

## Welcome to 2025-2026!

Dear CCSD 46 Community,

Welcome to a new school year! I have been able to spend time in all of our schools, and I can tell you that our classrooms are abuzz with "new year" excitement and learning. This has truly been a wonderful start to the new year!

So, what's up for this year? Well, keep your eyes on this newsletter! Throughout the year, you will be hearing about:

- The new math resources are highly engaging, which will lead to active learning in math class and deep levels of understanding
- Our preparations for advancements in the 26-27 school year in Multilingual Programming including: dual language expansion and coteaching instructional models.
- Our construction and design plans for our new and improved media centers and student support spaces
- · The creation of a new Strategic Plan

As you may already know, this will be my last year serving as your superintendent, as I will be retiring in June. This is extremely bittersweet for me. As much as I look forward to retirement, I love what I do, and I love doing it right here in this caring school district that is so focused on our mission: Empowering learners, creating equity, cultivating community. Please refer to the superintendent search article in this newsletter for information on how to participate in the process by providing input. Please know that your voice matters as our community comes together to find a new leader to support all of the important work ahead for our district!

Most sincerely,

Dr. Lynn Glickman Superintendent

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**



AUG 28 - Back to School Night - AV, MV, PV, WV 6:00-7:30 pm

AUG 28 - Back to School Night - Park Campus 6:30-7:00 pm or 7:15-7:45 pm

SEP 01 - Legal Holiday: Labor Day - No school

SEP 03 - Board of Education General Meeting - Falcon Room, Frederick School 6:00 pm

SEP 04 - Picture Day - Meadowview School

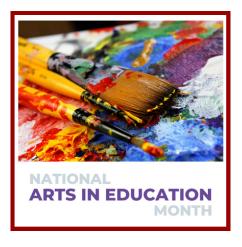
SEP 05 - ECC Preschool Screening

SEP 09 - Picture Day - Prairieview School

SEP 10 - Half-Day Early Dismissal

SEP 11 - Picture Day - Frederick School











#### SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH FOCUS GROUP

Community Consolidated School District 46 is hosting a superintendent search focus group to gather input from the CCSD 46 educational community. The district is seeking a leader who will continue to build on the district's strengths and guide CCSD 46 into the future. The purpose of the focus group is to gather input on the key qualities, priorities, and experiences the next superintendent of CCSD 46 should possess. Feedback will be used to create a profile for the ideal candidate and will directly inform the search process.

The focus group will be held on **Thursday**, **September 4**, **2025**, **from 6:30 to 7:15 pm** in the Falcon Room at Frederick School. Frederick School is located at 595 Frederick Road in Grayslake. The following week, a community survey will be sent out through ParentSquare for additional thoughts and feedback.

All feedback will be kept confidential and used to compile a collective summary for the search committee. We thank the community for its dedication to the success of our students and the future of the school district.



#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Motorized Vehicles on District Property**

Electronic bikes (e-bikes) and electronic scooters (e-scooters) have become popular modes of transportation for many. However, their presence on the roads and on district grounds poses significant safety risks. Many of them can travel at high speeds, are often difficult to control in crowded areas, and can cause serious injuries in the event of a collision.

Recently, the Village of Grayslake shared that the Grayslake Police Department has begun enforcing Illinois state laws regarding the use of ebikes and e-scooters. The message from the Village of Grayslake can be found <u>here</u>.

Key information from the message includes:

- The use of e-scooters is prohibited within the Village of Grayslake
- The use of gas-powered bikes is prohibited within the Village of Grayslake
- The use of e-bikes must be in accordance with all applicable State of Illinois laws, which can be found <u>here</u>

 All motorized vehicles, including e-bikes, are prohibited from Village sidewalks and bike paths/trails

We are a school district that encompasses many villages. The above information has been specifically shared by Grayslake. Please note that, as per state law, people who are under the age of 18 may not operate electric scooters anywhere, and people under the age of 16 may not operate Class 3 electric bikes (these are e-bikes that can reach speeds of up to 28 mph).

Due to these state laws and safety concerns, students are not permitted to ride e-scooters or Class 3 e-bikes to school. While Class 1 and Class 2 e-bikes (e-bikes that can reach speeds of up to 20 mph) are currently permitted, families are asked to ensure that all applicable laws and safety precautions are followed if students are riding them to school. Also, please note that the school district reserves the right to ban all e-bikes from school grounds in the future. In addition, and has always been the case, any time a student rides a wheeled vehicle to school (e.g., regular bicycle, skateboard, scooter, e-bike), the vehicle must be walked while on school property.

Our top priority is maintaining a safe and welcoming environment where all

students can focus on learning.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in keeping our school community safe. If you have any questions, please contact your school's principal.





#### **TECH UPDATE: SOPPA NOTIFICATION**

CCSD 46 takes the privacy and online safety of our students very seriously. We have always taken steps to guard closely the student data collected within our networks or by the online resources we use in our schools. Student data is protected through comprehensive privacy policies and security measures such as firewalls, secure servers, intrusion detection software, and other methods. The district adheres to the following applicable laws regarding student data and privacy:

- Student Online Personal Protection Act (SOPPA), which guarantees that student data is protected when collected by educational technology companies, and that data is used for beneficial purposes only. (<u>Annual Notice</u>)
- Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA), which restricts
  the collection of personal information from children under 13 by
  companies operating websites, games, mobile applications, and
  digital services that are directed to children or that collect personal
  information from individuals known to be children.
- Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), which ensures schools
  protect children from harmful online content while promoting access
  to the educational resources available on the internet.
- Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), which governs
  information in a student's education record, restricting access and
  use of student information.

CCSD 46 values your child's privacy and strives to ensure that parents are aware of what web-based tools and applications are being used for educational purposes. A list of approved web-based tools, written agreements with operators, and a list of data elements shared can be found and reviewed on the CCSD 46 - SDPC Page.



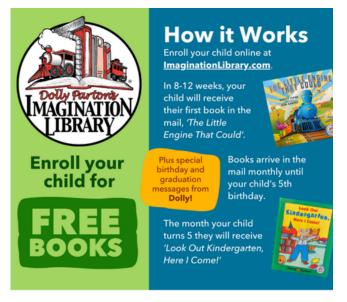


#### **DOLLY PARTON IMAGINATION LIBRARY**

Dolly Parton Imagination Library provides FREE books to Lake County residents

All Lake County families can now enroll in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, thanks to the Lake County Regional Office of Education Foundation (LCROEF). This cherished program delivers free, high-quality books each month to children from birth to age five, regardless of income.

Enroll a child here.



Register your child today at ImaginationLibrary.com

#### **GIRLS IN AVIATION DAY**



Chicago's Leading Edge, a local chapter of Women in Aviation International, presents an exhilarating day filled with aviation adventures at Girls in Aviation Day on Saturday, September 20, at Chicago Executive Airport (Palwaukee).

This event is all about inspiring and empowering girls to pursue their dreams in the aviation industry. With a focus on hands-on experiences, participants will get the chance to explore various aspects of aviation through interactive activities, workshops, and engaging presentations.

Read more about the event and click the link to register.



#### LAKE COUNTY COMMUNITY CARES FAIR

Visit the College of Lake County on Wednesday, September 10, for the Lake County Community Cares Fair, sponsored by State Rep Laura Faver-Dias, State Senator Mary Edly-Allen, and County Board Member John Wasik, in collaboration with CLC and The University Center.

Those who attend the Lake County Community Cares Community Resource and Volunteer Recruitment Fair will have the opportunity to connect with organizations in their community, learn about the programs and services they provide, and volunteer for special events and ongoing support.



#### **COMMUNICATIONS: ParentSquare Account Activation**

As a member of the CCSD 46 community, you already receive emails from your child's school and the district through our communication platform, ParentSquare. At this time, we'd like to request that you also activate your ParentSquare account to customize your account settings and be able to receive your child's test scores and other sensitive communications. If you have not signed up for a ParentSquare account by September 3rd, the District will send an invitation email or text prompting you to activate your account.

Activating your account will allow you to select your preferred language, notification frequency, and receive documents like test scores securely. To activate your account and confirm that we have the correct email for you, please click the link above. A mobile app for iOS or Android phones is also available to download through the Apple Store or Google Play.

## Register Your Account







App Store











### **FIRST DAYS OF SCHOOL - August 13, 14, 18, 2025**





















# **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 <u>BOE webpage</u>.

Upcoming Meetings: September 3 | September 17 | October 15 (One meeting in October) All meetings are held at Frederick School, 595 Frederick Road, Grayslake.

**GENERAL MEETING: August 13, 2025** 

The CCSD 46 Board of Education held a general meeting on Wednesday, August 13, 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 Performance Services on an update of the district's solar installations. Mr. Kurt Hintz presented an update on the recent performance report for the fiscal year July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025. The report summarized the district's energy savings and financial benefits. For this fiscal year, the district saw a reduction of \$222,411 in electric utility costs. The full presentation is included in the Board Packet, available here.

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

The Board of Education extended a warm welcome to everyone for the start of the new school year. Dr. Stephen Mack shared that he attended the all-staff institute day meeting held on Tuesday, August 12, at Park Campus.

Superintendent Dr. Lynn Glickman shared that it was the first day of school for grades 1-8. The week began with two Institute Days: on Monday, staff participated in meetings at their schools buildings and welcomed families for School Supply Drop Off; Tuesday, the all-staff meeting featured keynote speaker Robert Hinchliffe. Dr. Glickman thanked Dr. Mack for welcoming staff at the all-staff institute. The afternoon included breakout sessions, with professional development on the new math resources. Dr. Glickman spent the afternoon with Amber Bowgren, the new Director of Multilingual Services, and her team.

# **CCSD 46 BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Mrs. Amy Gluck, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, reported on the New Staff Orientation which took place August 5-7, where the district welcomed 40 new certified staff members for the three-day training. She expressed appreciation for all involved in the planning and execution of the successful orientation and training.

Dr. Chris Wolk, Director of Human Resources, announced that the district will begin a superintendent search in anticipation of Dr. Glickman's retirement at the end of the 2025-26 school year. BWP Consulting Firm will lead the search starting with focus groups on Thursday, September 4, 2025, for stakeholder groups during the day and a community focus group in the eventing at Frederick School. On September 8, a survey will be distributed to staff and families.

The Superintendent's report concluded with a first day of school video titled, "Two Weeks in Two Minutes," which showcased highlights from the events leading up to and including the first day of school.

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 the Resolution for Hazardous Road Conditions.
   Approved: 4-0
- Approval of the 2025-26 Miscellaneous and Substitute Wage Rates.
   Approved: 4-0

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

#### Funding Update

Mr. Chris Wildman reported that FY25 federal Title funds have begun to be released. CCSD 46 remains a Tier 1 district at 72% adequacy, with \$38.9M in resources against a \$54.4M target. The district will receive \$1.15M in Tier funding, bringing total state contributions to \$21.5M – about \$450K less than budgeted. The decrease in Tier funding is primarily due to Chicago Public Schools returning to Tier 1 status. In addition, Senate Bill 3606 equalizes state reimbursement rates for public and private therapeutic day school placements for special education. While this increases funding fairness, it does not add new state dollars. As a result, the district's revenue projections were overstated by approximately \$800K.



# **CCSD 46 BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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. The Board adjourned the general meeting at 6:38 pm and entered into closed session.

The next scheduled Board of Education general meeting on September 3, 2025, will be held at 6:00 pm and live-streamed online. Please visit <u>d46.org/board-of-education</u> for more information.









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Run, walk or ride with us on **Saturday, September 13 at Independence Grove at 8:30 AM** for the SEDOL Foundation's annual *Making Strides for Special Kids 5K!* 

You can join on your own, or even better, start a team and recruit your friends. As a fundraiser and/or team member you can designate where your money goes. The funds you raise can go toward things like adaptive equipment, classroom or school projects, the Backpack Program for children whose families need food on the weekends, camp scholarships, emergency funds for families, or a number of additional specific needs.

Handicapable athletes (i.e., SEDOL students) can register for FREE along with a parent or caregiver.

Can't make it on the 13th? You can still register and make an impact! Just walk or run a 5K between September 13 and September 23 anytime and anywhere!

<u>Early Bird Registration:</u> Register by 12:59 PM on Monday, September 1 to be entered into a drawing to win a Lettuce Entertain You gift card!

<u>Individual Fundraising Challenge:</u> Raise \$500 or more to be entered into a drawing to win an Amazon gift card!

Register here!

https://secure.ggiv.com/event/sedolfdn2025/

# SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday, September 10, 2025





# Community Cares Fair

# COMMUNITY RESOURCE & VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT FAIR

Join us for our Community Cares Fair! We are fortunate that Lake County is home to many community resources. At this event, you will have the opportunity to:

- → Connect with organizations in your community
- → Learn about organizations' missions & services
- >> Volunteer for special events & ongoing support

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2025 3:00-7:00 PM COLLEGE OF LAKE COUNTY 19351 W WASHINGTON ST. GRAYSLAKE, IL









