

CCSD 46 DISTRICT NEWS

JULY 24, 2025



It's almost time!

Back-to-School time, that is!

We are so excited to welcome everyone back to school and to welcome our new families to the CCSD 46 community! In this newsletter, you will find important information to help get the school year off to a great start, including:

- Teacher Assignment/Schedule
- School Supply Drop Off
- First Day of School
- School Day Times
- Breakfast/Lunch
- Transportation
- Child Care Form
- Dismissal Procedures for Car Riders/Walkers
- Medications
- Health Form Requirements
- Allergies
- Communications



Additional Links and Information

[Parent/Guardian Resources](#) | [School Supply Lists](#) | [School Calendar](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS



- AUG 4 - Frederick Kick Off Camp
- AUG 5-7 - New Teacher Orientation
- AUG 11 - Institute Day - No student attendance
- AUG 11 - School Supply Drop-Off for Grades 1-8, 10-11:30am
- AUG 12 - Institute Day - No student attendance
- AUG 13 - First day of school for grades 1-8 **Half day/early dismissal schedule
- AUG 13 - School Supply Drop-Off for Kindergarten students
- AUG 13 - Board of Education General Meeting - Falcon Room, Frederick School 6:00pm
- AUG 14 - First day of school for kindergarten students
- AUG 15 - School Supply Drop-Off for Early Childhood Center students, 9:00-10:30am
- AUG 18 - First day of school for Early Childhood Center students
- AUG 20 - Back to School Night - Frederick School 5th Grade 6:00pm
- AUG 21 - Back to School Night - Frederick School 6th Grade 6:00pm



TEACHER ASSIGNMENT/SCHEDULE



Schedules and/or teacher assignments can be viewed in the Infinite Campus Portal for those who have completed the registration process at **4:00 pm on August 6**. Please review the instructions on how to view your child's schedule [here](#). If you are unable to access your Portal account, please contact your school office for more information.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DROP OFF

We are excited to announce several school supply drop-off dates to allow families to bring supplies to school prior to the first day of classes.

- Students in grades 1-8 are welcome to drop off supplies to their lockers or classrooms on Monday, August 11th, from 10:00 am to 11:30 am. Students in grades 7-8 at Grayslake Middle School will also be receiving information from the school regarding locker orientation.
- Kindergarten families will receive information from their building principal regarding supply drop-off on Wednesday, August 13th.
- Our Pre-Kindergarten Early Childhood Center families are welcome to drop off supplies on Friday, August 15th, from 9:00 am to 10:30 am.

We look forward to seeing everyone!



FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

New this year - the first day of school for grades 1-8 is a half-day of student attendance.

Dismissal times are shown to the right.



Grades 1-8

Wednesday, August 13*
*Half-Day/Early Dismissal



Kindergarten

Thursday, August 14



Early Childhood Pre-K

Monday, August 18

SCHOOL DAY TIMES

Normal school day and half day early dismissal day schedules are listed below. This year, CCSD 46 will utilize periodic half-day early dismissal days in place of the previous late-start days for staff planning and professional development.

Early Childhood Center at Prairieview School

ECC AM Normal Day: 8:15am-10:45am
ECC PM Normal Day: 12:00pm-2:30pm
Half Day/Early Dismissal: AM/PM sessions alternate attendance days

K-4 Buildings: Avon, Meadowview, Prairieview, Woodview

Normal Day: 8:00am-2:15pm
Half Day/Early Dismissal: 8:00am-10:50am

5-8 Buildings: Frederick, Grayslake Middle School

Normal Day: 8:45am-3:15pm
Half Day/Early Dismissal: 8:45am-11:45am

K-8 Building: Park Campus

Normal Day: 8:45am-3:15pm
Half Day/Early Dismissal: 8:45am-11:45am

FOOD SERVICE: BREAKFAST & LUNCH



Community Consolidated School District 46 has partnered with OrganicLife Smart Foodservice of Chicago as our food service vendor for the 2025-2026 school year. Breakfast and lunch meals will be offered for all students on a paid, free, or reduced status. Teachers will be taking meal counts prior to the start of each day. Breakfast will be consumed at school.

More information, including the school breakfast and lunch menu links, can be found on the [Food Service](#) webpage.

School meals are charged at the following rates:

Breakfast with milk.....\$2.15

Lunch with milk.....\$3.90

Milk only.....\$0.60

Students who have money in their food service account at Grayslake Middle School or Park Campus West will also be able to purchase à la carte items (assorted chips, bottled water, juice, cookies, ice cream, and other items). View the [À la Carte Price Sheet](#) for more information. Cash and checks will not be accepted.

In order to deposit money into your child's food service account or to view items purchased, log in to the [Infinite Campus Parent Portal](#) and click on Food Service in the left menu.

In order to purchase items, students will need a 4-digit PIN number. This 4-digit PIN is viewable in both the Infinite Campus Parent and Student Portals. Simply click on Today in the left menu. The student's lunch PIN will appear under the displayed barcode.



TRANSPORTATION

Bus numbers, and pick-up and drop-off times/locations can be viewed in the Infinite Campus Portal at the end of the day on August 6th. Please review the instructions on how to view your child's transportation information [here](#). If your child is in the early childhood program or receives special transportation through special education, Durham School Services will be calling you with your child's transportation information. Based on late changes to the schedule, parents should check the portal the night before the start of school in case their pick-up time has been adjusted. If you have any questions or concerns regarding transportation, please contact Christine Delahunty (registration@d46.org) or Durham School Services (847-543-9244).

Please Note: In order to qualify for transportation services, students must reside 1.5 miles from their assigned school and/or reside within an approved vehicular safety hazard.



CHILD CARE NOTIFICATION

If you arranged for child care before and/or after school, please complete the form [here](#) prior to the first day of school. Please be sure to complete a separate form for each of your children.

Please Note: District policy allows you to change your child's home bus stop to a sitter's bus stop if the sitter resides in your child's home school busing area, the bus stop change is effective for all days your child is in school, and the student's home address qualifies for busing. Child care transportation change requests received prior to Monday, August 11th will be completed for the first day of school.



DISMISSAL PROCEDURES FOR CAR RIDERS/WALKERS

In order to help facilitate the dismissal process, schools with younger children (Avon, Meadowview, Prairieview, Woodview, and Park Campus) will utilize the Raptor Dismissal Safe platform. All students in those schools, including students who will generally ride the bus home, will receive and bring home a placard showing their last name and family ID number on the first day of school.



If you will be picking up your child as a car rider or walker, this placard should be displayed in the passenger window of your vehicle or shown to the staff member that is dismissing the walkers. Because the placards will be distributed on your child's first day of school, we ask that you simply write the ID number on a piece of paper and display it in the passenger side window of your vehicle or show it to staff dismissing the walkers when you pick up your child from school for the first time.

You will be able to view your Family ID in the Infinite Campus Portal on **Monday, August 11**. After logging in to the Infinite Campus Portal, please click on *More* in the menu on the left, then *Dismissal ID* to view your Family ID prior to the first day of school.



MEDICATIONS

If your child requires medication at school, regardless of whether the medication is a prescription (e.g., Epipen, insulin, inhaler) or over the counter (e.g., ibuprofen, eye drops), carried by the student or kept in the office, please have your physician complete the [Medication Authorization Form](#). A separate form is required for each medication. All medication and Medication Authorization Forms must be dropped off by a parent/guardian PRIOR to the first day of school, if medication needs to be provided on the first day of school. Parents/Students will not be able to drop off the medication in the office on the first day of school. Please call your school's health office at your earliest convenience to arrange a time to drop off medications and forms.

Once you arrive to drop off the medication(s), you will be required to participate with the health office personnel in verifying the amount of medication being dropped off and that the medication form matches both the bottle description and the dosage detailed on the Medication Authorization Form. If you are dropping off a prescribed medication that your child is also going to be taking from home, most pharmacies will provide you with two or multiple medication containers. All medications must be dropped off in the original container.

HEALTH FORM REQUIREMENTS

The State of Illinois School Code, Section 27-8, requires that all students entering Kindergarten, 2nd grade, and 6th grade, along with all students who are new to CCSD 46, need to provide specific health forms documenting that physical and immunization records are compliant and current to begin the new school year. Please see the state-mandated requirements below.

- New students: Physical, Dental, Vision exams, Record of immunizations
- Kindergarten: Physical, Dental, Vision exams, Record of immunizations
- 2nd Grade: Dental exam
- 6th Grade: Physical, Dental exams, proof of Tdap and MCV4 (meningococcal vaccine)
- Kindergarten-8th Grades: Proof of three doses of Hepatitis B

Students who do not provide required physical examination records recorded on the appropriate form and immunization records **by August 13, 2025**, will not be permitted to attend until all required forms have been provided. Forms can be found on the [Health Services](#) webpage.

[Notice of Required Health Documents](#)



ALLERGIES



Today, 1 in 13 children under the age of 18 has a life-threatening food allergy. This is one of the many reasons CCSD 46 takes food allergies very seriously. For the first two days of attendance, all students in Grades K-4 must bring a snack that is peanut/tree nut free. (Student lunches do not need to be peanut/tree nut free.) This is to ensure the safety of individuals with allergies. Please watch for more detailed communication during the first few days of school. You may receive a parent letter stating whether there are allergies or multiple allergies in your child's classroom. We appreciate your cooperation in keeping our students safe at school. We encourage you to visit the [Food Allergy Research & Education website](#) for detailed information.

COMMUNICATIONS

CCSD 46 utilizes [ParentSquare](#) as our primary means of school-to-home communication. This unified communication platform is designed to keep parents and guardians informed and encourage greater engagement and connection with our teachers, schools, and the district.

While all families will receive our messages in their email, families who sign up for a ParentSquare account on either their mobile device or desktop computer will have additional options for receiving messages, including language selection and frequency. If you have not signed up for a ParentSquare account, the District will send an invitation email or text to activate your account. ParentSquare is available for desktop computers as well as the free ParentSquare app, available for both iOS and Android devices.

More information on activating ParentSquare and the CCSD 46 [Communications](#) program is available on the District website.



Register Your Account



Then Download the App



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: August 13 | September 3 | September 17

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

GENERAL MEETING: July 16, 2025

The CCSD 46 Board of Education held a general meeting on Wednesday, July 16, 2025, in the Media Center of Grayslake Middle School.

Vice President Kristy Braden 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.

Board reports were then presented, as well as the Superintendent's report.

Mrs. Tamika Nash thanked everyone who participated in the Freedom Walk on June 19th.

Mrs. Kristy Braden shared that on April 23rd, the Board of Education reviewed the Closed Session Minutes from January 2024 through March 2025 and determined they will not be released.

Mrs. Kristy Miller congratulated Mr. Chris Wildman on his recent article and podcast highlighting sustainability efforts. She also shared that the Community Engagement Committee met with Mayor Elizabeth Davies to discuss potential collaboration with the village. During the meeting, the committee walked around Central Park and learned about its history and key features.

Mr. Jim Weidman shared information about emergency planning for hazardous materials in Lake County and its impact on local school districts.



CCSD 46 BOARD OF EDUCATION

During the Superintendent's Report, Dr. Lynn Glickman explained that the location change for this evening's Board of Education meeting was due to the installation of a new chiller at Frederick School. With the warm weather, the building was too hot to host the meeting comfortably. She went on to welcome everyone to a new fiscal year and the 2025–2026 school year. The district is busy preparing for students' return, and Dr. Glickman offered a warm welcome to several new and returning team members: Amber Bowgren, Director of Multilingual Services; James Van Naarden, Facilities Manager; Jeff Prickett, Principal of Meadowview School; Ryan Lazar, Assistant Principal of Frederick School; and Mary Murphy, who is transferring from Assistant Principal of Frederick to Assistant Principal of GMS. Dr. Glickman also noted that four Finance Committee meetings have now been scheduled as part of regular Board meetings.

Mrs. Amy Gluck, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, shared that some teachers are participating in summer training sessions for the new math curriculum to support their planning for the upcoming school year. Additional training will take place on August 12th, with trainers onsite to assist with implementation.

Vice President Braden then requested a motion for the approval of the Consent Agenda, which includes Minutes from previous meetings, the Personnel Report, FOIA Review, 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 Board Policies 118.

Approved: 6-0

- Approval of the Grayslake Federation of Teachers Contract.

Approved: 6-0

- Approval of the Administrator Contracts for 2025-2026.

Approved: 6-0

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

- **Wold Architect Media Center Update**

Mr. Matt Verden of Wold Architects shared that the boiler replacement at Grayslake Middle School is complete, with only final adjustments remaining. He also reported that the new chillers at Frederick School have been installed and will be operational soon. Mr. Verden provided an update on the media center design process, which included a review of floor plans and student engagement feedback. The next phase will involve the design committee, which will work to establish a district-wide theme and begin selecting finishes and furniture. He confirmed that the district remains on budget for these projects, with construction scheduled to begin in the summer of 2026.



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- **Strategic Plan Update**

Dr. Lynn Glickman, Superintendent; Mrs. Amy Gluck, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning; Mr. Chris Wildman, Assistant Superintendent of Finance; Ms. Amanda Pelsor, Director of Innovation; Mr. Jose Zires, Director of Operations, Maintenance, and Safety; and Ms. Leslie Armstrong, Communications Coordinator provided a review of the Strategic Goals established for the 2024–2025 school year. They also presented recommended action steps for the 2025–2026 school year in alignment with the current Strategic Plan goals:

Teaching, Learning, & Assessment Goal 1

- Complete Culturally Responsive Teaching and Leading PDT next steps
- Continue to establish consistency in service delivery
- Continue to work on formative assessments
- Conduct 5-8 report card PDT

Teaching, Learning, & Assessment Goal 2

- Update 5-8 schedule, based on staff feedback
- Provide professional development related to instruction for students who are multilingual

Technology

- Create consistency in classroom technology
- Provide professional learning opportunities
 - Utilize district online resources
 - Incorporate the 4Cs

Facilities

- Continue work on the Long Range Facilities Plan
- Continue Media Center renovation planning (construction at PV, PC, FS, and GMS to occur summer, 2026)
- Investigate LED lighting at all buildings
- Plan student support spaces updates
- Continue planning for outdoor learning spaces for FS and GMS

Finance

- Conduct four quarterly Board meetings focused specifically on finances
 - September 17, 2025
 - November 19, 2025
 - February 25, 2026
 - May 20, 2026

Communication

- Continue to improve family engagement and ParentSquare app usage



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The administration recommends that the district engage in a new strategic planning process in spring 2026 to review, update, and/or develop new district goals. Board Member Mrs. Halverson suggested that the financial and sustainability dashboards be included in district newsletters. The full presentation is available in the Board packet.

- **Budget Update**

Mr. Chris Wildman, Assistant Superintendent of Finance, provided the Board of Education with an update on the tentative 2025–2026 budget. He reported a significant development: on June 30, 2025, the federal government impounded \$6.8 billion in previously approved federal education funding, citing an “ongoing programmatic review.” This action impacts several key programs, including:

- Title II-A – Professional Development
- Title III-A – Support for English Learners
- Title IV-A/B – Student Enrichment and After-School Programming

Mr. Wildman outlined the potential budget impact if Title funding is not received:

- Current Operating Deficit (with Title I, II, and III funds): \$1.8 million
- Projected Operating Deficit (without Title I, II, and III funds): \$2.1 million

Mr. Wildman also reviewed other recent budget updates, including the ratified GFT contract, a 33% reduction in the Teacher Vacancy Grant, as well as decreased allocations for both Title programs and IDEA funding. The district will continue to monitor the situation and advocate for the restoration of federal education funding.

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. The Board adjourned the general meeting at 7:15 pm and entered into closed session.

The next scheduled Board of Education general meeting on August 13, 2025, 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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