

CCSD 46 DISTRICT NEWS

DECEMBER 3, 2025



Winter Weather is Here!



Hello Winter!

As the cold and snow descend upon us, we want to remind families that CCSD 46 will plan to use E-Learning Days in most cases of inclement weather as long as there is ample notice for preparation.

Our E-Learning Days have incorporated more asynchronous learning, which allows students to step away from their devices periodically. Some families may choose to enjoy the winter weather conditions during asynchronous time and complete schoolwork later.

We also want to remind families that we have an earlier end to the school year this year, which will allow us to begin renovation work on four of our schools' media centers immediately after school ends. For this reason, we are avoiding using emergency days.

The 2026-2027 school year will begin the week of August 17th. 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS



- DEC 4-6 - Winter Musical *Annie Jr.* - Grayslake Middle School, 7:00 PM
- DEC 10 - Half Day Early Release (PM Pre-Kindergarten Attends)
- DEC 10 - Choir Concert - Frederick School, 6:00 PM
- DEC 12 - Early Childhood Center Preschool Screening
- DEC 15 - Winter Choral Concert - Grayslake Middle School, 6:30 PM
- DEC 16 - Winter Band Concert - Frederick School, 6:00-6:45 PM, 7:30-8:15 PM
- DEC 17 - Board of Education Meeting - Frederick School, 6:00 PM
- DEC 18 - MPAC Event - Prairieview School, 6:00 PM
- DEC 18 - Winter Band Concert - Grayslake Middle School, 6:30 PM
- DEC 21 - Winter Solstice
- DEC 22 - Winter Break Begins
- JAN 5 - School Resumes



INCLEMENT WEATHER GUIDE

Wintery weather is upon us! Be sure to read through this important information regarding weather-related safety.

Inclement Weather

CONSIDERATIONS FOR CLOSING SCHOOLS

Cold Days

- Weather forecast predicts wind chills below -30 degrees for the following school day

Snow Days

- Weather forecast predicts heavy snow/ice conditions for the following school day
- Heavy snow or icy conditions overnight
- Heavy snow or icy conditions that continue or worsen during the day

Other Considerations

- Blowing snow, winds greater than 20mph
- Heavy accumulation of snow, especially during typical travel times
- Status of streets and sidewalks
- Whether buses are unable to run due to extreme cold or unplowed streets
- Hazardous driving conditions
- Power or phone outages

IF SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED...

CCSD 46 Administration will provide cancellation information to families as soon as possible.

CCSD 46 will notify families by 5:00 AM when schools will be closed due to extreme cold or snow. There may also be times when a remote e-learning Day will be called instead of a full school closure. If schools are closed for the day, all afterschool activities in the district, including sports and evening events, will also be canceled unless otherwise communicated.

If the district has advanced notice of a possible school closure, teachers will remind students to take home Chromebooks and other materials in case schools are closed and an e-learning day is implemented. In that case, school Principals will send out the day's e-learning schedule.

If school is already in session and conditions begin or continue to worsen, the district will decide by 1:00 PM whether afterschool activities will be canceled for that afternoon.



INCLEMENT WEATHER GUIDE (Continued)



IF SCHOOLS ARE NOT CLOSED...

When school is not canceled, parents/guardians always have the right to keep their child at home if they feel that is safer for the child. Keeping a child home due to weather will be recorded as an excused absence on the student's record as long as the parent and/or guardian report the absence to school in a timely manner.

HOW IS THE DECISION TO CANCEL SCHOOL MADE?

Superintendents from area districts start communicating with each other as soon as weather reports start to look threatening. The superintendents generally try to reach a consensus on school closures, if possible. Several districts share bus services or educate students from communities across the county. Discussing the decision to close schools with each other is also helpful in considering all of the scenarios and possible outcomes.

WHEN SCHOOL CLOSINGS ARE NECESSARY

When it is necessary to close schools or the arrival/dismissal time is changed due to severe weather, the status of CCSD 46 facilities will be updated on the district website <https://d46.org> with a red school closing banner across the top of the page. This closing banner will also be on each school page as well. We will also post the information on the District's Facebook and Instagram pages, as well as update the Emergency Closing Center website (<https://www.emergencyclosingcenter.com>).

Emergency Closing Center™

 ParentSquare

School closing and e-learning day notifications will also be communicated through ParentSquare. Whether you are set to receive immediate notifications or digest emails, families will receive an emergency alert immediately by your preferred method of communication (email, phone, text). To update these preferences, please log in to your ParentSquare account and choose Notification Settings in your account.

For questions or concerns related to CCSD 46's emergency closings or inclement weather guide, please contact Dr. Lynn Glickman, Superintendent of Schools.



WINTER WEATHER CONCERNS



When weather is snowy, children in grades K-4 should remember to wear the 5 Points, which are snow pants, boots, gloves/mittens, winter coat, and hat. Children wearing the 5 Points can play in the fields and on the playground equipment for recess time. The blacktop provides a play area for children who are not dressed for the snow.



Children in grades 5-8 are reminded to also dress for the weather. Students should consider the 5 Points (snowsuits/pants, boots, coats, hats, and gloves) due to the conditions when walking to/from school or the bus stop. This should eliminate any calls home because of wet clothes.



Please be aware that frostbite can occur with exposure to extreme cold. Keep children warm with loose-fitting, layered, warm clothes. Don't forget hats and gloves for older children and adults too.



Please use caution when walking on sidewalks that are close to buses or cars. In the wintertime, icing can occur which makes for slippery conditions.

Please keep all of our children safe by making sure your sidewalks are clear and please enlist the help of neighbors without school-age children to keep their sidewalks and bus stops clear.

While snowballs are fun to make, they are not allowed to be thrown on school grounds or at the bus stop.



ERIN'S LAW

Erin's Law, House Bill 6193, was signed by Governor Pat Quinn on January 24, 2013. This law requires schools to implement an age-appropriate sexual assault and abuse awareness and prevention curriculum for grades pre-K through 12.

We are very pleased to share that Childhood Victories will be assisting our schools with the curriculum entitled Be Seen and Heard®, a prevention-oriented child sexual abuse program. This curriculum is developmentally appropriate, interactive, and aligned with the learning standards associated with the law.

The focus of the presentation is to teach students basic skills to keep them safe from dangerous or abusive situations. On Tuesday, November 11th, there was a parent presentation outlining the presentation students will receive.

The concepts that will be discussed are:

- Distinguishing safe from unsafe touches
- Safety rules at home and school
- Saying "NO"
- Safe/Unsafe Secrets
- It's not the child's fault if someone touches him or her
- Telling a trusted adult

To learn more about this curriculum, go to www.PeaceofMindVideos.com. The video of Been Seen and Heard Year 1 Peace of Mind video covers exactly the same information that was shared during the parent information night.

Childhood Victories will be presenting at our schools through online videos that CCSD 46 staff will facilitate. **At grades K-4, these presentations will be completed by the PE teacher and social worker during the weeks of January 12 and 19. At grades 5-8, these presentations will be completed during the students' 3rd rotation of health by the health teacher and social worker.**

Requests to Opt-Out: If you prefer that your child opt out of this prevention education session, please email your student's principal.

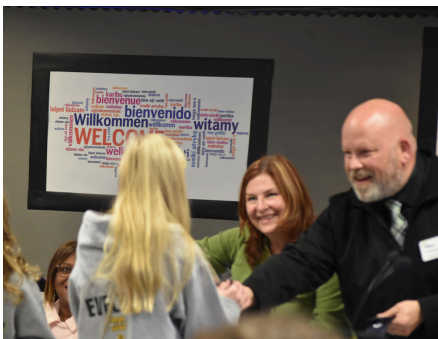


SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS DAY

As recognition of the outstanding efforts of the nearly 6,000 elected school board members throughout the state of Illinois, November 15 of each year is designated as "School Board Members Day."

School board members are volunteers serving as advocates striving for quality education opportunities for every student. The members of our board take on this responsibility for their commitment to our CCSD 46 community and its children.

We celebrated our CCSD 46 Board of Education members and welcomed the next Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Alfonso Carmona, at the November 19th general meeting. **Thank you, CCSD 46 School Board Members!** We recognize you for your commitment to outstanding public education!



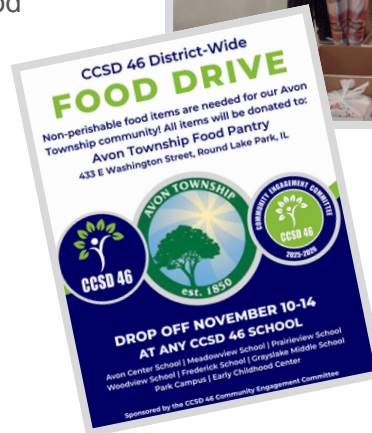
CCSD 46 DISTRICT-WIDE FOOD DRIVE RECAP

Our CCSD 46 Community is amazing!

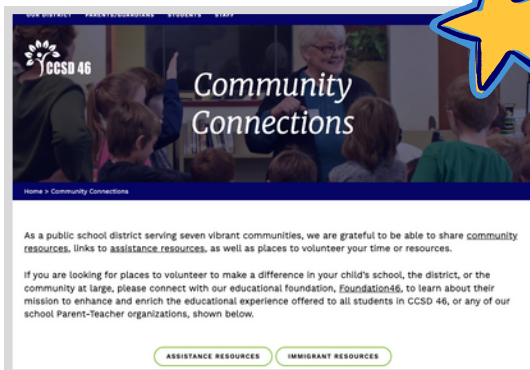
We put the call out for a district-wide food drive in early November, and you, the CCSD 46 community, stepped up! All schools collected great amounts of non-perishable food donations - so much so that additional delivery drop-offs had to be arranged to the Avon Township Food Pantry. A wonderful problem to have.

Additionally, District 127 held a food drive, collection points were set up around downtown Grayslake, and Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops also stepped up and collected food for neighbors in our Avon Township community.

Michele Bauman, Avon Township Supervisor, estimated that about 1,100 people were fed with meals packed at the Township Office.



Thank you



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/>



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: December 17 (One meeting in December)

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

TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING: November 19, 2025

The CCSD 46 Board of Education held a Truth in Taxation Hearing on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, in the Falcon Room in 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, Mr. Chris Wildman, Assistant Superintendent of Finance, shared a presentation on the 2025 Tax Levy and stated that the Board of Education will approve the Levy at the regular board meeting following the hearing. The aggregate total to be approved will be \$45,098,190. The presentation is located in the Board Packet.

The public was then presented with an opportunity to address the Board. No comments were made. Dr. Stephen Mack adjourned the Truth in Taxation Hearing at 6:05 pm.

GENERAL MEETING: November 19, 2025

The CCSD 46 Board of Education held a general meeting on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, in the Falcon Room in Frederick School.

President Stephen Mack called the meeting to order at 6:07 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.



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

Ms. Tamika Nash commented on the virtual Equity and Inclusion meeting held on November 17, where Amber Bowgren, Director of Multilingual Services, provided a robust update on the new Multilingual program set to begin next school year.

Mrs. Kristy Miller asked the Board to respond to her email regarding a virtual immigration law training offered by the Immigration Connection Organization for potential equity training at a future Board meeting. She also thanked the community for their generous donations to the recent food drive benefiting the Avon Food Pantry and expressed appreciation to the Community Engagement Committee (CEC) for organizing the event.

Dr. Stephen Mack expressed his appreciation to district staff and extended warm wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving.

During the Superintendent's Report, Dr. Lynn Glickman welcomed everyone to the Board meeting and expressed her gratitude to the community for supporting a successful food drive. She noted that it is Board Appreciation Month and thanked the Board of Education for their dedication and service, as well as for their work in selecting the new superintendent.

Mrs. Amy Gluck, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, thanked Amber Bowgren, Director of Multilingual Services, for presenting an overview of the two-way dual language program to the Equity and Inclusion Committee. The program will begin in the 2026–2027 school year, starting with kindergarten, and will use a lottery process if there are more requests than available spots.



President Mack then requested a motion for the approval of the New Superintendent Contract. The motion carried.

- Motion to approve the New Superintendent Contract
Approved 7-0

The Board of Education welcomed Dr. Alfonso Carmona as the new Superintendent of CCSD 46, following the retirement of Dr. Lynn Glickman, effective July 1, 2026.



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FINANCE COMMITTEE

Audit Results

As the Board entered into the finance committee portion of the meeting, audit results were presented by a representative from Baker Tilly US, LLP, who shared the results of the annual audit for the district's Financial Statements for the Year Ending June 30, 2025. The auditors reported that the audit concluded with no major findings. Based on their understanding of the District and the operating environment, Baker Tilly focused audit procedures on the following key areas:

- Key transaction cycles
- Areas involving significant estimates

These areas of emphasis were determined using the auditors' assessment of materiality, which was based on a combination of qualitative and quantitative factors, as well as expectations regarding the District's current-year financial results.

The auditors reported no identified instances of non-compliance with applicable laws or regulations during their review. A separate document will be issued detailing the results of audit procedures performed in accordance with the Uniform Guidance. Baker Tilly noted that no known or suspected fraud was identified during the audit. The full audit report and supporting documentation are included in the Board packet.

Updated 5-Year Projections

Mr. Chris Wildman, Assistant Superintendent of Finance, shared an updated presentation on the 5-Year Projections. The District uses Frontline to develop long-term financial projections. A Baseline Model was created using all known assumptions in revenues and expenditures. After establishing key assumptions, Mr. Wildman presented a fund balance overview which showed a small surplus due to temporary federal aid (ESSER) in FY2021-2022, a planned structural deficit and reserve drawdown ahead of the referendum, and the Standard & Poor's adjusted credit rating for the District from AA+ to AA in May of 2025. Mr. Wildman also mentioned that the successful March 2024 referendum addresses capital and safety needs, attracting and retaining quality teachers, and maintaining programming and class sizes. The District issued \$17 million in Debt Certificates, to be received in December 2025, for the Long-Range Facility Plan. The District will continue to monitor financial risks and work to rebuild the operating fund balance through 2029 to meet the 25% Fund Balance Policy.

1% Sales Tax Discussion

The Board reviews information regarding the proposed ballot language for the County School Facilities Tax (CSFT), which would provide a new and sustainable revenue source to address school facility needs. Voters would need to approve up to a 1% sales tax increase. The fun revenues would be distributed to districts based on student enrollment in Lake County. Funds could be used for new construction, additions, renovation, and repair of existing facilities, safety and security improvements, energy efficiency projects, or other capital improvements. Funds may not be used for salaries or operating costs. It is proposed that the ballot language be placed on the November 2026 ballot, with revenue collection and distribution beginning in January of 2027. The Board agreed to create a resolution supporting the placement of the County School Facilities Sales Tax on the November 2026 ballot.



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

- Motion to approve the 2025 Tax Levy in the amount of \$45,098,190
Approved 7-0
- Motion to approve the 2025 District Audit
Approved 7-0
- Motion to approve the K-4 Security Camera Project with Forward Edge
Approved 7-0

President Mack then requested a motion for the approval of the Consent Agenda, which includes Minutes from previous meetings, the Personnel Report, FOIA Report, Exception Report, Accounts Payable Report, and the Treasurer's Report. The motion carried.

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. The Board adjourned the general meeting at 7:44 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 d46.org/board-of-education for more information.



CCSD 46 BOARD OF EDUCATION



SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS DAY
November 15, 2025

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