

CCSD 46 DISTRICT NEWS

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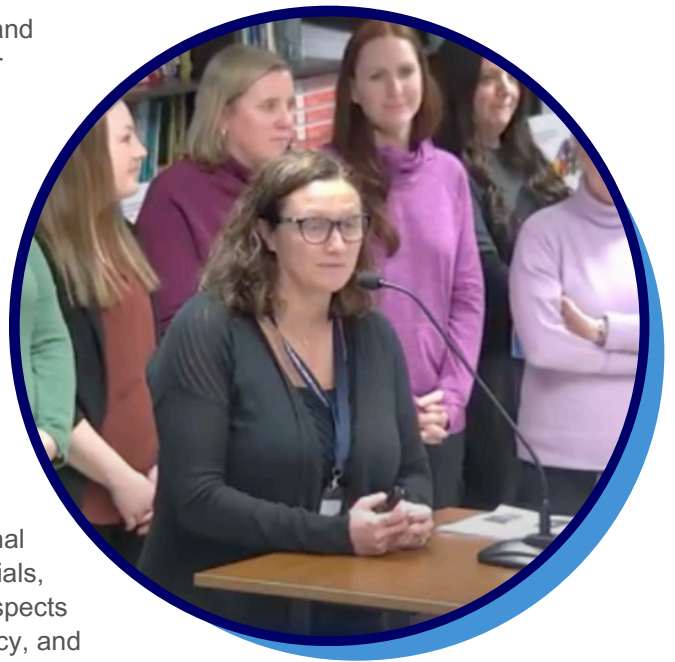


New Math Resources Selected

Mrs. Amy Gluck, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning

After a thorough needs assessment was completed with teachers and principals, a need for updated math materials was identified, as our current contracts with EnVision and Carnegie Learning are coming to an end this school year. We are excited to share that at the March 19th Board of Education meeting, two new math resources were approved to begin in the 25-26 school year. Both of these programs will support all learners in the area of math, including our multilingual learners (both are available in Spanish) and our students who receive special education support.

Illustrative Math is a comprehensive K-5 math resource that utilizes a problem-based instructional framework designed to develop students' deep mathematical understanding through active learning. The program connects the why, how, and what of mathematics, creating a coherent progression of mathematical concepts across units and grade levels. Through its multidimensional approach, students engage with digital, print, and interactive materials, including virtual manipulatives. The resource balances three key aspects of mathematical rigor - conceptual understanding, procedural fluency, and real-world application - while providing an entry point for all learners. This structured program helps build student confidence and perseverance, preparing them with enduring mathematical skills and understandings.



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Amplify Desmos Math is a high-quality math resource with a structured approach to problem-based learning that systematically builds on students' curiosity to develop lasting grade-level understanding. Amplify Desmos Math combines and connects conceptual understanding, procedural fluency, and application. Lessons are designed around proficiency progress, which is a model that provides teachers with clear instructional moves to build from students' prior knowledge to grade-level learning. Amplify Desmos Math combines problem-based lessons, intervention, personalized practice, and assessments into a coherent and engaging experience for both students and teachers. Comprehensive student profiles provide full data on students' assets and skills, empowering teachers to provide just-in-time scaffolds throughout core instruction and targeted intervention when needed. Each lesson also includes recommendations for resources to use with students to support, strengthen, and stretch their understanding of the lesson goal.

Our staff will begin to undergo training for both of these resources this spring.

UPCOMING EVENTS



- APR 02 - Paraprofessionals Appreciation Day
- APR 02 - Kindergarten Meet & Greet Welcome Night - Meadowview School (by appt.)
- APR 03 - Kindergarten Meet & Greet Welcome Night - Avon Center School 6-7:00pm
- APR 03 - Kindergarten Meet & Greet Welcome Night - Prairieview School 6-7:00pm
- APR 03 - Kindergarten Meet & Greet Welcome Night - Park Campus (by appt.)
- APR 04 - St. Baldrick's Fundraiser - Grayslake Middle School
- APR 08 - School Night Out Fundraiser - Emil's on Center benefitting Meadowview
- APR 09 - Late Start Day
- APR 09 - Board of Education General Meeting - Falcon Room, Frederick School 6pm
- APR 11 - Preschool Screening - Early Childhood Center
- APR 15 - School Night Out Fundraiser - Twisted Burger benefitting GMS
- APR 18 - No School



CCSD 46 SUMMER PROGRAMS

This summer we have several programs offered for our students.

Illinois Virtual Schools & Academy Summer Bootcamp

CCSD 46 is excited to partner with Illinois Virtual Schools & Academy (IVSA) for a Virtual Summer Program. The IVSA Summer Bootcamp program will leverage an award-winning curriculum designed to personalize a plan for students to support essential skill development in math and reading. This program is being offered free of charge to any current K-7 CCSD 46 student.

IVSA has a dedicated team of educators who will be working to provide students with the best possible support and guidance through the program. The IVSA Summer Bootcamp will run Tuesday, June 10 – Thursday, July 17.

If you choose to [enroll your students](#), you should expect:

- IVSA Bootcamp Orientation on Monday, June 9, 2025, for parents and students.
- Log-in information emailed to parents and students on Monday, June 9, 2025.
- A welcome email from the student's teacher will be sent.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to us. Thank you for considering using IVSA for your student's summer education. We look forward to an exciting summer of learning together.

Adelante/ML Summer Program

- Offered to any student who is an incoming Pre-kindergartener through seventh grader who has qualified for an English Learner Program or has exited from the program in the past year
- Four weeks from June 9- July 3 (No School on June 19), 9am-12pm Monday - Thursday
- Information about registration will be provided for students that qualify through their school and/or teacher

Extended School Year

- Recommended students leaving grades Kindergarten through seventh grade that are eligible through their IEP
- Four weeks from June 9- July 3 (No School on June 19), 8am-11:15am Monday - Thursday
- Eligibility for this program is determined through the IEP team and information will be provided through the student's team

GEARING UP FOR SUMMER



Be sure to check our [Virtual Backpack](#) page on the District website for family and community events that may interest you. As we get closer to summer, we are posting more flyers and information on summer programs, camps, and athletic team tryouts.

We've also received information from our friends at Grayslake High School District 127 regarding their [Athletic Summer Camp Programs](#) and also two camps that are being offered for middle school aged students in the STEM and METT (Manufacturing, Engineering, Technology & Trades) Pathway:

- [D127 Light Saber Cream Design & Create Camp](#) (6/9-13)
- [D127 Fire Pit \(Welding\) Dream, Design & Create Camp](#) (6/16-20)

GMS HOSTS 10th ANNUAL ST. BALDRICK'S EVENT

Grayslake Middle School is hosting its 10th St. Baldrick's Cut & Shave Event to raise funds for the St. Baldrick's Foundation's research into childhood cancer this Friday, April 4, 2025. Seventh-grade teacher Mrs. Amy Corey has coordinated this event for 10 years. This year's fundraiser includes the Cut/Shave event assembly during the day, which continues after school for community participation, along with a spiritwear sale, blood drive, raffle prizes, and a food donation drive for the Avon Township Food Pantry.

Visit the [GMS St. Baldrick's](#) webpage to sign up, or stop in from 3:30-6pm to cut/shave, purchase raffle tickets, or donate to the food pantry.

Event Site: <https://www.stbaldricks.org/events/grayslake2025>

Blood Drive Sign-Up: <https://bit.ly/3FAVlIB>

Spiritwear: <https://jamintshirts.com/collections/conquer-childhood-cancer>

10th Annual Grayslake Community
St. Baldrick's Event
at
Grayslake Middle School
440 N Barron Blvd., Grayslake

APRIL 4, 2025
2:00-6:00 PM

GMS PANTHERS | St. Baldrick's | CCSD 46

St. Baldrick's FOUNDATION | CONQUER KIDS' CANCER

2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Register now for 2025-2026 School Year!

Register by **June 3** for early bird savings!

d46.org/registration

**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.



MR. JAMES “JIM” MILLER, 1941-2025



CCSD 46 has recently learned of the passing of Mr. James “Jim” Miller, a longtime Grayslake School District staff member.


Mr. Miller was a teacher and also served as principal of Grayslake Jr. High School from 1972-1980, Lakeview School from 1980-1989, and Woodview School from 1987-1999.

From his obituary: “James was a beloved husband, father, brother, teacher, and community leader. He was a devoted husband and father, providing a gentle presence offering wisdom and guidance to his children with a smile. He dedicated his professional life to teaching and leading staff and students as an educator and principal in District 46, where he worked to build a community of kindness, understanding, and a sense of belonging. James leaves behind a legacy of love, kindness, and dedication to all of the lives he has touched. He will be deeply missed, but his impact will live on in the countless lives he touched throughout his lifetime. May he rest in peace.”


STAFF
 Mr. James Miller, Principal
 Mrs. Linda Groh, Secretary
 Mrs. Mary Siang, Secretary/Health
 Mrs. S. Carlson, L.D. Resource




Mrs. D. Groth, Library
 Mrs. J. Jeschke, Social Worker
 Mrs. Kemmer, Bilingual
 Mrs. C. Kocher, Art




Miss M. Melander, Art
 Mr. J. Niewiedzial, Custodian
 Mrs. J. Peterson, Music
 Mrs. C. Renahan, P.E.




Mrs. T. Roberts, Computer
 Mrs. J. Stuart, Psychologist
 Mrs. E. Smyth, Remedial Reading



NOT PICTURED:
 Miss R. Foley, Speech
 Mrs. D. Pocolo, Gifted
 Mrs. E. Wyczer, Speech





Above: Grayslake Junior High grade 8 class photo 1978-1979

Left: Woodview School yearbook 1996-1997



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>.

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.



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: April 9, April 23, May 14

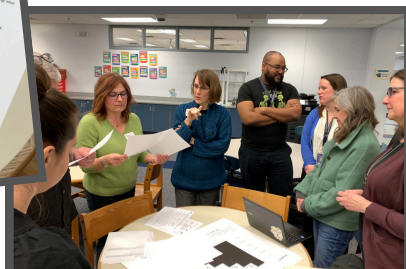
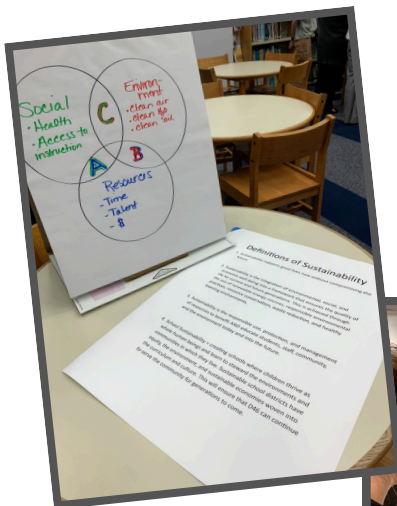
All meetings are held at Frederick School, 595 Frederick Road, Grayslake.

GENERAL MEETING: March 19, 2025

The CCSD 46 Board of Education held a general meeting on Wednesday, March 19, 2025, in the Falcon Room of Frederick School.

President Stephen Mack called the meeting to order at 6:01 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 Board President Mack requesting a motion to suspend Robert's Rules of Order in order for Board Members and meeting attendees to participate in a sustainability activity to provide feedback on board policies and their connection to sustainability, finance, and community.



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The meeting continued with a presentation by the CCSD 46 food service provider, OrganicLife. Representatives from OrganicLife updated the Board on district-wide improvements, including enhanced signage, expanded menu options, and the introduction of composting. Since beginning their service with the district in August 2024, OrganicLife has reported an increase of 11,000 meals served. They also shared results of a student survey, which indicated that having multiple meal choices was the students' top preference.

Board reports were presented as well as the Superintendent report. During the Board reports, Mrs. Jessica Albert mentioned that she attended an online Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) webinar which included a robot legislative update. She noted that the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) is considering removing the Fine Arts Indicator from the school report card as part of its accountability framework redesign. Mrs. Albert also congratulated the D46 band and choir students advancing to state and recognized the student artwork displayed at the Grayslake Area Public Library.

Dr. Stephen Mack attended the Wizard of Oz performance at Grayslake Middle School and praised the talented young performers. He also participated in the SEDOL Governing Board meeting, where they discussed developing a dashboard on their website to provide more information.

Mrs. Kristy Miller shared that the Community Engagement Committee will host a food drive for the Avon Township Food Pantry from April 21-25, with drop-off locations available at Meadowview, Woodview, and Avon Center Schools. Mrs. Miller also attended the Lake Division dinner meeting, where discussions included Governor Pritzker's funding and a federal update indicating no immediate impact on schools from recent executive orders, though there may be uncertainties regarding Medicaid. Additionally, the Department of Education has been reduced by 50 percent.

Mr. Jim Weidman reminded everyone that BarnFest will take place on Saturday, April 26, at Jesse Oaks Barn.

Dr. Lynn Glickman welcomed Mr. Jose Zires, Director of Operations, Maintenance, and Safety. She announced that the ticket price for BarnFest will increase by \$15 on April 1st, and all ticket purchasers will be entered into a raffle for a \$200 Amazon gift card. Dr. Glickman also mentioned that spring conferences were underway and highlighted several positive events across the district, including band and choir competitions, a musical performance at Park Campus, a spring play at Grayslake Middle School, and the Community Art Fair at the Grayslake Area Public Library. She concluded her update by wishing all families a relaxing and enjoyable spring break.

Mrs. Amanda Pelsor, Director of Innovation, shared that the media center core meeting user groups have been scheduled, and she plans to gather student input in the future.

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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, 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 a Donation of \$20,000 for Woodview School.
Approved: 6-0
- Approval of the Math Resources: Imagine Learning for grades K-5 and Amplify Desmos for grades 6-8.
Approved: 6-0
- Approval of Policy 7:100.
Approved: 6-0
- Approval of the Printer Contract with Proven IT.
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:

- **2025-2026 Preliminary Staffing Plan** - Dr. Chris Wolk, Director of Human Resources, presented the preliminary staffing plan for the 2025-26 school year. The planning process begins in January with meetings involving building administrators and department heads.

Staffing Plan Overview:

- Pre-K and Kindergarten enrollment numbers will remain the same
- Current grade levels advance sequentially (e.g., 2024-25 Kindergarten becomes 2025-26 1st grade, and so forth)

Enrollment Trends:

- Over the past six school years, student enrollment has remained between 3,450 and 3,550

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New Business *[continued]*

Class Size Parameters (Per Collective Bargaining Agreement):

- Kindergarten - 4th Grade: 25 students
- 5th Grade - 8th Grade: 30 students
- Projected class sizes for 2025-26:
 - K-4: 17-25 students
 - 5-8: 24-28 students

Staffing Changes for 2025-26:

- Reduction of 4 Classroom Sections: Due to projected enrollment decreases, the district will reduce four classroom sections through attrition (retirements and resignations) without conducting a reduction in force (RIF)
 - Increase of Resource Teacher at Woodview School: This addition addresses rising IEP numbers and aligns staffing with other K-4 buildings
 - Increase of Support Staff for MILE and LINK Programs:
 - Add 0.4 FTE Social Worker
 - Add 0.5 FTE Speech-Language Pathologist
 - These additions create full-time positions (1.0 FTE) to better serve these programs.
 - Increase of 0.5 FTE Social Worker at the Early Childhood Center: This increase addresses the growing needs of Early Childhood students
- **The Purchase of Student Chromebooks, Chromecare Warranty, and Cases** - Ms. Amanda Pelsor, Director of Innovation, shared that the district is committed to maintaining a consistent refresh cycle for both student and staff devices as part of the Master Technology Plan. Last year, the Board approved transitioning to a four-year, predictable refresh cycle for student Chromebooks.

Student Chromebook Refresh Cycle:

- Chromebooks are purchased for two grade levels annually and three grade levels every four years
- Each year, the district will purchase Chromebooks for students in 1st and 5th grades, with an additional refresh for Kindergarten every four years
- Students in these grades receive new devices and will retain them for four years

The upcoming Chromebook purchase from ITsavvy includes:

- 1,000 Lenovo 500e Chromebooks at a total cost of \$339,000
- Management licenses totaling \$31,000
- Protective bundle including a case and four years of ChromeCare Warranty (with \$0 deductible for screen repairs) at a cost of \$95,000

This purchase ensures all new devices are equipped with comprehensive protection and aligns with the district's commitment to providing reliable technology for students.



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New Business *[continued]*

- **Wold Fee Proposals for 2026 Media Center Renovations and 2026 Exterior Envelope Improvements Project** - In alignment with the district's Educational Adequacy Study, a Media Center Core Planning Group (CPG), led by Wold Architects, was formed to explore opportunities to modernize the district's libraries and media centers. Proceeds from the limiting rate approved in March 2024 will be used to enhance learning environments, including upgrading these media spaces.

In September 2024, the district received an appropriation of \$451,735 from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) for capital work. This grant will cover costs associated with brickwork and foundation repairs. Wold Architects has identified \$971,450 in priority work that may be funded using this grant.

At the November 20, 2024, Regular Board meeting, the Board of Education approved the purchase of chillers for Frederick and Prairieview Schools from Daikin Applied for \$536,700. On December 11, 2024, the Board awarded a contract to Premier Mechanical Inc. for \$1,238,000 to purchase and install boilers and install the chillers. Additional site work at Frederick School, including pavement improvements, will be completed alongside the chiller replacement project. This work involves replacing the existing chiller/dumpster area and the adjacent driveway and sidewalk.

The Board of Education reviewed the three fee proposals from Wold detailing the scope and costs for the 2026 media center renovations, exterior envelope improvements, and site improvements at Frederick School.

- **Engagement Agreements for Interim Director of Operations and Maintenance with Gewalt Hamilton Associate and Professional Services for the 2025 Construction Projects** - Gewalt Hamilton Associates, Inc. (GHA) is an engineering firm with over 40 years of experience serving governmental clients, providing civil engineering services including investigation, design, and construction.

Previous Engagements:

- March 20, 2024: The Board of Education approved an Engagement Agreement with GHA for consultancy support through June 30, 2024.
- June 26, 2024: The administration presented an Engagement Agreement with GHA to provide Interim Director of Operations and Maintenance services. GHA team members Scott Gaunky and Steve Miller led these efforts

Upcoming Engagement Agreements:

- March 19, 2025:
 - The administration presented an Engagement Agreement with GHA to continue Interim Director of Operations and Maintenance services. This will assist with the transition of the new Director of Operations, Maintenance, and Safety, Jose Zires.

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New Business [continued]

- On-site Schedule (January 1 – March 28, 2025):
 - Scott Gaunky: Mondays and Fridays
 - Steve Miller: Tuesdays through Thursdays
- After March 28, 2025 – June 30, 2025:
 - Steve Miller: On-site an average of 2.5 days per week
 - Scott Gaunky: Available on an as-needed basis
- Additional professional and technical staff will provide support as required
- March 19, 2025:
 - The administration presented a second Engagement Agreement with GHA to provide professional services for the 2025 Construction Projects
 - GHA will assist the district through the construction phase, serving as the Owner's Representative

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 was one comment made regarding concerns over the schedule changes at Grayslake Middle School. The Board went into closed session at 7:34 pm.

The next scheduled Board of Education general meeting on April 9 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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IVSA Summer Bootcamp



**JUNE 10 - JULY 17
2025**

The IVSA Summer Virtual Bootcamp program will personalize a plan for your students to support essential skill development in math and reading.

- Designed for students entering **K-8th grades**
- Teacher-Led Zoom Sessions (optional) in Math & Reading

“The curriculum and teaching methodology was interactive and well planned.”



“The IVSA Bootcamp was beyond what I expected for our students.”

Register Here