CCSD 46 **DISTRICT NEWS**

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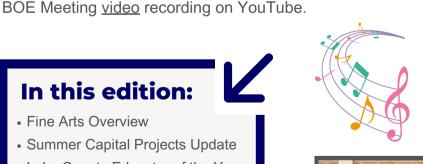
FINE ARTS OVERVIEW

At the May 14th Board of Education meeting, Mrs. Amy Gluck, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, along with several teachers from across the district, presented an overview of the work and accomplishments within each Fine Arts department over the course of the school year. Mrs. Gluck explained that all students in kindergarten through fourth grade receive 40 minutes per week of both music and art instruction. Students in grades 5 through 8 participate in either band, choir, or an encore rotation for 40 minutes each day. The encore rotation includes courses in art, music, or STEM. Mrs. Gluck also shared the Illinois State Standards for Fine Arts and described how teachers are effectively aligning their instruction to meet these standards. The entire presentation can be viewed on the May 14th





- · Fine Arts Overview
- Summer Capital Projects Update
- Lake County Educator of the Year
- Congratulations to Our Retirees
- · School Registration: Early Bird Discount Ends Soon
- School Calendar/Board of **Education Meeting Schedule**
- BOE Meeting Review









UPCOMING EVENTS



MAY 23 - Half-Day Early Release

MAY 26 - Memorial Day - No School

JUNE 1 - Grayslake Middle School Graduation - Grayslake North High School, 11:30 am

JUNE 1 - Park Campus Graduation - Grayslake North High School, 2:00 pm

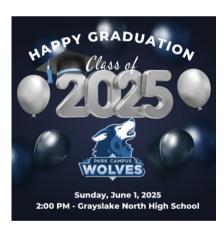
JUNE 3 - Last Day of School

JUNE 3 - Last Day for Registration Early Bird Discount

JUNE 4 - Board of Education General Meeting - Falcon Room, Frederick School 6:00pm













SUMMER CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE

This summer, CCSD 46 will be installing new chillers for Frederick and Prairieview Schools, and boilers at Grayslake Middle School. The chillers will replace outdated systems that use discontinued refrigerant and have reached the end of their useful life. The boilers will replace aging and unreliable equipment at Grayslake Middle School, improving energy efficiency and ensuring consistent heating throughout the building. The district has worked with Wold Architects to design and bid the work competitively, with completion targeted for August 1, 2025, ahead of the next school year.

This work directly supports the district's Strategic Goals: improving financial transparency and updating our facilities to ensure equitable, high-quality learning environments for all students. We look forward to sharing progress as these critical upgrades take shape over the summer.



LAKE COUNTY EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

CCSD 46 is so proud of our Educator of the Year nominees for representing us at the Lake County Regional Office of Education event on May 7, 2025.

We are especially proud of Yahaira Alvarez, Head Custodian at Woodview School, who was awarded the Lake County Educational Services Personnel of the Year!







- Michelle Williams (Park Campus)
 Classroom Elementary/Early Childhood Teacher
- Yvonne Schmid (GMS)
 Classroom Middle School Teacher
- Diann Hunter (GMS), Student Support Personnel
- Cinny Lamberti (GMS), Early Career Educator
- Yahaira Alvarez (Woodview)
 Educational Service Personnel
- Lilia Erb (Prairieview)
 Classroom Diverse Learner Teacher



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR RETIREES

This year, we are celebrating a record number of educators, assistants, and administrators who have chosen to retire from CCSD 46. Nineteen of our friends and colleagues with a combined 413 years of experience at CCSD 46 schools will be saying goodbye to us in June. We thank them for their many years of service and dedication to the children in our community.



SCHOOL REGISTRATION - EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT ENDING SOON



School Registration is going on now. 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 2025-2026 school year as early as possible.

Time is running out to take advantage of our \$25 "Early Bird Discount" for families that complete the online application process. Make sure to register and submit payment before the June 3rd deadline to take advantage of this savings.

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 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 the CCSD 46 Early Childhood Center at (847) 543-6204.

Visit the CCSD 46 website for more information and to register now: https://d46.org/registration/





SCHOOL CALENDAR / BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING DATES

Earlier this year, the school calendar for the 2025-2026 school year was presented to and approved by the Board of Education. We wanted to remind our CCSD 46 families of changes to the calendar for the 25-26 school year. As always, the calendar committee makes every effort to align with the Grayslake District 127 high school calendar for the convenience of our families.

Construction on the Media Centers at all of our schools is scheduled to begin in the summer of 2026. In order to create a longer summer to accommodate a construction schedule, students will end the 25-26 school year a week earlier than usual. This change to our usual school calendar caused the following:

- The 25-26 school year will begin a week earlier than usual. We have been communicating this information through our district newsletter since August 2024.
- Students will attend school on Presidents Day, February 16, 2026, and learn about the presidents honored.

Other important changes:

- The length of the day for the first and last days of school will change from full-day student attendance to half-day student attendance.
- Monthly late start days will change to half-day student attendance days. Students will attend in the
 morning and be released on the regular half-day/early dismissal schedule. This change provides our
 staff with additional professional development time and aids in important school improvement efforts.
- Fall parent/teacher conferences, held November 24-25, will now be half-day student attendance on each day, with extended conference hours on Monday from 1:00-8:00 pm and Tuesday from 1:00-4:00 pm. This change provides an opportunity for families who are traveling for the Thanksgiving holiday to schedule conferences for Monday evening.

Board of Education Calendar

The Board of Education meeting calendar for the 2025-2026 school year has also been approved. The Board will hold two meetings per month in September, November, January, February, April, and June; and one meeting per month in July, August, October, December, March, and May. The calendar was carefully planned to avoid conflicts with major religious holidays.

Board agendas, minutes, and packets are available to download on the district website: https://d46.org/board-of-education/. The Board of Education meetings are held in the Falcon Room at Frederick School, on selected Wednesday evenings at 6:00pm, unless otherwise noted. General meetings are live streamed on the CCSD 46 YouTube channel.

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 <u>BOE webpage</u>.

Upcoming Meetings: June 4, June 18

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

GENERAL MEETING: May 14, 2025

The CCSD 46 Board of Education held a general meeting on Wednesday, May 14, 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. Principal Marcus Smith introduced the student representatives and highlighted the many initiatives they have led throughout the year. Each student representative also shared their personal reflections on what leadership means to them and spoke about their aspirations for the future.

Mrs. Amy Gluck, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, along with the Fine Arts teachers from across the district, presented an overview of the work accomplishments within each Fine Arts department over the past year.

Following the presentations, Board reports were presented as well as the Superintendent report, and Student Representative reports.



Mrs. Kristy Miller share that the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) is in the process of redesigning the school report card and is accepting suggestions and feedback through July.

Mrs. Krisy Braden expressed her appreciation for the collaboration between Grayslake Middle School and Grayslake North High School during the MUSE Festival, which featured a performance by the GMS Jazz Band and an art exhibition.

Mrs. Tamika Nash expressed her appreciation for the strong partnership between the district and the Grayslake Public Library. She highlighted the wide range of services the library offers to students and families.

Dr. Stephen Mack shared his sincerest appreciation for the dedication and hard work of staff members across the entire district.



Student Representative Agustin Lagunas shared highlights from the Staff Appreciation Week celebrations at Grayslake Middle School. He also congratulated the Educator of the Year nominees and expressed gratitude to all retiring staff members for their dedicated service. Student Representative Layla Wells congratulated all students who participated in sports, band, choir, and other school-sponsored events throughout the year. Student Representative Suri Valdivia shared that the 8th-grade graduation will be held on June 1st at Grayslake North High School. The 8th-grade dance is scheduled for Friday, May 23rd. She also noted that plans are underway for an orientation to welcome incoming 7th-grade students.

During the Superintendent's Report, Dr. Lynn Glickman welcomed students from Grayslake Central High School and expressed her appreciation for the remarkable leadership skills demonstrated by Grayslake Middle School students. She also congratulated the nominees for the Lake County Educator of the Year awards, with special recognition to Yahaira Alvarez, Woodview School's Educational Service Personnel winner. In addition, Dr. Glickman shared that following an anonymous donation made toward a new sound system for Woodview School, the PTO has committed additional funds to complete the purchase and move forward with the installation.

Dr. Chris Wolk presented the list of 2025 retirees from District 46. These retirees will be honored at the annual retirement event scheduled for Wednesday, May 28th.

Mrs. Amy Gluck, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, shared that media center user groups have been meeting with Wold Architects this spring to review design plans and gather input. Wold will be presenting to the Board of Education in July. She also noted that staff have already begun work on implementing the new math resources for the fall. In addition, the advanced math placement process is underway, with 4th-grade students currently participating in the assessment.

Dr. Heather Lorenzo, Director of Student Services, announced that the district's Preschool for All program is funded through a grant that requires a formal audit. She was pleased to report that the audit results were outstanding and highlighted the district's commitment to providing an exceptional early childhood program.

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 Board Meeting Calendar for 2025-2026.

Approved: 6-0

· Approval of the PSRP Bargaining Agreement.

Approved: 6-0

· Approval of the Exempt Employee Compensation.

Approved: 6-0

Approval of a One Year Food Service Contract with OrganicLife.

Approved: 6-0

• Approval of the Board of Education's opposition to any request or petition from Fremont School District 79 to annex land into the boundaries of Community Consolidated School District 46.

Approved: 6-0

• Approval of an E-Rate Switch Purchase.

Approved: 6-0

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

Safety and Security Update

The Safety and Security Committee is a collaborative team of teachers, administrators, and PSRP (Paraprofessional and School-Related Personnel) members who meet regularly to review and enhance the district's emergency preparedness and response protocols. The committee also benefits from periodic participation of representatives from the Grayslake, Round Lake, and Round Lake Beach Police Departments. Updates were shared on ALICE, the Long Range Facilities Plan, physical security assessments, tabletop exercises, emergency response systems, and next steps for the committee.



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

Emergency Management System

The Safety and Security Committee met in February 2025 to develop evaluation criteria for selecting an Emergency Management System for the district. At the subsequent meeting in March, the committee reviewed proposals from five vendors and identified two top contenders. After a thorough evaluation and discussion, the administration selected a preferred solution which integrated with our current visitor management system. The 2025-2026 proposal includes licenses for all schools, ensuring consistent implementation at every site. The total annual and implementation cost is \$79,140, which includes cost savings achieved by bundling with services already in place.

Preliminary Budget Update

Mr. Chris Wildman, Assistant Superintendent of Finance, shared that in accordance with the Illinois School Code, the district is required to file an annual, Board-approved budget with Lake County by September 30 of each year. The administration will present a Tentative Budget with supporting explanations to the Board at the June 4th Board meeting. The preliminary budget reflects the culmination of ongoing financial planning to support the district's educational programs. It is based on projected revenues and expenditures using the best available information and, to the greatest extent possible, will be balanced, in alignment with guidelines set by the Illinois State Board of Education. The preliminary budget projected a \$1.6 million deficit in the operating funds. The administration will continue to refine the budget as updated financial information becomes available, in preparation for the Tentative Budget Presentation in June and the Final Budget Hearing later this year.

Ticketing and Inventory System

The district's current technology and maintenance ticketing system no longer meets the district's operational needs. An updated, integrated ticketing system and work order system is essential to improving operational efficiency. By centralizing requests and enabling real-time tracking, a modern system will enhance accountability, streamline communication between staff and support teams, and ensures more timely resolutions and greater transparency across departments. After a thorough review process, Incident IQ was selected. The purchase of the system includes an annual fee of \$20,958 and an additional one-time implementation fee of \$2,962.50 in the first year. The district would like to implement the system over the summer, with the goal of having it fully operational for the start of the new school year.

Discussion of Board Committees

The Board discussed establishing quarterly Finance Committee meetings, and also the structure of Board and Committee meetings in the future. The Board is reaching out to neighboring school districts to learn how they structure their committees. Further discussion will continue.



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. Ms. Amber Donnelly, Food Service District Manager, thanked the Board of Education for a successful year and expressed her appreciation for the approval of the food service contract renewal.

The Board adjourned the general meeting at 8:10 pm and entered into closed session.

The next scheduled Board of Education general meeting on June 4, 2025, will be held at 6:00 pm and live-streamed online. Please visit <u>d46.org/board-of-education</u> for more information.









Fourth Grade Illinois Learning Fair, May 13, 2025 Prairieview School

Exploration Day, May 15, 2025 Woodview School

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Community Consolidated School District 46

2025-26 School Calendar

	July	2025		
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	Dec	2025		
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	Apr	2026		
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	May	2026		
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No School	Half-Day

August

5-7 New Staff Orientation

- 11 No Student Attendance Teacher Institute Day
- 12 No Student Attendance Teacher Institute Day
- 13 First Day of School 1st-8th Half-Day
- 14 First Day of School for Kindergarten Students
- 18 First Day of School for Pre-K Students

September

- 1 Legal Holiday- Labor Day
- 10 Half-Day, AM ECC attends
- 23 No School

October

- 2 No School
- 8 Half-Day, PM ECC attends
- 13 Legal Holiday- Indigenous Peoples Day

November

- 7 Teacher Institute Day
- 12 Half-Day, AM ECC attends
- 24 Half-day A.M./ Parent Teacher Conferences-P.M. PM ECC attends
- 25 Half-day A.M./ Parent Teacher Conferences-P.M. AM ECC attends
- 26 School Closed
- 27 Legal Holiday-Thanksgiving Day
- 28 School Closed

December

- 10 Half-Day, PM ECC attends
- 22 Winter Break Begins

January

- 5 School Resumes
- 14 Half-Day, AM ECC attends
- 19 Legal Holiday- M.L. King's Birthday

February

- 11 Half-Day, PM ECC attends
- 13 Teacher Institute Day

March

- 11 Half-Day, AM ECC attends
- 19 Half-day A.M./ Parent Teacher Conferences-P.M. PM ECC attends
- 20 School Closed
- 23 Spring Break Begins
- 30 School Resumes

April

- 3 No School
- 8 Half-Day, AM ECC attends

May

- 13 Half-Day, PM ECC attends
- 22 Last Day of School- Half Day (unless
- emergency days are used) 25 Legal Holiday- Memorial Day

June

1 Last day (if all emergency days are used)

COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 46 2025-2026 Board of Education Meeting Dates Revised

Date	Location
Wednesday, July 16, 2025 (1 meeting month/Summer Break)	Frederick School 595 Frederick Rd., Grayslake, IL
Wednesday, August 13, 2025 (1 meeting month/Summer Break)	Frederick School 595 Frederick Rd., Grayslake, IL
Wednesday, September 3, 2025	Frederick School 595 Frederick Rd., Grayslake, IL
Wednesday, September 17, 2025	Frederick School 595 Frederick Rd., Grayslake, IL
Wednesday, October 15, 2025 (1 meeting this month)	Frederick School 595 Frederick Rd., Grayslake, IL
Wednesday, November 05, 2025	Frederick School 595 Frederick Rd., Grayslake, IL
Wednesday, November 19, 2025	Frederick School 595 Frederick Rd., Grayslake, IL
Wednesday, December 10, 2025 (1 meeting this month)	Frederick School 595 Frederick Rd., Grayslake, IL
Wednesday, January 14, 2026	Frederick School 595 Frederick Rd., Grayslake, IL
Wednesday, January 28, 2026	Frederick School 595 Frederick Rd., Grayslake, IL
Wednesday, February 11, 2026	Frederick School 595 Frederick Rd., Grayslake, IL
Wednesday, February 25, 2026	Frederick School 595 Frederick Rd., Grayslake, IL
Wednesday, March 18, 2026 (1 meeting this month)	Frederick School 595 Frederick Rd., Grayslake, IL
Wednesday, April 8, 2026	Frederick School 595 Frederick Rd., Grayslake, IL
Wednesday, April 22, 2026	Frederick School 595 Frederick Rd., Grayslake, IL
Wednesday, May 20, 2026 (1 meeting this month)	Frederick School 595 Frederick Rd., Grayslake, IL
Wednesday, June 10, 2026	Frederick School 595 Frederick Rd., Grayslake, IL
Wednesday, June 24, 2026	Frederick School 595 Frederick Rd., Grayslake, IL

Unless notified otherwise, meetings begin at 6:00 p.m. at the location noted

SCHOOL'S OUT!

End-of-the-School-Year Celebration

Thank you for supporting local restaurants and CCSD 46 schools!

Join us at **THE FREEZE** in downtown Grayslake for an end-of-the-school-year celebration you won't want to miss!

The Freeze will generously donate a portion of the proceeds to our CCSD 46 school PTO/PTF organizations **all day long**, but be sure to stop in during 4:30-6:30 pm to visit with teachers and school staff members!

 May 29: Avon, Meadowview, Prairieview, and Park Campus

 May 30: Woodview, Frederick, and Grayslake Middle School



