

CCSD 46 DISTRICT NEWS

MARCH 5, 2025



CCSD 46 Welcomes New Administrators

Dr. Jeff Prickett - Principal, Meadowview School

CCSD 46 is pleased to announce that at the February 26th Board of Education Meeting, Jeff Prickett, Ed.D., was approved as the new principal for Meadowview School. Dr. Prickett will join the district in July 2025, following the retirement of long-time principal, Mrs. Laura Morgan.

Dr. Jeff Prickett impressed the interview panels with his clear ability to lead. Dr. Prickett will be joining Meadowview from McHenry High School District 156, where he has served as principal for the past 8 years. Prior to his tenure at District 156, Dr. Prickett was a middle school principal, an elementary principal, and a teacher.

Dr. Prickett's extensive work and leadership with Professional Learning Communities (PLC), Social Emotional Learning (SEL) standards, special education, Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS), and professional development allowed him to stand out as the next instructional leader for Meadowview School.



Mr. Jose Zires, Director of Operations, Maintenance, and Safety

Also at the February 26th Board of Education meeting, Mr. Jose Zires was approved as the new Director of Operations, Maintenance, and Safety (OMS). Mr. Zires will be starting with the district this month.

Mr. Zires served as the Director of Facilities at Warren Township High School District 121 for many years. Prior to his role as the Director of Facilities, he served as the Facility Manager, Maintenance Lead, and Electrician at Warren. Most recently, Mr. Zires has served as a Construction Superintendent for a firm specializing in school construction.

Mr. Zire's extensive experience working in the operations roles, along with his commitment to supporting teams, helped him stand out as the new Director of Operations, Maintenance, and Safety for CCSD 46.

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UPCOMING EVENTS



- MAR 6 - Band Concert - Grayslake Middle School
- MAR 6 - Community Art Fair - PV/FS Reception Night @GAPL 6:00-7:00pm
- MAR 11 - School Night Out Fundraiser at Culver's benefitting GMS PTO
- MAR 12 - Late Start Day
- MAR 12 - Community Art Fair - MV Reception Night @GAPL 6:00-7:00pm
- MAR 13 - Community Art Fair - AV/WV/GMS Reception Night @GAPL 6-7:00pm
- MAR 17-20 - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- MAR 19 - Community Art Fair - PC Reception Night @GAPL 6:00-7:00pm
- MAR 19 - Board of Education Meeting, 6:00pm Frederick School
- MAR 20 - Half-Day/Early Dismissal
- MAR 21 - No School
- MAR 24-28 - No School - Spring Break
- MAR 28 - Illinois 5Essentials Survey window closes



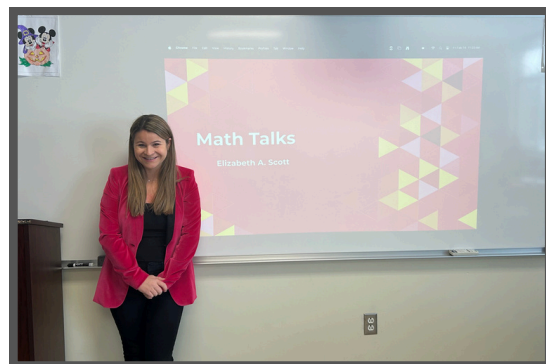
LAKE COUNTY REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION INSTITUTE DAY

On February 14, 2025, staff from CCSD 46 attended the Lake County Institute Day. Staff attended sessions at two different sites. Those who support grades PreK-5 were at Lakes High School and those who support grades 6-8 were at Mundelein High School. Staff learned together during morning and afternoon keynotes. In addition, staff attended breakout sessions.

We are very proud that eight of the sessions were presented by CCSD 46 staff members! The topics and staff who presented are listed below:

- Rebecca Caudill Young Readers' Book Award Nominees- Ruth Gheyson
- Aligning CCSS with Students' Interests in the Area of Literacy - Yvonne Schmid & Jennifer Everett
- Teaching Math Through Problem Solving to Promote Student Achievement - Andrew Friesema & Nicole Blackburn
- Math Talks- Lizzie Scott
- Nutrition Back to Basics: Understanding Nutrition for a Healthier Life- Michelle Williams
- Incorporating Yoga and Mindfulness into the Classroom- Michelle Williams
- Student Intervention- Lizzie Scott, Katie Aquadro, Alexis Martineau
- Building Your Classroom Library- Michelle Knott, Angie Wake, Leigh Ann Salas

We look forward to next year's Lake County Institute Day on February 13, 2026.



KINDERGARTEN MEET & GREET WELCOME NIGHTS



If you live within the CCSD 46 school boundaries and are planning to register your child for kindergarten for the 2025-2026 school year, information will be available soon on our upcoming Meet & Greet Welcome nights taking place in early April. Make sure to visit your school's website for more information on school tours, meet & greets with kindergarten teachers, and registration information.

To find out which CCSD 46 school your child would attend, visit our website and enter your home address: <https://d46.org/district-boundaries/>

Avon Center School (K-4): 1617 N. Route 83, Round Lake Beach

April 3 - 6:00-7:00 Parents and incoming kindergarten students should join us to meet the kindergarten teachers, tour the school, and pick up registration information.

Meadowview School (K-4): 291 Lexington Lane, Grayslake

April 2 - Meadowview School welcomes new incoming kindergarteners and one or two adults for a school visit and tour. Please visit the MV webpage to sign up.

Prairieview School (PreK-4): 103 E. Belvidere Road, Hainesville

April 3 - 6:00-7:00 Parents and incoming kindergarten students should join us to meet the kindergarten teachers, tour the school, and pick up registration information.

Woodview School (K-4): 340 Alleghany Road, Grayslake

April 1 - 6:00-7:00 Parents and incoming kindergarten students should join us to meet the kindergarten teachers, tour the school, and pick up registration information.

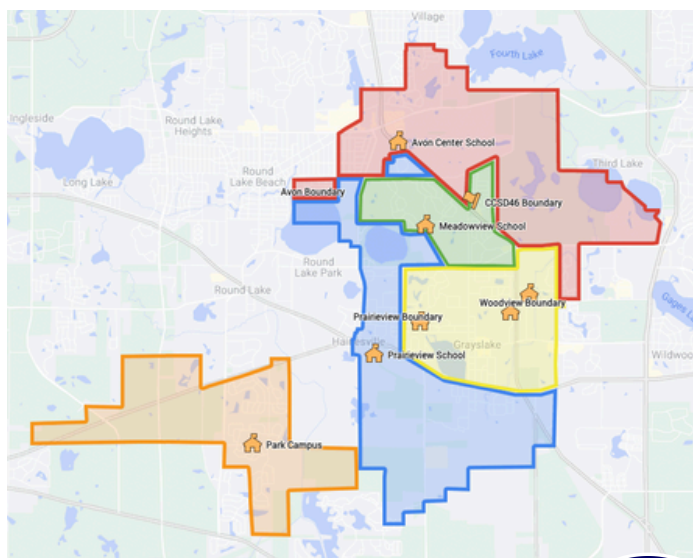
Park Campus (K-8): 400 W. Townline Road, Round Lake

April 3 - Park Campus welcomes new incoming kindergarteners and one or two adults for a school visit and tour. Please visit the PC webpage to sign up.

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2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR REGISTRATION

Act Now - Registration for the 25-26 School Year is Now Open!
Early Bird Pricing in Effect until June 3rd

CCSD 46 is offering a \$25 Early Bird discount for families that complete the online application and submit payment before the last day of school on June 3rd, 2025. Please keep in mind that the online registration application with supporting documents and payment must be submitted before registration is complete. Schedules and transportation information will not be released in August until the registration process is complete.

Families of pre-k students must complete the Early Childhood Screening to qualify for one of the early childhood programs PRIOR to completing the registration application. A limited number of screening dates are available. Please contact Sue Hobson at (847) 543-6204 for more information regarding the program or to schedule a screening.

For more information on registration for the 2025-2026 school year, please visit our website at d46.org/registration.

COMMUNITY ART FAIR

Grayslake Area Public Library - March 1-31

CCSD 46 is excited for the opportunity to showcase the talents of our students at this year's Community Art Fair at the Grayslake Area Public Library. The Fair runs throughout the month of March and features not only the artwork of CCSD 46 students, but also our neighboring schools: Saint Gilbert School, Westlake Christian Academy, Grayslake Central and North High Schools, and members of the Grayslake Arts Alliance.



CCSD 46 schools have special Reception Nights scheduled for viewing the show, but families are welcome and encouraged to view the show throughout the month.

- Prairieview and Frederick Schools - March 6, 6:00-7:00pm
- Meadowview School - March 12, 6:00-7:00pm
- Avon Center School, Woodview School, Grayslake Middle School - March 13, 6:00-7:00pm
- Park Campus - March 19, 6:00-7:00pm



ILLINOIS 5ESSENTIALS SURVEY

Parents, teachers and students in grades 4-8 in Community Consolidated School District 46 will have an opportunity to participate in the annual statewide Illinois 5Essentials Survey. This survey, available in English or Spanish, is designed to generate a detailed picture of the inner workings of your child's school. As a parent, this opportunity will allow you to share your thoughts on the important elements of school effectiveness in a survey about your child's school. On behalf of the Illinois State Board of Education, the Illinois 5Essentials Survey will be administered online by UChicago Impact at the University of Chicago. The survey gathers data related to five indicators that can predict important student outcomes, including improved attendance and larger test score gains. These five indicators that affect and predict school success are:

- Effective Leaders
- Collaborative Teachers
- Involved Families
- Supportive Environments
- Ambitious Instruction



Prior research in more than 400 schools has shown that schools that were strong on at least three of these "5Essential" indicators were 10 times more likely to improve student learning gains in math and reading than those that were weak on three or more Essentials.

If at least 20 percent of parents complete this survey for a school, a parent supplement will be generated. The parent data will be used by the district as a measure of continuous improvement. Your participation in the parent portion of the survey will help us understand the conditions at your child's school and guide improvement. Your identity and survey responses will be kept completely confidential and will never be connected to you or your child. For parents, the Illinois 5Essentials Survey will be available through March 28, 2025. To take the survey, please visit <https://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/> and select the appropriate survey to begin.

For students in Grades 4-8, the Illinois 5Essentials Survey will be administered during school. This survey should take approximately 25 minutes to complete. Please see the additional information regarding the Student Survey for more details.

For more information about the Illinois 5Essentials Survey or to view previous years' reports, please visit [5Essentials](#). If you have any questions or concerns, please contact 5Essentials Client Services at 1-866-440-1874 or impact-surveys@uchicago.edu.



FOUNDATION 46 BARNFEST

**TICKETS
ON
SALE**
Now!

Get ready for a night of endless fun on Saturday, April 26th, all for a fantastic cause! Barnfest, presented by Foundation 46, has been supporting CCSD 46 schools since 2016! This event is for ALL 21+ aged friends and family members, so bring them along for an unforgettable night of laughter and community spirit.



Foundation 46 gives CCSD 46 students the opportunity to explore with their own ingenuity and create something they may have only dreamed of by supporting projects in both school and in the community. Foundation 46 has funded grants for makerspaces, robotics, 3D printing, multicultural instruments, and really exciting classroom proposals. The Foundation raises funds with their Barnfest event and accepts tax-deductible donations on their website: <https://foundation46.org>.

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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.



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: March 19 (one meeting in March)

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

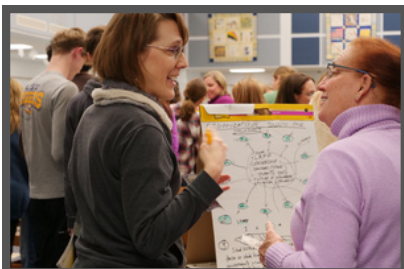
GENERAL MEETING: February 26, 2025

The CCSD 46 Board of Education held a general meeting on Wednesday, February 26, 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.

The meeting began with a special recognition of the Park Campus 7th and 8th grade Boys Basketball team who recently won their Conference Championship. Coach Maria Pliego proudly celebrated the team's victorious season and introduced the team members.

Board President Mack then requested a motion to suspend Robert's Rules of Order due to a change in the agenda order. The meeting attendees were invited to participate in a sustainability activity to provide feedback on key sustainability topics.



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The meeting continued with the Park Campus Leader of the Pack presentation. Mrs. Jennifer Voss, Dean of Students at Park Campus, oversees the Leader of the Pack which consists of students in 7th and 8th grade who work to help with school activities, build a sense of community, and help to foster a positive learning environment. The students shared their recent projects, highlighting their composting initiative and the No Place for Hate campaign.

Mrs. Amy Gluck, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, along with the Math PLC team members, presented information on the new math resources proposed for adoption for the 2025-2026 school year. For grades K-5, the district plans to implement Imagine Learning I.M. under a four-year contract, which includes student and teacher materials along with a digital component, at a total cost of \$467,992. For grades 6-8, the district plans to adopt Amplify Desmos, also under a four-year contract, providing student and teacher materials with a digital component, at a cost of \$336,097. These materials will be available for public review until March 19th, with final action scheduled for the March 19th Board of Education meeting.

Board reports were presented as well as the Superintendent report. During the Board reports, Mrs. Jessica Albert congratulated Meadowview School Principal Laura Morgan on her recognition by the Lake County Forest Preserves for her outstanding leadership in environmental education. She also attended the IASB Governmental Relations Team webinar, where legislative issues and mandated categoricals were discussed.

Park Campus Student Representatives shared that K-4 students are preparing for an author visit by Alex Willan on February 28 and that 508 students are getting ready for IAR testing. The entire school is collaborating on composting efforts and the **No Place for Hate** campaign.

Dr. Lynn Glickman welcomed students from Park Campus and Grayslake Central High School. She also shared that the Route 83 Showdown basketball game held on February 21, featuring staff members from Frederick and Grayslake Middle School, was a fun and enjoyable event.

Mrs. Amy Gluck, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, shared details about the county-wide Institute Day on Friday, February 14, hosted by the Lake County Regional Office of Education. Pre-K through 5th-grade educators met at Lakes Community High School, while grades 6-12 gathered at Mundelein High School. Many District 46 teachers presented at the event, highlighting the district's expertise and innovation.

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

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

- Approval of the Contract Renewal with GSF Night Time Custodial Service for the 2025-26 School Year.
Approved: 6-0
- Approval of the Resolution authorizing the issuance of \$3,015,000 Taxable 2024 Educational Purposes Tax Anticipation Warrants in anticipation of the collection of taxes levied for the year 2024 by the District for educational purposes and authorizing the sale of said warrants to Community Unit School District Number 95, Lake County, Illinois.
Approved: 6-0
- Approval of the Resolution directing the transfer of funds from the working cash fund of the District to the educational fund of the District in anticipation of the collection of taxes levied by the District for educational purposes for the year 2024 and such monies so transferred to be reimbursed from such educational taxes upon their collection.
Approved: 6-0
- Approval of the Resolution transferring funds from the Educational Fund of the District to the Bond Fund of the District and abating taxes heretofore levied for the year 2024 to pay debt service on outstanding bonds of the District.
Approved: 6-0
- Approval of the Superintendent Search Firm BWP.
Approved: 5-1
Mrs. Miller asked the Board of Education to consider HYA for the superintendent search in order to combine the superintendent search with strategic planning. After discussion, the Board voted to proceed with BWP.
- Approval of the resignation of Dr. Stephanie Diaz, Director of Multilingual, effective the end of the business day on February 28, 2025.
Approved: 6-0
Dr. Glickman and the Board of Education thanked Dr. Diaz for her years of service and wished her success in her new role.
- Approval of the appointment of Vanessa Herrera-Morales, Assistant Principal at Park Campus, as the Part-Time (.4 FTE) Interim Director of Multilingual, effective February 17, 2025, with an additional stipend at a rate of \$2,000 per month until the end of business day on June 30, 2025.
Approved 6-0
- Approval of the Purchase of Apple Laptops for Certified Staff.
Approved: 6-0

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Action Items *[continued]*

- Approval of the Technology Purchase: Forward Edge Battery Backup.
Approved: 6-0
- Approval of Dr. Jeff Prickett as the Meadowview Principal for the 2025-2026 School Year.
Approved: 6-0
- Approval of Jose Zires as the Director of Operations, Maintenance, and Safety, effective March 17, 2025.
Approved: 6-0

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:

- **Update of Policy 7:100** - The district's current Board Policy states that students in grade levels specified by Illinois state law must have a completed Illinois Department of Public Health Examination Form on file by October 15 each school year or face exclusion from school until the form is submitted. However, the district's current practice and the Student Handbook states that students without the required form are excluded on the first day of attendance. Illinois State Code allows school districts to set an earlier exclusion date for this requirement. Enforcing exclusions on the first day of attendance instead of October 15 has significantly reduced the number of students without proper paperwork. To align policy and maintain this improvement, the district seeks to update the Board Policy to reflect the first-day exclusion.

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 7:55 pm.

The next scheduled Board of Education general meeting on March 19 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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