

Mark Your Calendar: Back to School 2026-2027





MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

We have updated information on the start dates for the 2026-2027 school year.

During the 2024-2025 school year we communicated that the start of the 2026-27 school year would be pushed back a week due to construction at several of our schools. As the planning for our Maintaining Excellence Moving Forward media center redesign moves forward, our architects and construction management company have revised the schedule so that our start date will now be aligned to our regular schedule. Teachers and staff members will be back in the buildings for Institute Days on Monday and Tuesday, August 17-18. Students in Kindergarten through eighth-grade will start school on Wednesday, August 19th, with a half-day of student attendance. Our Pre-Kindergarten students will start on Monday, August 24th at the Early Childhood Center.

Yes, you did read that right, our Kindergarten students will now start the school year with a half-day on the same day as students in first through eighth grade!

Our calendar committee is hard at work setting the rest of the calendar. Once that work is complete, the proposed calendar will go to the Board of Education for approval. We will update the community once the calendar is finalized and approved.

UPCOMING EVENTS



NOV 14 - Early Childhood Center Preschool Screening

NOV 15 - Board Member Appreciation Day

NOV 19 - Board of Education Meeting - Frederick School 6:00 pm

NOV 24 - Half Day Early Dismissal (PM Pre-Kindergarten Attends)/Parent Conferences

NOV 25 - Half Day Early Dismissal (AM Pre-Kindergarten Attends)/Parent Conferences

NOV 26 - School Closed

NOV 27 - Holiday: Thanksgiving - School Closed

NOV 28 - School Closed

DEC 10 - Half Day Early Release (PM Pre-Kindergarten Attends)

DEC 12 - Early Childhood Center Preschool Screening













ILLINOIS SCHOOL REPORT CARDS



The Illinois Report Card is an annual report from the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) that gauges how the state and individual schools and districts are progressing on a number of different educational metrics. The report card aims to offer a complete picture of student and school performance, along with key demographic data to inform and empower families as they support their local schools.

On October 30, 2025, the ISBE released the 2025 Illinois Report Card data with changes to the reporting of proficiency rate data, including new, unified performance levels and new right-sized proficiency benchmarks for the Illinois Assessment of Readiness and Illinois Science Assessment testing. Mrs. Amy Gluck, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, presented comprehensive student assessment data, including the Illinois Assessment of Readiness results to the Board of Education at the November 5th General Meeting and explained the state's right-sizing of the proficiency benchmarks. This change adjusts cut scores to better align with national standards.

A major takeaway from the presentation showed that CCSD 46 is performing at or above state averages in most categories. Six District 46 schools rank in the Commendable category, which means that there are no underperforming student groups, while Meadowview School earned the ranking of

Exemplary - which means they are ranked in the top 10% of schools statewide with no underperforming student groups.

Summative Designation Exemplary School

Schools performing in the top 10% of schools statewide, with no underperforming student groups.







TWO-WAY DUAL LANGUAGE PROGRAM

Beginning in 2026-2027, kindergarten students will have the option to be enrolled in the District's new Two-Way Dual Language program. The Two-Way Dual Language Program (TWDL) promotes bilingualism, biliteracy, and cross-cultural understanding by enrolling a balanced number of students from both English and Spanish language backgrounds. The 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.

CCSD 46 will open two-way dual language kindergarten classrooms at Avon Center School and Prairieview School for the 2026-2027 school year. These classrooms may also accommodate students from Meadowview, Woodview, or Park Campus in addition to Avon and Prairieview. The first informational session will be held on December 18, 2026, at Prairieview School at 6:00 pm. Additional informational sessions are scheduled for February 17, 2026, (virtual), and February 24, 2026, at Avon Center School at 6:00 pm. Furthermore, Park Campus and Prairieview will also host informational sessions in March of 2026, with dates to be determined.

Placement in the Two-Way Dual Language Program for the 2026-2027 school year will be determined by a lottery selection process for incoming kindergarten students whose families have completed all enrollment requirements. Transportation will be provided to selected students whose home school is not Avon or Prairieview. Class sizes for these two-way dual language classrooms will be comparable to District averages and maintain compliance with Illinois School Code Article 14C.

Please watch for updates regarding the Two-Way Dual Language Program enrollment and lottery process on the District website: https://d46.org.





CCSD 46 DISTRICT-WIDE FOOD DRIVE

Going on now through November 14, non-perishable food donations are being collected at all CCSD 46 schools to benefit the Avon Township Food Pantry. The Avon Township office serves families in Grayslake, Hainesville, Third Lake, and the Round Lake Areas with a food pantry, medical lending closet, diaper program, community closet, essentials program, emergency assistance and more.

Please consider donating these items for the food pantry: cooking oil, pancake mix, syrup, cereal, pasta and sauce, beans and rice, canned fruit and corn, canned tuna and chicken breast, instant noodles, mashed potatoes, hamburger helper, and pasta sides.

Thank you for your generosity!





For those who need assistance or are looking for other community resources, please visit our Community Connections page on the CCSD 46 website: https://d46.org/community-connections/



VETERANS DAY - NOVEMBER 11, 2025

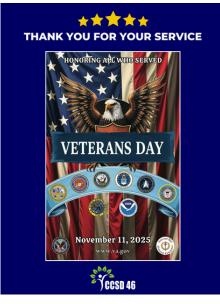
Veterans Day in CCSD 46 is a memorable day of respect and appreciation for those who serve our country. Students across the district learned about Veterans Day and the importance of showing appreciation for the brave service members who keep our country safe.

Park Campus and Frederick School each held a heartfelt celebration to recognize the service of current and former members of the armed forces with an assembly on Veterans Day, November 11, 2025.











LAKE COUNTY REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION HOSTS NAVIG8



On Wednesday, October 22nd, eighth-grade students from Grayslake Middle School and Park Campus traveled to attend NAVIG8 2025, a jobs and career event held at the Lake County Fairgrounds. The purpose of Navig8 is to immerse students in practical, real-world scenarios aligned with the county's workforce readiness goals. Students learn from professionals in the fields that interest them and gain insight into the practical realities of a chosen career pathway. Students were able to visit professionals in Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources, Arts & Communications, Finance & Business Services, Health Sciences & Technology, Human & Public Services, Information Technology, and Manufacturing, Engineering, Technology & Trades.















FALL FESTIVITIES ACROSS THE DISTRICT



















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: December 17 (One meeting in December)

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

GENERAL MEETING: November 5, 2025

The CCSD 46 Board of Education held a general meeting on Wednesday, November 5, 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 to recognize the Grayslake Middle School Cross Country Team for their exceptional season. Ms. Sandy Tengler, GMS Athletic Director, thanked the coaches, Andrew Friesema and Conor Stahoviak, for their dedication to 74 student athletes. Head Coach Friesema highlighted the team's season accomplishments, including first-place finishes, conference medals, sectional qualifiers, and state meet participation, as well as individual runner achievements.



Mrs. Amy Gluck, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, then presented comprehensive student assessment data, including the Illinois Assessment of Readiness results. She explained the state's right-sizing of proficiency benchmarks, which adjusted cut scores to better align with national standards. The presentation covered ELA and math proficiency by grade level and student groups, showing District 46 performing at or above state averages in most categories. The presentation is included in the Board packet.

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

Dr. Stephen Mack shared that he attended the Grayslake Middle School Fall Choral Concert.

Mrs. Kristy Miller reported that the Community Engagement Committee (CEC) will be conducting a district-wide food drive, with donations going to the Avon Township Food Pantry. She also shared information about a virtual immigration law training by *Immigration Connection Organization* for board consideration as equity training during a future Board meeting.





During the Superintendent's Report, Dr. Glickman shared that she serves on the Executive Board for the Special Education District of Lake County (SEDOL), which is currently seeking a new superintendent and will be conducting additional interviews next week. The calendar committee met to draft the 2026-2027 school calendar, which is pending alignment with Grayslake High School District 127's calendar. While the final calendar is not yet ready for release, the first day for staff is scheduled for August 17, and the first day for students, which will be a half day, is scheduled for August 19. Dr. Glickman welcomed students from Grayslake Central High School to the Board meeting.

Mrs. Amy Gluck, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, shared that eighth-grade students from Grayslake Middle School and Park Campus participated in NAVIG8, a county-wide career exploration event in Lake County, Illinois. The program provides students with hands-on, real-world experiences with local businesses and professionals, helping them explore potential career pathways and identify courses for high school.





Mr. Chris Wildman, Assistant Superintendent of Finance, reported that the district successfully completed \$17 million debt certificate financing with AA credit rating, achieving \$250,000 interest savings over the original estimate. These funds, which will be available in December, are intended to support the district's planned capital projects and facility improvements.

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 the Treasurer's Report. The motion carried.

Action Items voted on by the Board for this meeting included:

- Motion to approve the FY2026 School Maintenance Project Grant Approved 7-0
- Motion to approve the Contract Extension with Durham Transportation for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 School Years
 Approved 7-0
- Motion to approve the Revised Board Meeting Calendar for 2025-2026 Approved 7-0

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

• K-4 Security Camera Project with Forward Edge

Mr. Chris Wildman, Assistant Superintendent of Finance, shared that as part of the District's ongoing efforts to enhance safety and security, the administration recommends proceeding with the next phase of district-wide security camera upgrades. The updated systems at Grayslake Middle School, Frederick School, and Park Campus were successfully implemented in partnership with Forward Edge, the District's Managed Service Provider. The administration is satisfied with Forward Edge's performance and recommends approval of their proposal for the purchase and installation of 137 cameras across Woodview, Meadowview, Prairieview, and Avon Center Schools at a total cost of \$359,014.45. Funding for these improvements was included in the Maintaining Excellence Referendum approved by the community in March 2024. The current camera systems in these schools are technologically obsolete and inconsistent in performance. With this phase, the District will complete the modernization of security camera systems across all campuses.

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

Student Fees

Mr. Chris Wildman, Assistant Superintendent of Finance, reported that administration recommends no changes to the Registration, Technology, Student Extracurricular, Tuition-Based Preschool, and Facility Rental fees for the 2026–2027 school year. The district will continue offering the "early bird" registration discount through May 31 to encourage early enrollment and assist with planning.

New Business, (Continued):

IASB Resolutions

Dr. Mack reviewed the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) Delegate Assembly items. The constitutional amendments were recommended for acceptance. Only one resolution was presented, addressing school bus safety funding related to a Senate bill that requires lap and shoulder belts on all newly acquired buses by 2031, without state appropriation. The Board agreed to adopt all proposed amendments and the resolution.

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 7:17 pm and entered into closed session.

The next scheduled Board of Education general meeting on December 17, 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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