for an extra week of construction work in the summer of 2026. The 2026-2027 school year will begin and end as usual. The 2027-2028 school year will start a week later than usual, again to accommodate an extra week for construction work in the summer of 2027.

These calendar changes were thoughtfully designed to balance the district's construction goals, instructional and professional development needs, and the convenience of families. The 2025-2026 school calendar, approved at the January 29, 2025 meeting, can be found on the district website: d46.org/calendar.

NOTE FROM FOUNDATION46

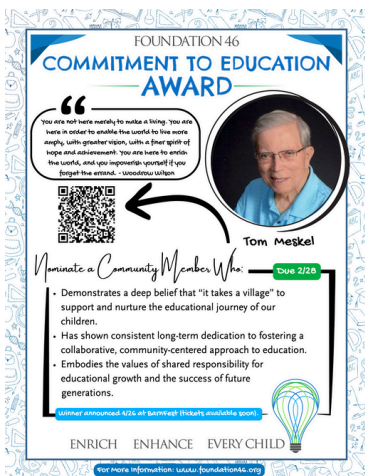


Nominations are now open for the Foundation46 **Tom Meskel Commitment to Education Award**. In 2014, Foundation46 established an annual tradition to honor a community member who exemplifies a deep commitment to enriching and advancing education over a lasting period of time. The award recognizes an individual within the CCSD 46 community who embodies the belief that “it takes a village” to nurture and support the education of children.

Named for the late Tom Meskel, an educator, volunteer, school board member, and an unmatched advocate for education, the Tom Meskel Commitment to Education Award symbolizes the dedication to educational excellence and the vital presence of community collaboration.

Foundation46 is looking for someone in our community who:

- Demonstrates a deep belief that it takes a village to support and nurture the educational journey of children.
- Has shown consistent long-term dedication to fostering a collaborative, community-centered approach to education.
- Embodies the values of shared responsibility for educational growth and the success of future generations.



Visit the Foundation46 website to learn more about the nomination process and view the remarkable contributions to our educational community made by past award recipients at <https://www.foundation46.org/>



FOUNDATION 46 BARNFEST



A cherished Foundation 46 tradition, Barnfest is back and will be held on April 26 at Jesse Oaks Barn, 18490 W Old Gages Lake Road, Gages Lake, IL from 6-10pm. This is the major fundraising event for Foundation 46 and generates crucial funding for grants that directly benefit all CCSD 46 schools.

Barnfest is an over-21 evening of games, delicious food, refreshing drinks, a FREE mechanical bull, cash BINGO, and dancing. Tickets are on sale now and include dinner and 5 complimentary raffle tickets. Visit www.foundation46.org now for more information and to purchase tickets to this fun over-21 event.

2025 BARNFEST.

What: Join us for an evening filled with games, delicious food, refreshing drinks, a FREE mechanical bull, cash BINGO and dancing

Who: Everyone is welcome (21+) Bring your friends and family from CCSD46

When: April 26th, 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Where: Jesse Oaks Food & Drink
18490 W. Old Gages Lake Rd, Gages Lake, IL 60030

Why: This event supports Foundation 46 in raising funds to fulfill teacher grants. The Tom Meskel award winner will be announced.

**TICKETS
ON
SALE**
Now!

HEALTHY REMINDERS

By Dr. Heather Lorenzo, Director of Student Services

The winter season can be a time when there is an uptick in illnesses resulting in the need for rest, time away from school, work, or other activities, and/or the need to seek care from a medical provider. There are several notable factors that are associated with this increase including but not limited to: variance in temperatures, being indoors, and activities or interactions in close proximity of others.

Many viruses and illnesses are spread to people by coughing and sneezing or by people touching surfaces contaminated with a virus and then touching their face with unwashed hands. It is important to remember strategies that keep children, staff, and their families healthy as we continue to experience mild to colder temperatures.

- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Stay home when sick until the fever is gone for 24 hours (without use of fever reducing medications) and until symptoms have improved.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your upper shirt sleeve and dispose of tissues properly.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact, including shaking hands or sharing items such as utensils or cups.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces using appropriate EPA-approved products. Follow the manufacturer's instructions on the correct contact time.
- Avoid contact with sick people, especially if interacting with others that may be susceptible due to existing medical conditions or that may be especially vulnerable to contracting contagious illnesses.
- If you or your family members are experiencing symptoms of more serious illnesses or those requiring medical treatment, please seek a medical provider for care.



Please contact your child's school health office if you have any questions.

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS WEEK



Let's make kindness the norm this week! As we all work to create a kinder world, we can start with ourselves and our community. We invite you to celebrate Valentine's Day (February 14th) and Random Acts of Kindness Day (February 17th) by spreading kindness.

There is no limit on the amount of goodness we can put into the world. Every ounce of kindness matters and inspires kindness in others.

**Ready to participate in the Kindness Challenge?
Here are ideas to get started:**

1. Join the #MakeKindnessTheNorm challenge and share your acts of kindness on social media.
2. Practice kindness and self-compassion with these guided practices and exercises: [Self Compassion Practices](#).
3. Some of us are already taking steps to find professional help with our well-being and perhaps you or a loved one should too. If you or a family member would like help finding a mental health care provider, use Care Solace, a complimentary and confidential coordination service provided by CCSD 46.
4. Call 888-515-0595. Support is available 24/7/365 in any language.
5. Visit caresolace.com/ccsd46 and either search on your own OR click "Book Appointment" for assistance by video chat, email, or phone.

Spreading kindness improves our well-being and fosters a caring community. What will you do to spread kindness this week?



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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: February 12, February 26

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

GENERAL MEETING: January 29, 2025

The CCSD 46 Board of Education held a general meeting on Wednesday, January 29, 2025, 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, visitors to the meeting are invited to address the board for the first of two public comment opportunities. No comments were made.

Wold Architects, the Architect of Record for CCSD 46, presented on the Long Range Facilities Plan and Media Center Updates. Mr. Matt Verdun of Wold Architects presented the next steps for updating the media centers, including a user group process to gather input on the design development. He also provided a cost breakdown for each school and shared the timeline, with construction scheduled to begin in the summer of 2026.

Board reports were presented, as well as the Superintendent's report. During the Board reports, Dr. Mack reminded the Board that the IASB Lake Division Dinner will take place on March 12th. He then addressed the national news, sharing a Board statement emphasizing the critical importance of ensuring all children have access to education. Dr. Mack affirmed the Board's support for the guidance and information Superintendent Dr. Lynn Glickman provided on student rights and privacy. He also expressed deep concern about the potential cuts to education funding that could strip resources

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from grant programs benefiting students and families. The Board reaffirmed its commitment to accessible education for all learners in a safe, empowering, and compassionate environment for students, staff, and families. They remain dedicated to the Diversity and Equity Policy and the compassionate treatment of all individuals, emphasizing that every student has the right and opportunity to learn.

Mr. Jim Weidman updated the Board on the finance committee meeting which took place prior to the Board of Education general meeting.

Mrs. Kristy Miller thanked Dr. Mack for drafting the message on behalf of the Board. She shared that the Community Engagement Committee is finalizing its professional development and planning a spring food drive. Additionally, the Sustainability Task Force will hold its first meeting on February 26, ahead of the Board meeting.

Board Vice President, Mrs. Kristy Braden, updated the Board on the special meeting held on January 23 to interview search firms which will be tasked with finding the next Superintendent for CCSD 46 following the retirement of Dr. Lynn Glickman in June of 2026. The Board is awaiting additional information from two firms to assist in their decision-making. She also attended the ED-RED Legislative Dinner, where keynote speaker Noelle Ellerson Ng, Associate Executive Director of Advocacy and Governance at AASA, discussed the efforts to secure full funding for IDEA.

Dr. Lynn Glickman, Superintendent, thanked Dr. Mack for his statement. She shared that the first E-Learning Day went smoothly. The community supported the day and children had a great day of learning. She also provided an update on Monday's Equity and Inclusion meeting, where participants discussed their book study and addressed concerns and fears within the immigrant community.



Dr. Heather Lorenzo, Director of Student Services, provided an update on Care Solace, the district's mental health referral provider that facilitates access to care for students, staff, and families. She highlighted two pathways for support: anonymous referrals and district-initiated referrals. Additionally, she announced that two district social workers, Ashley Hennenfent (Frederick School) and Grant Chapman (Grayslake Middle School), have been recognized as "Super Care Heroes" for their referrals to Care Solace.

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Ms. Amanda Pelsor, Director of Innovation, announced that registration for the 2025-2026 school year opened last week. She emphasized that early registration supports staffing and planning efforts and reminded families that the “early bird” discount is available until the last day of this school year.

Mr. Chris Wildman, Assistant Superintendent of Finance, provided an overview of federal funding, its impact on the district, and the potential consequences of a pause in federal funding.

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

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

- Approval of the Proposed 2025-26 School Calendar waiving legal holidays as required under Public Act 096-0640: Veterans Day (November 11th), President Lincoln’s Birthday (February 12th), and Casimir Pulaski’s Birthday (March 2nd) in order to hold school.

Approved: 5-0

- Approval of the Vision 2030 Resolution.

Approved: 5-0

- Approval of the Policies 117.

Approved: 5-0

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

- None

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

- None



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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 6:56 pm.

The next scheduled Board of Education general meeting on February 12 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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