

CCSD 46

DISTRICT NEWS

APRIL 29, 2026



Congratulations

CCSD 46 Retirement Celebration



This year, we are celebrating a record number of educators, assistants, and administrators who are retiring from CCSD 46. **Twenty-five of our friends and colleagues with a combined 530 years of experience** at CCSD 46 schools will be saying goodbye at the end of the school year. We are honoring our retirees at our Retirement Celebration on April 30, where we will thank them for their many years of service and dedication to the children in our community.

Jill Batson Sixth Grade Teacher (FS)
Elisa Bundy Health Coordinator (District)
Hope Chapman Program Assistant (FS)
Maurice Crews Custodian (GMS)
Kathleen Davis Music Teacher (FS)
Cathy Dieken Program Assistant (WV)
Michelle Fiolka Behavior Specialist (District)
Arbella Franzen Program Assistant (FS)
Gerry Friske Fourth Grade Teacher (WV)
Caren Geske Resource Teacher (FS)
James Geske PE Teacher (FS)
Nancy Gildenberg Program Assistant (FS)

Lynn Glickman Superintendent
Linda Griffin Program Assistant (FS)
Julie Hanebuth Third Grade Teacher (MV)
Cathy Hannigan Kindergarten Teacher (MV)
Kirsten Innes Information Specialist (PV)
Joan Leon Fifth Grade Teacher (FS)
Edward Loechelt Head Custodian (GMS)
Lisa Morello Fifth Grade Teacher (PC)
Dina Pierce Media Assistant (MV)
Lisa Pucher Program Assistant (FS)
Sandra Tengler Program Assistant (GMS)
Allison Wahlberg Second Grade Teacher (AV)

Congratulations

2026



CELEBRATING OUR RETIREES

FELICIDADES EN SU JUBILACION



JILL BATSON

SIXTH GRADE TEACHER
FREDERICK SCHOOL



ELISA BUNDY

HEALTH COORDINATOR
PRAIRIEVIEW SCHOOL



HOPE CHAPMAN

PROGRAM ASSISTANT
FREDERICK SCHOOL



MAURICE CREWS

CUSTODIAN
GRAYSLAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL



KATHLEEN DAVIS

MUSIC TEACHER
FREDERICK SCHOOL



CATHY DIEKEN

PROGRAM ASSISTANT
WOODVIEW SCHOOL



MICHELLE FIOLKA

BEHAVIOR SPECIALIST
CCSD 46



ARBELLA FRANZEN

PROGRAM ASSISTANT
FREDERICK SCHOOL



GERRY FRISKE

FOURTH GRADE TEACHER
WOODVIEW SCHOOL



CAREN GESKE

RESOURCE TEACHER
FREDERICK SCHOOL



JAMES GESKE

PE TEACHER
FREDERICK SCHOOL



NANCY GILDENBERG

PROGRAM ASSISTANT
FREDERICK SCHOOL



DR. LYNN GLICKMAN

SUPERINTENDENT
CCSD 46



LINDA GRIFFIN

PROGRAM ASSISTANT
FREDERICK SCHOOL



JULIE HANEBUTH

THIRD GRADE TEACHER
MEADOWVIEW SCHOOL



CATHY HANNIGAN

KINDERGARTEN TEACHER
MEADOWVIEW SCHOOL



KIRSTEN INNES

INFORMATION SPECIALIST
PRAIRIEVIEW SCHOOL



JOAN LEON

FIFTH GRADE TEACHER
FREDERICK SCHOOL



ED LOECHELT

HEAD CUSTODIAN
GRAYSLAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL



LISA MORELLO

FIFTH GRADE TEACHER
PARK CAMPUS



DINA PIERCE

MEDIA ASSISTANT
MEADOWVIEW SCHOOL



LISA PUCHER

PROGRAM ASSISTANT
FREDERICK SCHOOL



MIKE RYAN

EIGHTH GRADE TEACHER
PARK CAMPUS



SANDY TENGLER

PROGRAM ASSISTANT
GRAYSLAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL



ALLISON WAHLBERG

SECOND GRADE TEACHER
AVON CENTER SCHOOL

UPCOMING EVENTS



MAY

04-08 CCSD 46 Staff Appreciation Week

- 05 "Fredvinia" Outdoor Band Concert - Frederick School 6:00 p.m.
- 06 Incoming 5th Grade Parent Meetings - Frederick School 9:30 a.m. or 6:30 p.m.
- 06 Regional Office of Education Educator of the Year Celebration
- 07 Art Fair Night - Park Campus 6:00 p.m.
- 08 Early Childhood Center Preschool Screening
- 08 Eighth Grade Dance - Park Campus 7:00 p.m.
- 11 Band/Choir Concert 7th/8th - Park Campus 7:30 p.m.
- 13 Half Day Early Release (p.m. Pre-Kindergarten Attends)
- 13 Board of Education Meeting - Frederick School 6:00 p.m.
- 14 Band/Choir Concert 5th - Park Campus 6:00 p.m.
- 14 Band/Choir Concert 6th - Park Campus 7:00 p.m.
- 15 Eighth Grade Dance - Grayslake Middle School 7:00 p.m.
- 18 Choral Concert - Grayslake Middle School 6:30 p.m.
- 19 Band Concert - Grayslake Middle School 6:30 p.m.
- 20 Park Campus 8th Grade Graduation - College of Lake County 5:30 p.m.
- 20 GMS 8th Grade Graduation - College of Lake County 7:30 p.m.
- 22 Last Day of School - Half-Day Early Dismissal

JUNE

- 10 Board of Education Meeting - Frederick School 6:00 p.m.



EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR NOMINEES



The Lake County Regional Office of Education (ROE) is hosting the Fifth Annual Educator of the Year Ceremony on May 6, 2026, at the Lake County Fairgrounds. School districts across the county were invited to submit one nomination per category for the awards. All honorees are invited to attend the event. This year, CCSD 46 has nominated the following outstanding educators and support staff:

- **Allison Wahlberg** (AV) - Classroom Elementary/Early Childhood Teacher
- **Pei-Ming Pump** (PC) - Classroom Middle School Teacher
- **Krista Nelson** (PC) - Student Support Personnel
- **Mary Namey** (WV) - Early Career Educator
- **Kristi James** (PC) - Educational Service Personnel
- **Samantha Sell** (GMS) - Classroom Diverse Learner Teacher

Good luck to all of our CCSD 46 nominees!

More information on this event can be found on the ROE website.



MEDIA CENTER REDESIGN: Avon, Woodview, GMS

On April 16th, the district hosted The Way of the Panther student leadership group at Grayslake Middle School, as well as designers and architects from Wold Architects & Engineers, for a student user group meeting.

The meeting was designed to allow eighth-graders the opportunity to share their feedback and ideas on the media center redesigns for Avon Center School, Woodview School, and Grayslake Middle School. The students brainstormed themes and shared some very thoughtful layout ideas.



END OF THE YEAR CHROMEBOOK COLLECTION

At the end of the school year, all student Chromebooks will be collected so that they can be cleaned and repaired. The technology team will have all devices ready for students on the first day of school in August.

We will not be collecting Chromebook chargers from each student. Parents and students should find a safe storage space for their chargers so they can be easily accessible for the start of school.

Students who are attending one of our summer school options will have a device issued to them for the duration of the program. Any families that feel they need a Chromebook over the summer may sign one out from our technology department between May 26-29 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. The CCSD 46 Technology office is located within Grayslake Middle School at 440 N Barron Blvd. Please bring your student(s) with you since they will also need to sign the Chromebook Sign Out Form. Please note that current 8th-grade students and anyone else leaving the district are not eligible for a summer Chromebook.



IMPORTANT REMINDER!

Friday, May 22nd is the last day of school for the 2025-26 school year!

The last day is a half-day early dismissal. Please visit your school's website for dismissal times.

REGISTRATION FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

SCHOOL REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Register now for 2026-2027 School Year!
Inscríbese ahora para el año escolar 2026-2027

Early Bird Deadline 
May 22

Fecha límite para la inscripción anticipada
22 de mayo



d46.org/registration
d46.org/registration-espanol



School Registration is going on now!

Our goal is to place students in the best possible setting for them to learn by building classes that are balanced in terms of learning needs and styles, gender, emotional and social development, academic achievement, and behavior. Therefore, it is important for us to have our new and returning students register for the 2026-2027 school year as early as possible.

Time is running out to take advantage of our \$25 “**Early Bird Discount**” for families that complete the online application process.

Make sure to register and submit payment before the May 22nd deadline to take advantage of this savings.

Please be advised that for registration to be complete, the online application must be submitted with all necessary supporting documents, and a payment or payment plan must be received. Student 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 CCSD 46 Early Childhood Center at (847) 543-6204.

Visit the CCSD 46 website for more information and to register now: <https://d46.org/registration/>



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE: SPRING FOOD DRIVE



SPRING FOOD DRIVE

Many thanks to our supportive community for donating to the Community Engagement Committee's Food Drive. Food items were delivered to the Avon Township Office on Monday, April 27th, and sorted by CEC and PTO volunteers.

More information on Avon Township services can be found on the Avon Township website: <https://www.avonil.us>



SPECIAL SCHOOL NIGHT OUT

Can you survive THE LOOP?

Join us for a special School Night Out event for all CCSD 46 students at the new Grayslake Village Center Nature Trail! Held in conjunction with World Migratory Bird Day, this special event challenges students to see if they have what it takes to survive the Great Migration!

Tackle the one-mile loop packed with interactive challenges. Test your instincts and timing against the elements. Learn why sometimes survival comes down to pure luck. Compete against friends to earn your wings, and master the wild!

The challenge begins May 12, 2026, from 5-7:00 pm at the Grayslake Village Center Nature Trail, located on Center Street, right across from Dog n Suds!



FOUNDATION 46: BARNFEST 2026 - Denim & Diamonds

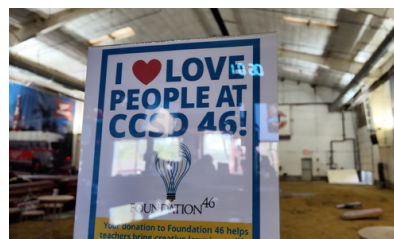


Barnfest 2026, hosted by Foundation46 on April 25 at Jesse Oaks Barn in Gages Lake, was a resounding success! The evening was filled with laughter, and community spirit as attendees enjoyed games, delicious food, refreshing drinks, live music, and the mechanical bull! Together, we raised money to support innovative educational grants for CCSD 46 staff.



Since its inception in 2016, Barnfest has become a cherished tradition, bringing together the community to celebrate and support the incredible staff and members of District 46. The funds raised directly contribute to enhancing the learning experience for our students through various grants and projects.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended, volunteered, and contributed to making Barnfest 2026 - Denim & Diamonds an unforgettable evening. Your support plays a vital role in enriching the educational journey of our students. We look forward to celebrating with you again next year!



FOUNDATION 46: Tom Meskel Commitment to Education Award



Celebrating Jessica Albert 2026 Tom Meskel Commitment to Education Award Recipient



Foundation46 is proud to recognize **Jessica Albert** as the 2026 recipient of the Tom Meskel Commitment to Education Award.

Jessica's impact on CCSD46 and the greater Grayslake community spans more than a decade and reflects a deep, unwavering commitment to students, educators, and families. From championing fine arts experiences and multicultural learning opportunities to leading environmental initiatives like Meadowview's woodland restoration, Jessica has consistently worked to enrich learning both inside and outside the classroom.

As a former Board of Education member, dedicated volunteer, and educational leader, she has brought people together, elevated student voice, and supported thoughtful, student-centered decision-making across the district. Her professional work in curriculum development and student support services has also influenced classrooms far beyond our community.

Known for her creativity, diligence, and inclusive spirit, Jessica has empowered learners, strengthened connections, and helped build a more vibrant and equitable educational experience for all.

Please join us in celebrating Jessica Albert and her well-deserved recognition!



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: May 13 (one meeting), June 10 (one meeting), July 8 (one meeting)

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

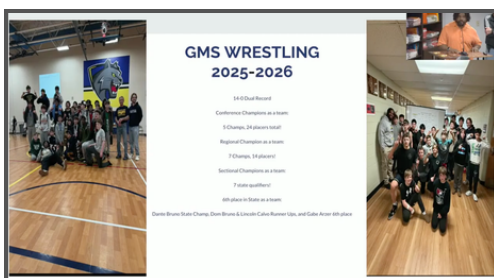
Please note: Although Frederick School's media center will be under construction over the summer, Board Meetings will still be held in the Falcon Room. Alternate entrances will be marked for public access to meetings.

GENERAL MEETING: April 22, 2026

The CCSD 46 Board of Education held a general meeting on Wednesday, April 22, 2026, in the Falcon Room in Frederick School.

President Stephen Mack called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. 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 special recognition of the Frederick, Grayslake Middle School, and Park Campus Wrestlers. The coaches highlighted the 2025-26 team and its impressive 14-0 dual-meet record. They introduced the wrestlers and shared that the team earned 6th place at the state competition.



The meeting continued with a presentation by the Grayslake Middle School Way of the Panther. The students shared several accomplishments from this school year, including the No Place for Hate campaign, Career Exploration for 8th graders, the GMS Community Gardens, and 7th Grade Orientation. They noted that their involvement with these projects allows them to put their leadership skills into action and positively impact those around them.



The student representatives from Grayslake Middle School then presented their board reports:

Sanvi Verma provided a brief overview of student activities at GMS, including helping at Avon Math and Reading Night, Mathias Academy, and 7th Grade Orientation. She also reminded everyone that the 8th-grade graduation will take place on Wednesday, May 20, at the College of Lake County.



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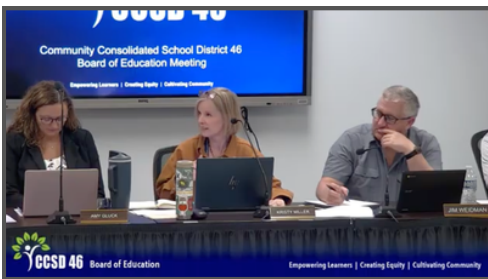
Genevieve Hollenstein shared that IAR testing has concluded and that students will soon participate in MAP testing. Students were given a preview of upcoming media center renovations, and the jazz band had the opportunity to perform at the Jazz Showcase in downtown Chicago. Mr. Steve Thomas, GMS band teacher, was recognized for his dedication to supporting the musicians. Students also participated in the Frederick and GMS Talent Show. In addition, Ms. Amy Corey was recognized for her many years of dedication to St. Baldrick's fundraising events.



Olivia Kottmeyer highlighted recent athletic achievements and shared that GMS is exploring the addition of new sports, including golf and girls' flag football. On behalf of GMS, she expressed appreciation to Athletic Director Ms. Sandy Tengler, who is retiring, and thanked her for her years of dedication and service.

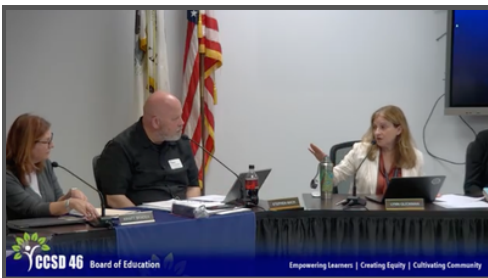
The Board and Superintendent reports were then presented.

Dr. Stephen Mack welcomed everyone to the Board of Education meeting.



Mrs. Kristy Miller wished everyone a Happy Earth Day. She thanked the Community Engagement Committee for bringing the PTOs together and shared that the District is currently hosting a food drive to benefit the Avon Township Community Food Pantry. She also noted that the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) is offering a webinar on the new set of policies that will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Mr. Jim Weidman shared that the Board of Education attended the Spring Lake Division Meeting hosted by the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB), where a presentation was given on the pros and cons of artificial intelligence.



During the Superintendent's Report, Dr. Lynn Glickman, Superintendent, shared that she attended the Illinois Principal Association (IPA) Student Recognition Breakfast, where students were honored for outstanding achievement in leadership, academics, service, and character. These students will be invited to the next Board meeting. Finally, she welcomed Grayslake Central High School students who were in attendance at the Board meeting.

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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, Exception Report, FOIA Review, Accounts Payable Report, the Treasurer's Report, and the Consolidated District Plan. The motion carried.

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

- Motion to approve the Exterior Masonry Work
Approved 6-0
- Motion to approve the Door Replacement Project
Approved 6-0

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

- **None**

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

- **Extension for Auditing Services with Baker Tilly US, LLP** - Mr. Brad Goldstein, Interim Director of Finance/CSBO, reported that in May 2023, the Board approved Baker Tilly US, LLP for a three-year engagement through June 30, 2027. As the District is in the final year of the agreement, the administration requested a proposal for an extension. Baker Tilly proposed continuing current audit services at an annual fee of \$57,300 (a 5% increase), with a 4% increase to \$59,619 in fiscal year 2028. In consultation with the incoming Superintendent and CSBO, the administration determined that a two-year extension is in the District's best interest. This will be an action item on May 13, 2026.
- **Vendor Quote for the Assembly, Disassembly, and Storage of Media Center Furniture** - The District will be completing the Media Center renovations this summer at Park Campus, Frederick School, Prairieview School, and Meadowview School. As part of this project, existing furnishings will need to be disassembled, moved, stored, and reassembled. Quotes for this work were obtained from Educational Environments, the District's long-standing partner for furnishing these spaces. The cost of the work falls below the bidding threshold, and the District has an established relationship with Educational Environments. The total cost for the disassembly, moving, storage, and reassembly of furnishings is \$25,640.00.
- **Strategic Planning Proposals** - Four consulting firms, Catalyst for Educational Change (CEC), HYA Consulting, JMP Consulting, and Student-Centered Services, presented their approaches for supporting the District's strategic planning process. The Board of Education evaluated each firm using a rubric and will make a decision based on the results of that evaluation.



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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. No comments were made.

The Board adjourned the general meeting at 9:15 p.m. and entered into Closed Session.

The next scheduled Board of Education general meeting on May 13, 2026, will be held at 6:00 p.m. and live-streamed online. *Please note: Although Frederick School's media center will be under construction over the summer, Board Meetings will still be held in the Falcon Room. Alternate entrances will be marked for public access to the meetings.*

Please visit d46.org/board-of-education for more information.



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A SPECIAL SCHOOL NIGHT



5-7pm
MAY 12

World Migratory Bird Day



**Think you'd survive migration?
It's you vs. nature.**

Calling all CCSD 46 adventurers! Step onto the Village Center Nature Trail in Grayslake and see if you have what it takes to survive the Great Migration.

- **The Challenge:** Tackle the one-mile loop packed with interactive challenges.
- **The Skills:** Test your instincts and timing against the elements. Learn why sometimes survival comes down to pure luck.
- **The Goal:** Compete against your friends, earn your wings, and master the wild!

Special Guests:

- Illinois Department of Natural Resources: Friends of Volo Bog
- Village of Grayslake
- Rae of Sunshine Therapeutic Services



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