

CCSD 46 DISTRICT NEWS

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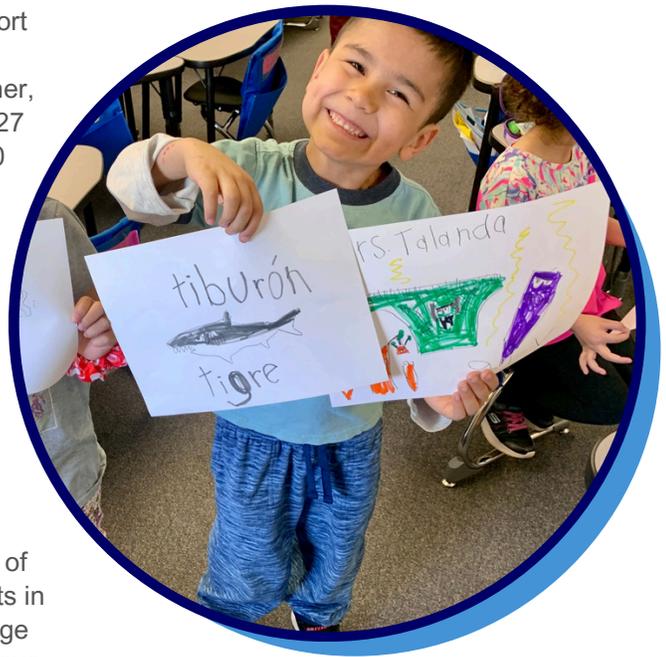


MULTILINGUAL/BILINGUAL PROGRAMMING

A Planning and Design Team (PDT) of teachers and administrators presented their recommendation for a comprehensive plan to support multilingual (ML) students in grades K-8 at the April 9th Board of Education meeting. The PDT recommended a Two-Way, two-teacher, Dual Language model with implementation to begin in the 2026-2027 school year. This Two-Way Dual Language model relies on a 50/50 model using both English and Spanish for instruction, thus promoting bilingualism, biculturalism, and biliteracy for both native and non-native Spanish speakers.

Native Spanish speakers identified through the district screening process will automatically be placed in the program if they wish to participate and have the linguistic ability. Families of non-native Spanish-speaking children who choose for their children to participate will be entered in a lottery to join the Two-Way Dual Language program.

Beginning in 2026-2027, kindergarten students will have the option of choosing the new Two-Way Dual Language program, while students in grades 1-8 will continue with the one teacher, one-way dual language program. In 2027-2028, kindergarten and first grade students will have a Two-Way Dual Language option. Each following year, an additional



grade will be eligible for the program. Once students enter 6th grade, students will participate in a Spanish Heritage class in lieu of the English social studies course. This course is intended to include all of the same content, but be taught in Spanish, and include some additional content.

To be included in the program, parents and students must commit to staying in the program until at least 5th grade, with the intention to stay through 8th grade to ensure long-term success.

In addition to the Two-Way Dual Language program proposal, a differentiated co-teaching and newcomer support plan was outlined for multilingual students at the April 9th Board of Education meeting. View the April 9th Board of Education meeting video for more information.

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- Social Emotional Learning
- CCSD 46 Food Drive
- 2025-2026 School Registration
- District/School Communications
- Foundation 46 BarnFest
- BOE Meeting Review

UPCOMING EVENTS



APR 18 - No School

APR 20-26 - Administrative Professionals Week

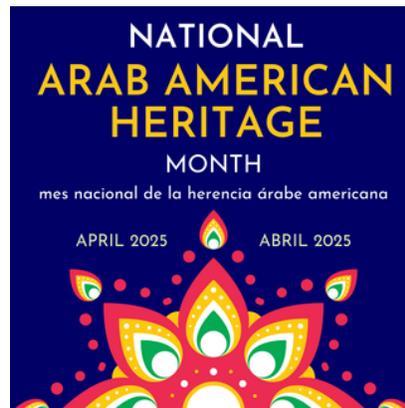
APR 21-25 - Community Engagement Committee Food Drive (AV, MV, WV)

APR 21-25 - School Volunteer Week

APR 23 - Board of Education General Meeting - Falcon Froom, Frederick School 6:00 pm

APR 26 - Foundation 46 Barnfest - Jesse Oaks, Gages Lake, IL 6:00-10:00 pm

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SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING: EVOLVE PROGRAM

CCSD 46 has adopted Youth Guidance's EVOLVE program to foster a positive, inclusive school environment, and aid in strengthening relationships between students and between students and staff members. The program also helps to address the social-emotional needs of students to support both learning and well being. The overarching goal enables children to overcome obstacles, focus on education, and ultimately to succeed in school and life.

In 2023, the District implemented the EVOLVE program at two schools, Park Campus and Grayslake Middle School. Six staff members were trained as support facilitators who worked with groups of students. In total, 23 students participated in the program during the 2023-2024 school year. This year, the program was expanded to include Frederick School. There are 241 students participating in the program - 18% in 6th grade, 41% in 7th grade, and 41% in 8th grade.

The program provides regular, targeted coaching sessions for staff, and focuses on actionable steps to improve outcomes. The program is tailored to address individual classroom challenges, meet diverse teaching styles and student needs, and encourages collaboration to create customized solutions. This, in turn, builds teacher confidence and instructional skills all while enhancing student engagement and academic performance.

A program update was presented at the April 9th Board of Education meeting which included students from both Grayslake Middle School and Park Campus sharing how the program has positively impacted their lives. Students spoke of the importance of setting personal boundaries and building supportive relationships. Students look forward to the EVOLVE sessions as a time where they can express their feelings in a supportive environment, share their experiences, and express their feelings in a calm and enjoyable space while engaging in fun activities.

At Grayslake Middle School all students who participated in the program last year elected to participate in it again this year and have assumed leadership roles. The District is excited about the positive changes that are taking place for teachers, students, and our school community.

D46 Goals with the EVOLVE Program

- 1. Improve Overall School Community**
 - Foster a positive, inclusive environment.
 - Strengthen relationships (student-student & student-staff)
 - Address social-emotional needs to support both learning and well-being.
- 2. Maximize Student Involvement**
 - Ensure access to the program for as many students as possible.
 - Encourage participation across diverse student groups.
 - Develop skills to promote success in life.
 - Create opportunities for leadership and peer support within the program.

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Testimonials-Students

- "I've been talking to people more and been helping people out more."
- "I appreciate myself a little more and I'm a happier person."
- "The week seems so long because I can't wait for Fridays and EVOLVE!"
- "When I am stressed, I can figure out why."
- "I am able to see if something is the right thing or not. I have different strategies to calm down."
- "I am able to own up to things by taking accountability and taking ownership."
- "I am a bellringer for class a student wrote: I feel so much better after being in Evolve for a class period. I wish it could meet more days a week."
- At GMS ALL students who participated in EVOLVE last year elected to participate in it again this year and have assumed leadership roles. Many current students have asked if they could repeat the program next cycle or next year.

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2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR REGISTRATION



As we head into spring, our school administrators will soon begin to build classes for the 2025-2026 school year. This is one of the most important tasks to prepare for the upcoming school year. Our goal is to place students in the best possible setting for them to learn by building classes that are balanced in terms of learning needs and styles, gender, emotional and social development, academic achievement, and behavior. Therefore, it is important for us to have our new and returning students register for the 2025-26 schoolyear as early as possible.

We are 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 be advised that for registration to be complete, the online application must be submitted with all necessary supporting documents, and a payment or payment plan must be received. Student schedules and transportation assignments will not be released in August until registration is complete.

Pre-k students must complete the Early Childhood Screening to qualify for one of the early childhood programs PRIOR to completing the registration application. For more information regarding the Early Childhood program, please contact the CCSD 46 Early Childhood Center at (847) 543-6204.

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

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOOD DRIVE



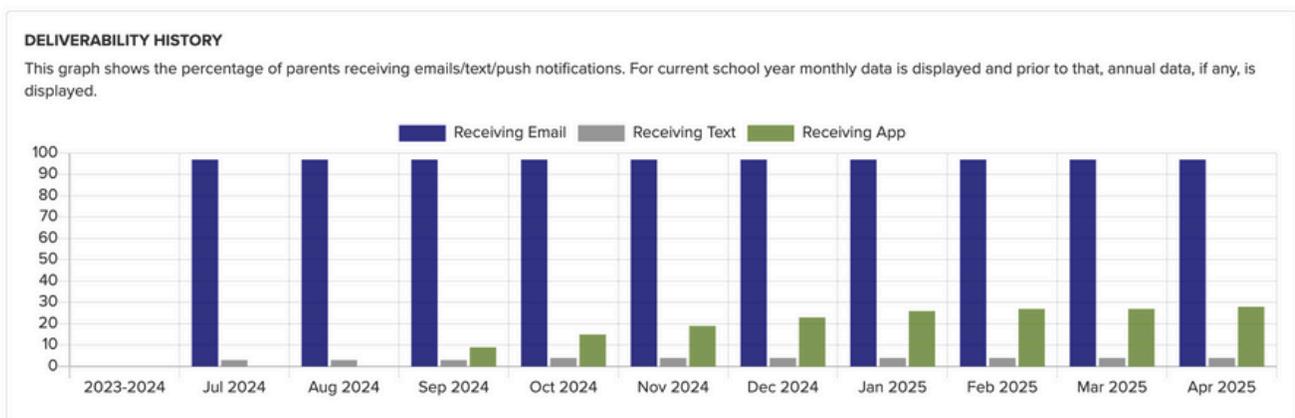
Throughout the year, many of our schools host individual food drives to benefit the Avon Township Community Food Pantry. This year, the Community Engagement Committee has sponsored one district-wide food drive to stock the shelves of the Avon Township Community Food Pantry taking place April 21-25. Non-perishable food and personal care item donations benefit local families right here in the CCSD 46 community. Drop off items at Meadowview, Woodview, or Avon Center School during the week of April 21-25. All items will be delivered to Avon Township on Monday, April 28.

More information on Avon Township Services can be found on the Avon Township website: <https://www.avonil.us>



DISTRICT & SCHOOL COMMUNICATIONS

Earlier this year, CCSD 46 implemented a new communications platform, ParentSquare, to streamline communications from the district and our schools to our D46 families. We are currently communicating with 97% of our families through email, with 4% also using text messaging and 28% utilizing the ParentSquare app.



While the email and text receipts have been consistent throughout the year, the app using is increasing. We wanted to highlight this for those families who were unaware of the availability of the ParentSquare app. Using the app puts all of the district and school messages in one place, right on your smartphone!

Download the ParentSquare app today!

Stay involved with your student's learning and activities at school. From anywhere.



FOUNDATION 46 BARNFEST



**TICKETS
STILL
AVAILABLE!**

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.

- **Date:** Saturday, April 26, 2025
- **Time:** 6:00 PM-11:00 PM
- **Location:** Jesse Oaks Barn, 18490 W Old Gages Lake Rd, Gages Lake, IL 60030
- **Ages:** Over 21 please!

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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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 23, May 14, May 21

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

GENERAL MEETING: April 9, 2025

The CCSD 46 Board of Education held a general meeting on Wednesday, April 9, 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 presentation by the Grayslake Middle School Way of the Panther. This student-educator group values leadership, productivity, and teamwork. Their presentation shared updates on their ongoing initiatives: No Place for Hate and anti-bullying activities, promoting better student attendance, providing support for students making up missed work, student-led tutoring, enhancements to Advisory Time, and a sensory room update. The students continue to brainstorm new ideas to make GMS an even better place to learn and grow.

The students also celebrated the following achievements: Congratulations to Ms. Amy Corey for 10 years of planning and facilitating the GMS St. Baldrick's event. This year, the event raised over \$6,500, received 14 hair donations, and collected 18 blood donations. Over the past decade, the St. Baldrick's fundraiser event at GMS has raised over \$160,000 for childhood cancer research. Special recognition goes to Abby Mack, a seventh grader, who was the top fundraiser with \$950 in pledged donations. This year, the GMS event also supported the Avon Township Community Food Pantry and Comfort Cares Organization through various donations.

Additionally, the students sent a big congratulations and thank you to Mrs. Sandy Tengler for her leadership in promoting participation, sportsmanship, and success in all after-school activities. Thanks to her efforts, GMS has been awarded the 2025 Illinois Elementary School Association (IESA) Division Sportsmanship Award.



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The meeting continued with a presentation by Youth Guidance along with staff and students from Grayslake Middle School and Park Campus on the Social Emotional Learning Program: EVOLVE. District 46 launched EVOLVE to support the whole child through social-emotional learning (SEL). EVOLVE helps students build important skills for success in school and in life, while creating a stronger, healthier school community.

Mrs. Amy Gluck, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, along with the Planning and Design Team (PDT), presented a comprehensive plan to support multilingual (ML) students in kindergarten through eighth grade. The plan includes a Two-Way Dual Language program and differentiated co-teaching models. The goal is to provide equitable access to high-quality education while promoting language development, academic success, and cultural inclusion. Through these targeted language development opportunities, the programs ensure that all students, regardless of their language proficiency, receive the support they need to thrive academically.

Following the presentations, Board reports were presented as well as the Superintendent report, and Student Representative reports. Our Student Representatives shared a Fine Arts update, which included a visit by district fourth graders to attend a special performance of *The Wizard of Oz*. The recent band and choir competition performances were also mentioned, along with the invitation for the jazz band to perform once again at The Jazz Showcase in Chicago. The student reports also included plans for the 8th grade graduation on Sunday, June 1st, and the summer trip to Washington, D.C., on June 4th. Also noted, 59 students and 4 staff members will attend the Future Quest field trip at the Lake County Tech Campus. Finally, the GMS and Frederick Wrestling team advanced to the State tournament, the Science Olympiad State Tournament took place, and one member of the GMS Bowling team qualified for the State Tournament. Thanks were bestowed on the Operations and Maintenance staff for building a new long jump pit - just in time for the 187 students from Frederick and GMS who are participating on the Track team this season.

During the Board reports, Mrs. Jessica Albert shared that the IASB Advocacy Ambassador Webinar is scheduled for April 25 at noon.

Mrs. Tamika Nash thanked her Board colleagues for allowing her the time to attend to personal matters. She also shared that the Grayslake Public Library will be participating in the Maker Fair this Saturday at the University Center

Mrs. Kristy Braden welcomed Mrs. Nash back and shared that June 8th will mark the 5th year of the *Better Together Pride Parade*. She extended an invitation to anyone who would like to join her in the parade.

Dr. Stephen Mack welcomed Mrs. Nash back to the Board table and extended a warm greeting to the students from Grayslake Central High School who were attending the meeting.

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Mrs. Kristy Miller also welcomed Mrs. Nash back and shared a book recommendation: Educational Economics by Marguerite Roza. She announced that the Community Engagement Committee will host a food drive from April 21-25 to support the Avon Township Community Food Pantry. Additionally, she shared that the Center for Green Schools will host a free workshop on May 22 at Oakton Community College in Skokie, highlighting schools and districts that have improved energy performance and indoor environmental conditions in aging facilities.

During the Superintendent's Report, Mrs. Amy Gluck, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, shared an update on the Kindergarten Meet and Greets that took place last week. Families had the opportunity to tour the schools and kindergarten classrooms, meet the teachers, and ask questions. She also announced that registration for the 2025-2026 school year is now open, with about 25% of families having already completed the process. Mrs. Gluck reminded families that the early bird discount on registration fees will end with the conclusion of the school year.

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 a Donation of \$2,500 from the Grayslake Park District.
Approved: 7-0
- Approval of the Purchase of Student Chromebooks, ChromeCare Warranty, and Cases.
Approved: 7-0
- Approval of the Wold Fee Proposals for 2026 Media Center Renovations, 2026 Exterior Envelope Improvements Project and 2026 Site Improvements Project at Frederick School.
Approved: 7-0
- Approval of the Engagement Agreements for Interim Director of Operations and Maintenance with Gewalt Hamilton Associates and Professional Services for the 2025 Construction Projects.
Approved: 7-0
- Approval of the Resolution for Non-Renewal of a First, Second, and Third Year Probationary Teacher: Maria Pilar Garcia Perez.
Approved: 6-0, 1 Abstention



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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



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. No comments were made during public comment. The Board adjourned the general meeting at 7:25 pm.

The next scheduled Board of Education general meeting on April 23 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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FOOD DRIVE

TEAM UP WITH CCSD 46 TO HELP LOCAL FAMILIES!

ALL DONATIONS BENEFIT THE AVON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

**APRIL
21-25**

**DROP OFF AT THESE
CCSD 46 SCHOOLS:
MEADOWVIEW, WOODVIEW,
AVON CENTER SCHOOL**

All non-perishable, non-expired food items are welcome.

Specifically requested items include: baby food and formula, cereal, canned chicken and tuna, rice, bread, canned ravioli, pasta, granola bars, beans, canned fruit, crackers, juice boxes, pasta sauce, trail mix, ramen noodles, canned soup

**ALL DONATIONS WILL BE DELIVERED TO THE AVON TOWNSHIP
COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY ON MONDAY, APRIL 28.**



The CCSD 46 Food Drive is sponsored by the Community Engagement Committee.