CCSD 46

DISTRICT NEWS

MARCH 11, 2026

CCSD 46 Welcomes New Assistant Superintendent of Finance

CCSD 46 is pleased to announce that at the February 25th Board of Education Meeting, **Scott Wold** was approved as the new Assistant Superintendent of Finance. Mr. Wold will join the district in July 2026.

Mr. Wold has served as the Chief School Business Official at Maywood, Melrose Park, and Broadview School District 89 for the past two years. Prior to his role as the CSBO, he served as the Principal at Jane Addams Elementary School in District 89.

Mr. Wold's experience, along with his commitment to financial stewardship, helped him stand out as the next Assistant Superintendent of Finance.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH

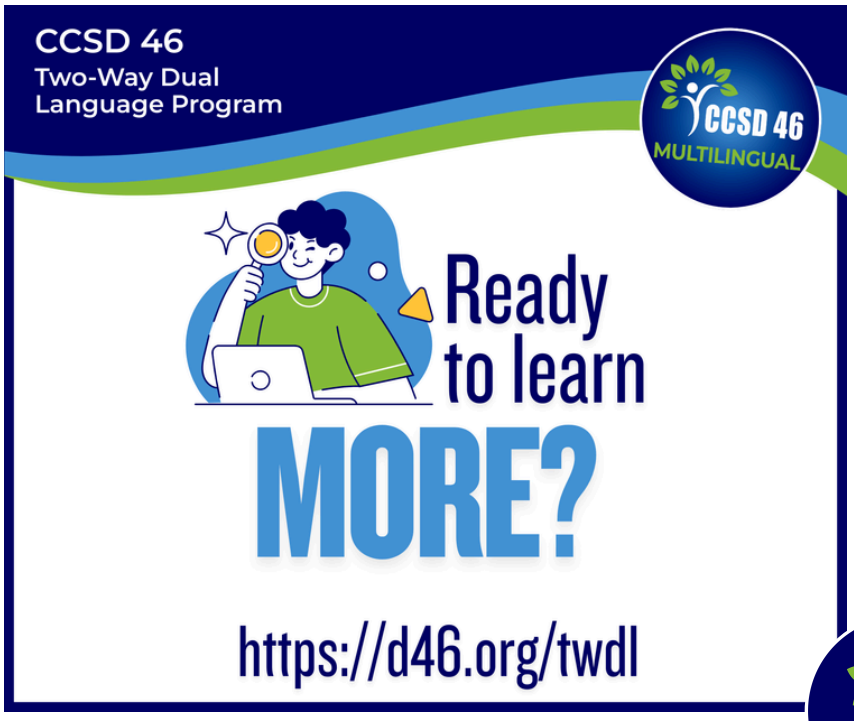
12 MPAC Event: Glow Dance Party! Prairieview School 6:00 pm
12 Community Art Fair @ Grayslake Area Public Library, Reception: MV 6-7:00 pm
13 5Essentials Parent Survey Closes
18 Board of Education Meeting - Frederick School 6:00 pm
18 Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:00-6:00 pm
19 Half Day Early Dismissal (PM Kindergarten Attends)/Parent Conferences
20 Spring Equinox
20 No School - Schools closed
23-27 Spring Break
30 School Resumes
31 School Night Out Fundraiser: Culver's to benefit Prairieview School
31 Two-Way Dual Language Virtual Information Session

TWO-WAY DUAL LANGUAGE PROGRAM BEGINS FOR 26-27 KINDERGARTEN

TWO WAY DUAL LANGUAGE

Beginning in the 2026-2027 school year, CCSD 46 is offering a Two-Way Dual Language program for incoming kindergarten students. The program, to be held at Prairieview and Avon Center School, is open to any CCSD 46 incoming kindergarten student. All families interested in the program should have already attended an informational session or plan to attend the final upcoming virtual session, which highlights the program design, instructional practices, student selection process, and program commitment details. Families should also check the box “Interest in two-way dual language” during the Online Registration process. By checking the box, you will receive information regarding the student selection process for two-way dual language.

New! Additional Virtual Informational Sessions:
March 31, 2026 - 6:00 pm, English Virtual Session
7:00 pm, Spanish Virtual Session



REGISTRATION FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR IS NOW OPEN!

Online Registration for the 2026-2027 school year is now open! CCSD 46 offers a $25 Early Bird discount for families that complete the online application and submit payment **before May 22nd,** the last day of school.

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 the Early Childhood Center at (847) 543-6204.

Returning Family Registration

If a child in your family has currently or previously been enrolled in CCSD 46, you can access registration through your Infinite Campus parent portal. If you do not have an account or have forgotten your password, please contact your child's school.

Online registration is completed as a family. If you are enrolling new students from your family or your student is moving buildings, they are still considered continuing students, and all students in the family are completed through the same application.

New Family Registration

If you have never had a student enrolled in a CCSD 46 school, you will complete a New Family Registration form.

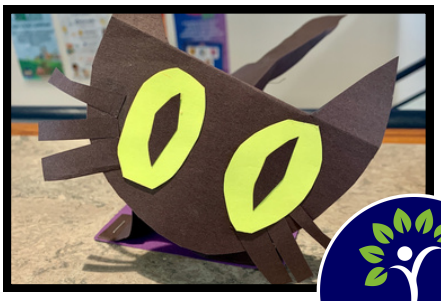
More information about registration can be found on the district website's Registration and Frequently Asked Questions pages.

COMMUNITY ART FAIR @ THE GRAYSLAKE LIBRARY

Grayslake Area Public Library - March 1-31, 2025
CCSD 46 is always excited about the opportunity to showcase our students' talents during the Community Art Fair at the Grayslake Area Public Library. The Fair runs throughout the month of March and features not only the artwork of CCSD 46 students, but also our neighboring schools: Westlake Christian Academy, Grayslake Central and North High Schools, the College of Lake County, and members of the Grayslake Arts Alliance.

CCSD 46 schools have special Reception Nights scheduled to view the show, but families are welcome and encouraged to view it throughout the month.

- Prairieview, Frederick, and Grayslake Middle School - March 5, 6:00-7:00 pm
- Avon Center School & Woodview School - March 9, 6:00-7:00 pm
- Park Campus - March 10, 6:00-7:00 pm
- Meadowview School - March 12, 6:00-7:00 pm



CCSD 46 COMMUNITY ST. BALDRICK'S FUNDRAISER

March 11, 2026, is the 11th Annual
St. Baldrick's Event at Grayslake Middle School

Grayslake Middle School has once again hosted its annual St. Baldrick's Foundation fundraiser to help fight and cure childhood cancers. For the 11th year, this event featured a hair cut/shave assembly event for students during the day, and was open to the public until 4pm. Participants shaved their heads or cut off at least 8 inches of hair, which will be donated to Children With Hair Loss, a non-profit organization that covers young heads to heal young hearts. During the assembly, an emphasis was placed on how students can contribute their skills, talents, and personal passions to make the world a better place.

Other activities included an enormous raffle with hundreds of donated items, gift cards, local restaurant and business offers, sporting event tickets, and more. Tickets were available for purchase, and the raffle was open to the community in the afternoon after student dismissal. A food drive and supply collection for the Avon Township Community Food Pantry was also held.

This year, 33 students and staff members participated in the cut/shave event and were cheered on by their friends and school community. Today's event is estimated to have raised $10,000, bringing the total to $160,000 raised by the GMS/CCSD 46 community over the past 11 years. Congratulations to all participants on a job well done, and special thanks to DJ Chase McGahan, a seventh-grade student at GMS, the stylists at SportClips of Lakemoor, and GMS teacher Amy Corey for her never-ending enthusiasm and organizational skills in bringing this event to GMS and the CCSD 46 community for the past 11 years.

5ESSENTIALS SURVEY

Since February 3, 2026, students in grades 4-8 and teachers across Illinois have had an opportunity to participate in the eleventh annual statewide Illinois 5Essentials Survey. This survey is designed to generate a detailed picture of the inner workings of your child's school. As a parent/guardian, this opportunity will allow you to share your thoughts on the important elements of school effectiveness in a survey about your child's school.

On behalf of the Illinois State Board of Education, the 5Essentials Survey is administered online by UChicago Impact at the University of Chicago. The survey gathers data related to five indicators that can predict important student outcomes, including improved attendance and larger test score gains. These five indicators that affect and predict school success are:

- Effective Leaders
- Collaborative Teachers
- Involved Families
- Supportive Environments
- Ambitious Instruction

Prior research in more than 400 schools has shown that schools that were strong on at least three of these "5Essential" indicators were 10 times more likely to improve student learning gains in math and reading than those that were weak on three or more Essentials.

If at least 20 percent of parents complete this survey for a school, a parent supplement will be generated. The parent data will be used by the district as a measure of continuous improvement. Your participation in the parent portion of the survey will help us understand the conditions at your child's school and guide improvement. Your identity and survey responses will be kept completely confidential and will never be connected to you or your child. For parents, the Illinois 5Essentials Survey will be available through March 13, 2026. To take the survey please visit https://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/ and select the appropriate survey to begin.

Your participation in the parent portion of the survey will help us understand the conditions at your child's school and guide improvement. Your identity and survey responses will be kept completely confidential and will never be connected to you or your child.

For students in Grades 4-8, the Illinois 5Essentials Survey will be administered during school. This survey should take approximately 25 minutes to complete. Please see the additional information regarding the Student Survey for more details.

For more information about the Illinois 5Essentials Survey, or to view previous years' Reports, please visit https://www.5-essentials.org/illinois. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact UChicago Impact Survey Support at 1-866-440-1874 or impact-surveys@uchicago.edu.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Please note that our upcoming parent-teacher conferences are optional and not mandatory for all families. These meetings are intended to be targeted check-ins to support student success. A conference may be requested by either a parent or a teacher if it is determined that a conversation would significantly benefit the student's academic or social-emotional progress. If you do not feel a meeting is necessary at this time, no action is required.

PARENTSQUARE NOTICE

ParentSquare text messages are now sent from dedicated 10-digit phone numbers. This change will help you better organize and recognize conversations—for example, a direct message from your child's teacher will arrive from a different number than a post sent by the school office.

Here's what's changing:

- Direct messages, classroom posts, and school-wide posts will move to 10-digit phone numbers
- District posts and alerts will continue to be sent from the existing 5-digit short code

This update aligns with industry-wide requirements from mobile carriers and helps ensure reliable delivery while reducing the risk of messages being flagged as spam.

ParentSquare

FOUNDATION 46 ANNOUNCES BARNFEST 2026

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

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: March 18 (one meeting in March), April 8, April 22
All meetings are held at Frederick School, 595 Frederick Road, Grayslake.

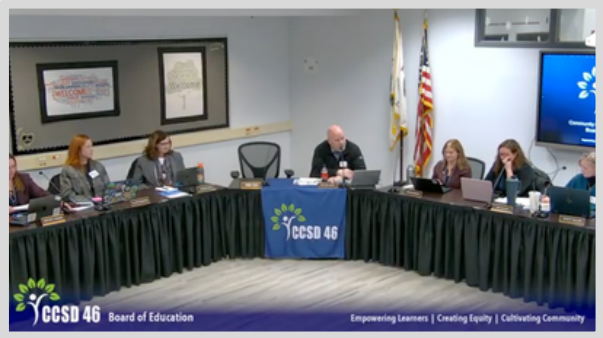
GENERAL MEETING: February 25, 2026

The CCSD 46 Board of Education held a general meeting on Wednesday, February 25, 2026, in the Falcon Room in Frederick School.

President Stephen Mack called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. He then requested a motion to enter into closed session in accordance with the Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). At 6:00 pm, President Mack called the general meeting to order. 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. A comment was made on behalf of the Grayslake Federation of Teachers and the PSRP Unions.

The meeting began with a presentation by OrganicLife Foodservice, LLC regarding the District's student nutrition program. The Board awarded a contract for OrganicLife to serve as the District's Food Service Management company at the March 20, 2024, Regular Board of Education meeting. Student nutrition services operate under the guidelines of the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), administered by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). The Board approved a renewal for the 2025–2026 school year at the Regular Board meeting on May 14, 2025. OrganicLife provided an update on average daily meal participation and shared results from the 2025–2026 food service survey, which reflected positive student feedback regarding menu offerings and overall meal quality. Program enhancements were also highlighted, including continued composting efforts at all schools. The Board will consider renewal of the food service contract at a future Board of Education meeting.

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



Dr. Stephen Mack warmly welcomed the students from Grayslake Central High School to the Board meeting and thanked them for attending.

During the Superintendent's Report, Dr. Lynn Glickman, Superintendent, shared that the media center design renovation posters were on display in the Frederick Media Center.

Dr. Heather Lorenzo announced that the Route 83 Showdown will feature staff from Frederick School and Grayslake Middle School competing in a basketball game against members of the Grayslake Police and Fire Departments. The event will take place on Friday, February 27, at 7:00 p.m. at Grayslake North High School. Admission is $5.00.

Ms. Amber Bowgren shared information about the new 2-Way Dual Language program launching in Fall 2026 for incoming kindergartners. She noted that family information meetings have begun and that the district is collecting the names of families who have expressed interest. A dedicated page on the district website provides additional information about the program. Depending on the level of interest, a lottery may be held on April 15 to determine program participants.

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

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

- Motion to approve the Scale Server Environment Purchase
  Approved 5-0

- Motion to approve the Purchase of Student Chromebooks, ChromeCare Warranty, and Cases
  Approved 5-0

- Motion to approve Board Policies 2:150 Committees, and 8:10 Connection with the Community
  Approved 5-0

- Motion to approve Scott Wold as the Assistant Superintendent of Finance
  Approved 5-0

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:

- **Contract Renewal with GSF Night Time Custodial Service for the 2026-27 School Year**

The Board of Education approved a nighttime custodial services contract with GSF for an initial term beginning October 1, 2021, through June 30, 2024, with the option for up to five (5) years total through annual renewals at the Board's discretion. Per the Request for Bid specifications, annual cost increases are limited to the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The proposed renewal contract amount is $1,093,776.53. The administration is satisfied with the company's performance and recommends approval of the renewal.

- **Discussion of Wold Architect Fee Proposals for 2027 Media Center Renovations**

In alignment with the District's Educational Adequacy Study, a Media Center Core Planning Group led by Wold Architects and Engineers was formed to plan for the modernization of media center spaces. Funding from the March 2024 limiting rate and proceeds from the Series 2025 General Obligation Debt Certificates (net deposit of $17,006,640.05) are being allocated through the Long Range Facility Plan to support this work. The next phase of the project includes renovations to the media centers at Avon Center School, Woodview School, and Grayslake Middle School, continuing efforts to create consistency across buildings. The Board will consider a supplemental agreement with Wold under the Master Contract for 2027 renovations, including a Professional Design Fee of $170,685 and a Furniture Design Fee of $18,000. Administration recommends approval. Upon authorization, the Design Phase will begin immediately.

- **Grayslake Middle School Lighting Retrofit Project**

Community Consolidated School District 46 has identified lighting upgrades at Grayslake Middle School as part of its ongoing commitment to operational efficiency and environmental responsibility. The project includes replacing existing classroom, office, and hallway fixtures with 1,334 high-efficiency LED units (Philips Evo Kits and Green Creative LED Innofit Plus). The total project cost is $188,073.44. A ComEd rebate of $133,461.44 (71% of the total cost) reduces the District's net investment to $54,612.00. The project is projected to reduce annual energy consumption from 237,220.80 KW to 91,862.40 KW, generating estimated annual energy savings of $18,896.59 and maintenance savings of $20,010.00, for a total annual savings of $38,906.59. The project is expected to pay for itself in approximately 1.4 years (17 months). Funding for the net investment will come from the Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Budget. Administration views this as a strategic reallocation of O&M funds, as the projected savings will provide ongoing budget relief in future fiscal years.

- **Strategic Planning Discussion**

The Board of Education, administration, and community will engage in a comprehensive Strategic Planning process during the 2026–2027 school year. The Board and the incoming CCSD 46 Superintendent, Dr. Alfonso Carmona, agree that securing an experienced external facilitator is in the best interest of the district to guide this important work. Dr. Lynn Glickman is currently gathering proposals from seven prospective facilitators. The Board and administrative team will review the written proposals to identify three to four candidates to present their approach and process at the April 8, 2026, Board of Education Meeting. Following those presentations, the Board will make a final selection. Dr. Glickman asked the Board and administration two key questions to guide the selection of a Strategic Planning facilitator:

What is important in the final product? We need a Strategic Plan that is…

- Comprehensive
- Robust
- Allows for flexibility
- Visionary
- Driven by real time need
- Broad
- Bendable
- Actionable
- Reflective
- Review and revision cycles
- Adaptable
- Inclusive of already agreed upon goals and targets
- Advocates
- Sets the direction on where we're going
- Broadly accepted
- Harmoniously achieved

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The next question Dr. Glickman posed was, *What is important in the process? The process should include…*

- Honest stakeholder conversations
- A collaborative, vision-driven approach with all stakeholders engaged together in the same room
- Behavioral pattern indicators, beyond just interviews and focus groups
- End product that tells the district's story
- A lens focused on community values, mission alignment, and prioritization of student learning
- Multilingual availability

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 public comments were made. The Board adjourned the general meeting at 6:45 pm and entered into closed session.

The next scheduled Board of Education general meeting on March 18, 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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