

CCSD 46 DISTRICT NEWS

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Early Childhood Center Recognized



CCSD 46 EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER AWARDED GOLD CIRCLE RECOGNITION

The Illinois State Board of Education has awarded the CCSD 46 Early Childhood Center the Gold Circle of Quality recognition. The Gold Circle of Quality recognizes programs that have demonstrated quality on all fifteen standards, as validated by a state-approved assessor. Gold Circle programs meet or exceed specific benchmarks on learning environment, instructional quality, and all program administrative standards.

We congratulate our EEC staff – teachers, paraprofessionals, support staff, and administrators – on their uncompromising commitment to excellence for our young students' very first school experience in CCSD 46!



UPCOMING EVENTS



JANUARY

- 13 Picture Day - Early Childhood Center
- 13 Korean American Day
- 14 Half Day Early Dismissal (AM Pre-Kindergarten Attends)
- 14 Board of Education Meeting - **CANCELED**
- 16 Athletic Photos Grayslake Middle School 3:30-5:00 pm
- 18 National Thesaurus Day
- 19 Holiday: MLK Day - Schools Closed
- 19 National Popcorn Day
- 20 Online Registration Opens
- 23 Early Childhood Center Preschool Screening
- 24 National Compliment Day
- 27 International Holocaust Day of Remembrance
- 28 Board of Education Meeting - Frederick School 6:00 pm



2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR REGISTRATION

Mark your calendar! Online Registration for the 2025-2026 school year will begin on January 20, 2026. We will again offer a \$25 Early Bird discount for families that complete the online application and submit payment before the end of this school year.



Please remember that for registration to be complete for the upcoming school year, the Online Registration application must be submitted with necessary supporting documents, and payment or a payment plan must be received. 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 Sue Hobson at (847) 543-6204.

TWO-WAY DUAL LANGUAGE PROGRAM



On December 18, 2025, the Multilingual Parent Advisory Committee (MPAC) hosted an informational session on our two-way dual language programming that is scheduled to begin at Prairieview and Avon Center School in kindergarten classrooms. CCSD 46 has scheduled several additional informational sessions to highlight program design, instructional practice, the student selection process, and program commitment details. All families of incoming kindergarten students who are interested in the two-way dual language program must attend at least one informational session.

Upcoming Informational Sessions:

February 17, 2026 - 6:00 pm, [Virtual Session](#)

February 24, 2026 - 6:00 pm, Avon Center School

March 3, 2026 - 6:00 pm, Prairieview School

March 10, 2026 - 6:00 pm, Park Campus



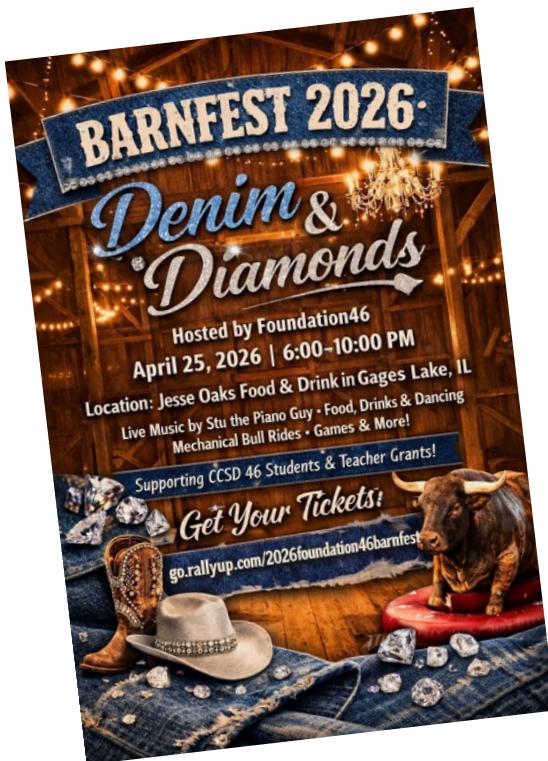
AI FAMILY SURVEY



CCSD 46 is exploring how Generative AI or Artificial Intelligence tools (such as ChatGPT, Google Gemini, etc.) may be used in our schools, and we'd love to hear from you! Families are invited to share their thoughts through this [**brief survey**](#).

Your feedback will help guide how we develop clear expectations and guidance for students and staff around the safe and responsible use of Generative AI. Thank you for being a partner in shaping the future of learning in our district.

FOUNDATION 46 ANNOUNCES BARNFEST 2026



Save the date!

Foundation 46 is proud to announce that the upcoming Barnfest 2026 'Denim & Diamonds' Celebration Fundraiser is set for April 25, 2026, from 6:00-10:00 pm at Jesse Oaks Food & Drink in Gages Lake, IL.

This **adults-only** event will feature live music, food, drinks, dancing, a mechanical bull, games, and more! Tickets include admission to the event and a buffet dinner. All 21+ aged family members and friends are welcome to attend!

Foundation 46 supports CCSD 46 students and provides grants to teachers for outstanding projects to benefit our school community.

Tickets are on sale now!

<https://go.rallyup.com/2026foundation46barnfest>



MLK DAY OF SERVICE: January 19, 2026

School is closed on Monday, January 19, 2026, for MLK Day. This day honors the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and is often referred to as MLK Day of Service.

Looking for something to do as a family that day? Here is a list of family activities that align with the spirit of service and community engagement.

- **Support a Local Charity:**
 - Contact a local charity or nonprofit organization and inquire about their needs. Whether it's sorting donations, packaging goods, or assisting with administrative tasks, your family can make a positive impact.
- **Create Care Packages:**
 - Assemble care packages for the less fortunate. Include non-perishable food items, hygiene products, and warm clothing. Distribute them to local shelters or individuals in need.
- **Visit Seniors:**
 - Spend time with elderly residents at a nursing home or assisted living facility. Play games, share stories, or simply offer companionship.
- **Clean-up Project:**
 - Organize a neighborhood clean-up. Pick up litter in a local park or along the streets. Bring garbage bags, gloves, and recycling bins to make the activity environmentally friendly.
- **Create Inspirational Art:**
 - Get creative as a family and make inspirational posters or art pieces with positive messages. Share them with local community centers, schools, or libraries.
- **Bake and Share:**
 - Bake cookies or other treats and deliver them to local police or fire stations as a way of expressing gratitude for their service to the community.
- **Host a Clothing Drive:**
 - Collect gently used clothing from friends, family, and neighbors. Donate the items to a local shelter or organization that supports those in need.
- **Write Letters of Appreciation:**
 - Write letters of appreciation and support to members of the military, veterans, or first responders. Organizations like Operation Gratitude can help distribute these letters to those serving our country.
- **Organize a Community Conversation:**
 - Host a community discussion on topics related to equality, justice, and community engagement. This can be a virtual event where people share their thoughts and ideas.

Remember to check with local organizations in advance to coordinate your family's involvement and ensure that your efforts align with their needs. Additionally, involve your children in the planning process to help them understand the importance of giving back to the community.

More ideas can be found on the Youth Service America website:
<https://ysa.org/campaigns/mlkday/>



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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: January 14 (Canceled), January 28, February 11, February 25

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

GENERAL MEETING: December 17, 2025

The CCSD 46 Board of Education held a general meeting on Wednesday, December 17, 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, 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 recognition of the Park Campus Girls Volleyball team and the Park Campus Cross Country team, who were recognized for their hard work, sportsmanship, and successful seasons.



Mrs. Jennifer Voss, Dean of Students at Park Campus and advisor to the Leader of the Pack, introduced seventh- and eighth-grade students who support school activities, build a sense of community, and help foster a positive learning environment. These students are committed to making Park Campus a welcoming and supportive place for all. The students took turns sharing accomplishments from the past year, including the Veterans Day Assembly, during which they honored 32 veterans. They also shared upcoming plans and activities, including their No Place for Hate campaign. Through the Leader of the Pack program, students develop leadership skills and serve as positive contributors to the Park Campus community, reinforcing the values of respect, responsibility, and safety in all they do.



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

Dr. Stephen Mack reported that the SEDOL Governing Board selected Dr. Jennifer Thomas as the new SEDOL Superintendent, effective July 1, 2026.

Student Representative Ella Nelson reported on the work of kindergarten through fourth-grade students at Park Campus, and shared that all students in those grades signed the No Place for Hate Pledge.

Student Representative Emma Fuko shared an overview of activities for students in grades 5-8 at Park Campus, and reported that the eighth-grade students had the opportunity to attend the Career Navig8 Fair at the Lake County Fairgrounds.

During the Superintendent's Report, Dr. Lynn Glickman, Superintendent, shared that many band and choir concerts are taking place during the holiday season. She expressed her gratitude to the Operations and Maintenance Department for keeping parking lots and sidewalks clean and safe and ensuring that buildings remain warm. Dr. Glickman reminded the Board that e-learning days will be used before emergency days that would require students to make up time at the end of the school year, due to construction projects set to begin in June. She also shared that Durham Bus Company has implemented new protocols to help prevent cold-weather bus issues, such as those experienced earlier in the week.



Dr. Heather Lorenzo, Director of Student Services, shared that the Illinois State Board of Education conducted a compliance audit of the Early Childhood program at the end of the last school year. The program received the Gold Circle of Quality designation, which recognizes programs that demonstrate excellence across all standards. Gold Circle of Quality programs meet or exceed benchmarks in learning environment, instructional quality, administrative standards, group size and ratios, staff qualifications, and professional development.



Mrs. Amy Gluck, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, reported that students completed the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) testing at the beginning of December. She shared that the results indicated increased levels of student growth, with math scores outperforming previous years.

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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.

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

- Motion to approve the Termination of Employment for Roccio Cleveland as a Probationary Employee of the School District, Effective Immediately.

Approved 4-0

- Motion to approve the Student Fees for FY 2026-2027.

Approved 4-0

- Motion to approve the Bid Awards for the Media Center Construction Projects at Frederick, Meadowview, Prairiewood, and Park Campus.

Approved 4-0

- Motion to approve the Certified and PSRP Staff Seniority Lists for 2025-2026.

Approved 4-0

- Motion to approve the Purchase of Furniture for Media Centers.

Approved 4-0

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:

- **Discussion of Intercom Project with Forward Edge**

The district's current intercom systems were purchased and installed over several decades. Although many have been updated or received significant investment over time, they have collectively reached technological obsolescence. Multiple vendors have noted increasing difficulty in supporting the aging equipment, including challenges in sourcing parts for systems that are no longer manufactured. These findings were confirmed in a recent assessment conducted by the district's architects, Wold Architects and Engineers.

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In response, the district is evaluating the replacement of intercom systems across all CCSD 46 schools. This review aligns with ongoing efforts to ensure effective, reliable communication systems that support both safety and daily operations. Using the Wold assessment, the district partnered with ForwardEdge to identify a district-wide intercom solution that provides consistency across all buildings and is easier to manage and maintain. The recommended system is compatible with the district's existing technology infrastructure, including classroom communication tools and emergency alert systems, and allows for future expansion. The total project cost is \$1,688,551.78, which includes equipment, installation, project management, and additional cabling needed to support the new infrastructure.

- **Discussion of Strategic Planning**

During the 2020–2021 school year, the Board of Education contracted with Educational Leadership Solutions to facilitate a strategic planning process. In spring 2025, the Board of Education and administration identified spring 2026 as an appropriate time to revisit strategic planning. Following discussions between incoming Superintendent Dr. Alfonso Carmona and Dr. Glickman, it was agreed that launching the next strategic planning cycle in fall 2026 would be most effective. This timeline allows Dr. Carmona to transition into his role, become familiar with the district, and fully engage in the planning process.

Acknowledging that several goals from the current Strategic Plan had already been met, the administrative team developed the following goals for the 2025–2026 school year:

- Continue to place strong emphasis on communication with the community and build a sense of belonging, enhancing the social-emotional well-being of students and staff with a focus on celebration.
- Manage and communicate ongoing change through professional development and monthly updates related to standards-based reporting (K–4), instructional block implementation (5–8), new math resources, and preparation for multilingual and dual language implementation.
- Ensure that teachers provide high-quality instruction aligned to grade-level standards and high-leverage practices to increase student achievement from Fall 2025 to May 2026, as measured by NWEA MAP Assessments in Reading and Math.

These goals, along with those from the existing Strategic Plan, have guided much of the district's work during the 2025–2026 school year. In spring 2026, the administrative team will refine, expand, or revise these goals to align with the current Strategic Plan and provide clear direction for the 2026–2027 school year, ensuring continuity until a new Strategic Plan is adopted.

To support a fall 2026 launch of the strategic planning process, facilitator proposals will be brought to the Board for consideration at an upcoming meeting. Dr. Carmona looks forward to participating in these discussions.



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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. A comment was made regarding student behavior on buses and whether the district has a plan in place to address these concerns. The Board adjourned the general meeting at 6:47 pm and entered into closed session.

The next scheduled Board of Education general meeting on January 28, 2026, 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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BARNFEST 2026

Denim & Diamonds

Hosted by Foundation46

April 25, 2026 | 6:00-10:00 PM

Location: Jesse Oaks Food & Drink in Gages Lake, IL

Live Music by Stu the Piano Guy • Food, Drinks & Dancing
Mechanical Bull Rides • Games & More!

Supporting CCSD 46 Students & Teacher Grants!

Get Your Tickets:

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