CCSD 46

DISTRICT NEWS

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CCSD 46 Honors our Veterans



Veterans Day in CCSD 46 is a memorable day to honor and appreciate 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 a breakfast reception and assembly on Veterans Day, November 11, 2026.







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UPCOMING EVENTS



NOVEMBER

12 - GMS Dine & Share - Twisted Burger, Grayslake, 4-8:00 pm
13 - Preschool Screening
13 - End of First Trimester
13 - GMS International Night, Grayslake Middle School, 5:30-8:30 pm
17 - MV Dine & Share - Chipotle, Grayslake, 4-8:00 pm
18 - Board of Education General Meeting - Falcon Room, Frederick School, 6:00 pm
18 - Board Member Appreciation Celebration
24 - Report Cards Available Online
25-27 - Fall Break - No School

DECEMBER

09 - Half Day Early Dismissal - PM ECC Attends
09 - Board of Education General Meeting - Falcon Room, Frederick School, 6:00 pm
11 - Preschool Screening
11 - GMS Musical Performance, Grayslake Middle School, 7:00 pm
12 - GMS Musical Performance, Grayslake Middle School, 7:00 pm
13 - GMS Musical Performance, Grayslake Middle School, 2:00 pm
21 - First Day of Winter Break
21 - Jan 3 - Winter Break





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TWO WAY DUAL LANGUAGE PROGRAM 2027-2028

TWO WAY DUAL LANGUAGE

Beginning this school year, families with incoming kindergarten students had the opportunity to enroll in the district's first 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.

This year, we are again encouraging families of incoming kindergarten students to attend an information session to learn about the two-way dual language kindergarten classrooms at Avon Center School and Prairieview School. The informational sessions will be held in January, with additional virtual sessions scheduled for February and March, 2027. All families interested in two-way dual language instruction must attend one of the in-person or virtual information sessions. Be sure to check the D46 website for more information.

Placement in the Two-Way Dual Language Program for the 2027-2028 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 will 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.

IMPORTANT DATES

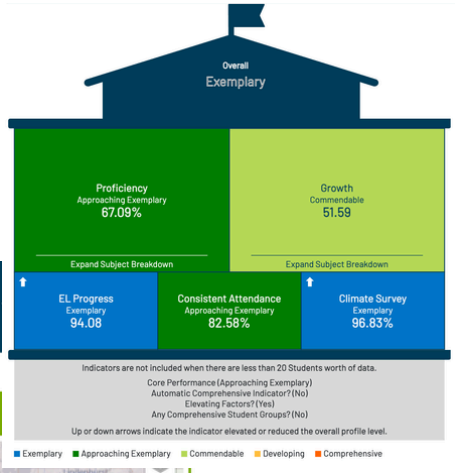
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- JAN 20 — **District Online Registration Opens**
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- JAN 29 — **Early Childhood Center Parent Kinder Event**
- FEB 02 — **Parent Information VIRTUAL Session** English/Spanish Simultaneous Sessions 6:00-7:00 PM
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- MAR 02 — **Parent Information VIRTUAL Session** English/Spanish Simultaneous Sessions 6:00-7:00 PM

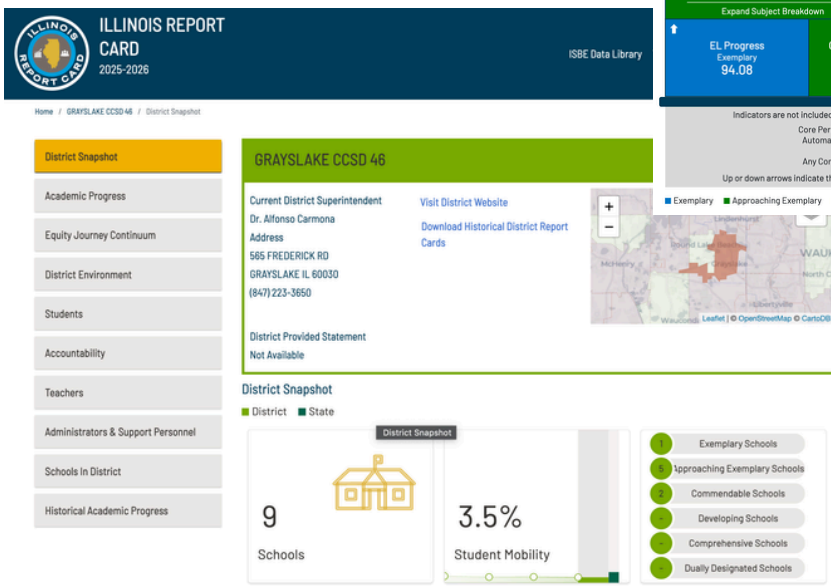
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SCHOOL REPORT CARDS

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, 2026, the ISBE released the 2026 Illinois Report Card data, including school designations. Mrs. Amy Gluck, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, presented changes to the state accountability system and comprehensive student assessment data, including the Illinois Assessment of Readiness results, to the Board of Education at the November 4th General Meeting.

A major take-away from the presentation explains that while there were previously 4 designation categories, there are now 5 categories. These updated categories are Exemplary, Approaching Exemplary, Commendable, Developing, and Comprehensive. With the previous designations, over 72% of schools statewide fell into the Commendable category.

The new school designations are determined based on calculations from multiple performance indicators, including two core indicators: composite proficiency and composite growth. In addition to the core indicators, three elevating factors apply: English learner progress, attendance, and the climate survey. The CCSD 46 school designations for this year include: one school identified as Exemplary, five schools identified as Approaching Exemplary, and two schools identified as Commendable.

Overall, CCSD 46's IAR data showed that academic achievement continues to improve, with District schools mostly performing at or above state averages. The presentation is available in the November 4th Board of Education recorded live stream YouTube video.

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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: November 18 | December 9, 2026.
All meetings are held at Frederick School, 595 Frederick Road, Grayslake.

GENERAL MEETING: November 4, 2026

The CCSD 46 Board of Education held a general meeting on Wednesday, November 4, 2026, in the Falcon Room in Frederick School.

President Stephen Mack called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance and approval of the agenda, visitors were invited to address the board for the first of two public comment opportunities. No comments were made.

The meeting began with a celebration of the Grayslake Middle School Cross Country teams, which enjoyed an outstanding 2026 season and earned recognition at the Conference, Sectional, and State levels.





Monday, October 5, the teams competed in the Conference finals at Big Hollow. The girls' team captured the 2026 Conference Championship, with five runners earning top-15 medals. The boys' team finished in second place, with three runners earning top-15 medals.

On October 10, the teams competed in the IESA Section meet. The girls' team placed 3rd out of 14 teams, qualifying for the IESA State Cross Country Meet. Two girls earned top-10 medals. The boys' team finished in 5th place, with two runners qualifying for the state meet as individual competitors. One runner also earned a third-place medal.

On Saturday, October 17, the GMS varsity cross country athletes proudly represented the District at the IESA State Cross Country Meet in Normal, Illinois. Congratulations to all of the student athletes and coaches on an outstanding season and their hard work, dedication, and accomplishments.

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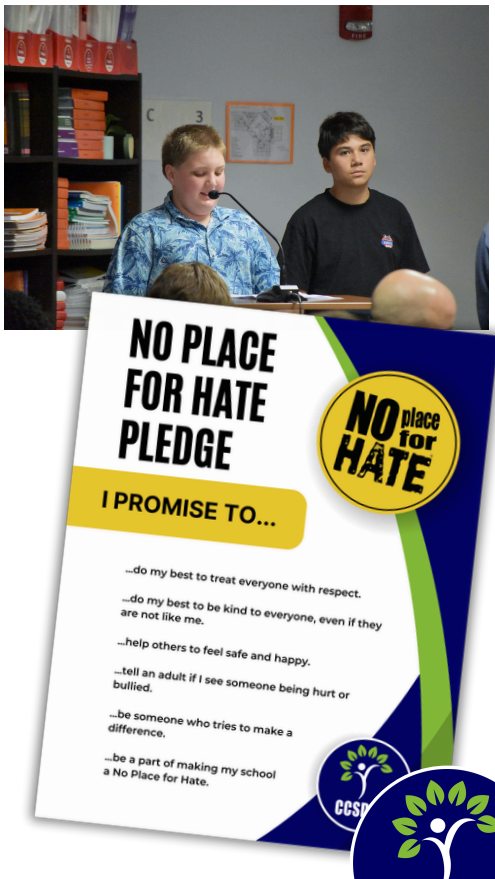
Samantha Jones and Kelly Pendleton, coaches of the GMS Girls' Soccer Team shared that the team completed an undefeated season and earned the title of Conference Champions!

The meeting continued with a presentation by the Park Campus Leader of the Pack. Representatives from Park Campus presented an overview of the Leader of the Pack (LOP) student leadership program, which consists of seventh- and eighth-grade students committed to serving their school and fostering a welcoming, supportive, and positive learning environment.

The students explained the selection process, which includes a student application and questionnaire focused on Park Campus's three pillars of Respect, Responsibility, and Safety, along with evaluations from two former teachers. Students are selected based on their performance in these areas, classroom behavior, and effort.



The presentation highlighted the group's activities and accomplishments, including supporting the Avon Food Pantry, fulfilling more than 100 Paw Print orders, assisting with the Halloween parties, organizing prizes, and selling concessions at the school play.



Students also shared upcoming initiatives, including visiting K–4 classrooms to support PBIS and social-emotional learning lessons, expanding the Paw Prints Store, creating Wolves Way demonstration videos to reinforce school-wide expectations, organizing Veterans Day activities, and developing a sensory room for students in grades 5–8.

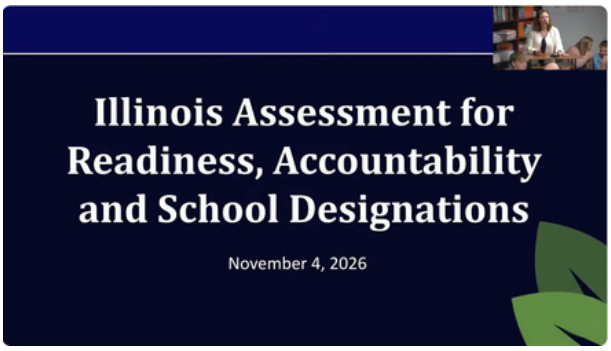
The group also provided an update on its involvement in District 46's No Place for Hate campaign. Activities have included signing a pledge reflecting six core values of respect, inclusion, and understanding, as well as creating handprints representing each student's unique strengths and qualities. The handprints are displayed throughout classrooms as a reminder of the school's commitment to inclusion. In January, students will assist teachers with reading stories celebrating diversity and lead related activities.

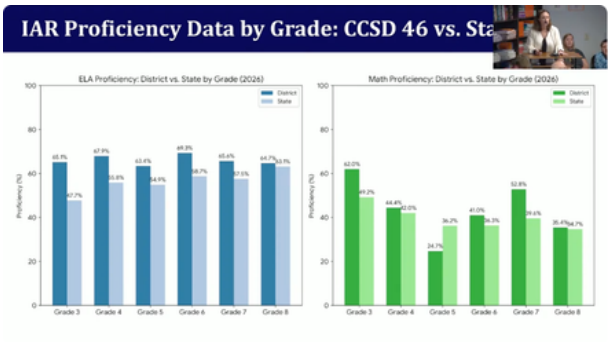
The presentation concluded with a discussion of how the Leader of the Pack program empowers students to develop leadership skills, use their voices, and make a positive impact within the Park Campus community while reinforcing the School's three pillars of Respect, Responsibility, and Safety. The students thanked the Board of Education, Dr. Carmona, and the Park Campus staff for the opportunity to share their experiences and accomplishments. They look forward to presenting again in February.

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Following the student presentation, Mrs. Amy Gluck, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, shared a presentation with the Board reviewing the District's 2025-26 Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR results, including student proficiency, growth, and comparisons with state and Lake County averages. The presentation emphasized the importance of student growth in identifying areas of progress and measuring academic gains.







The data included English Language Arts (ELA) and mathematics proficiency by grade level, student growth percentiles, and performance comparisons among student groups, including multilingual learners, students with IEPs, and economically disadvantaged students. The District also reviewed proficiency trends between the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school years.

In comparison with other Lake County elementary districts, CCSD 46 ranked 15th out of 28 districts in ELA proficiency, with 65.5% of students meeting proficiency, and 16th out of 28 districts in mathematics, with 43.3% meeting proficiency.

The presentation also provided an overview of changes to the Illinois State Board of Education's (ISBE) school designation system. The new system moves away from a ranking-based approach to clearly defined performance criteria, incorporating core indicators such as proficiency and growth, as well as elevating indicators such as English Learner progress, consistent attendance, and school climate.

Finally, the Board reviewed the Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) designation. Two schools were identified as having at least one student group performing at the Comprehensive level. The designation involves a four-year improvement process, with funding provided to each identified school: $26,000 in year one, $21,000 in year two, $16,000 in year three, and $11,000 in year four. The presentation is in the Board packet.

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The Board and Superintendent reports were then presented.



Dr. Mack opened the meeting by paying tribute to the memory of Mrs. Jessica Albert, who served as a Board member for four years and was remembered as a caring and kind individual. He expressed his condolences and requested a moment of silence in her honor.

Mr. Jim Weidman, who attended the Strategic Planning meeting, shared that students in the upper grades spend approximately one and a half hours per day on technology in school, while students in kindergarten and first grade spend approximately 15 minutes per day.

Mrs. Kristy Miller thanked the administration for their presentations throughout the Strategic Planning process. She shared that the Community Engagement Committee and Foundation 46 are working collaboratively with the PTOs on joint initiatives. She also announced that the Community Café will host a study session focused on Literacy, Media, Data, and Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) on January 19 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Kristy Braden attended the IASB Lake Division meeting, where the school report card designations were explained.

Ms. Tamika Nash attended the IASB Lake Division meeting and congratulated Dr. Stephen Mack, Board President, on receiving recognition as a Distinguished Board Leader.

Mrs. Maureen Heun attended the IASB Lake Division meeting and encouraged everyone to take the time to read the School Report Card.



Park Campus Student Representative Jerimiah Padaoan provided an update on activities taking place in grades 5–8. Sixth-grade students welcomed a parent who shared information about her career as a dietitian. Eighth-grade students created symbolic mandalas by selecting 15 symbols representing different layers of their lives, including their past, present, and hopes for the future. During advisory, students are participating in School Links and engaging in community circles.



Park Campus Student Representative Amelia Rahn provided an update on activities taking place in grades K–4. First-grade students learned about bats and transformed their classrooms into bat caves. Third-grade students are working on their mathematics unit focused on area. During Social-Emotional Learning (SEL), students are learning about the importance of showing respect at school, at home, and throughout the community.

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Dr. Alfonso Carmona, Superintendent, shared several updates from around the District. The District recently accepted bids for the media center construction projects scheduled for next summer at Avon, GMS, and Woodview. Dr. Carmona also attended the seventh-grade boys' basketball game at GMS and thanked the cheer team, coaches, and volunteers for their participation and support. Additionally, he attended several Halloween parades throughout the District and expressed his appreciation to everyone involved in making these events special for students.

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, Treasurer's Report, and FOIA Review. The motion carried.

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

- None

Unfinished Business, which includes 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 Meeting Frequency**
  Mrs. Kristy Miller led a discussion regarding the Board's current meeting schedule and whether members wished to make any changes. Following discussion, the Board agreed to maintain the current schedule of two meetings per month, with exceptions for summer months, holidays, or scheduling conflicts that prevent two meetings from being held. The Board also agreed that if there are no agenda items requiring discussion, the meeting would be combined with the next regularly scheduled meeting.

- **Discussion of Snow Days and E-Learning**
  Mr. Jim Weidman initiated a discussion regarding the use of traditional snow days versus E-Learning days, raising the question of whether students should occasionally have a snow day without the requirement to participate in remote learning. Administration noted that E-Learning days provide flexibility for students to also enjoy time outdoors in the snow. The discussion also included concerns about adding additional days to the school calendar and the potential impact on focused learning as the school year comes to a close. Additional questions were raised regarding how the District addresses extreme heat indexes and poor air quality. It was determined that administration would make decisions regarding school closures and E-Learning days while collaborating with surrounding school districts.

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. The following comments were made:

- Natisha Booker shared information about the Sandra J. Booker Foundation, established in memory of her mother, who dedicated her life to serving others. She explained that the Foundation provides financial assistance to families in need.
- Adriana Cisneros shared concerns regarding E-Learning days and the challenges they can present for younger students, particularly when parents are working and children do not have someone available to assist them with the technology and online learning expectations.
- Chuck Rahn addressed the distinction between traditional snow days and E-Learning days, noting the importance of how these decisions are perceived by families. He also shared that adding additional days to the end of the school year is perceived to families that children will be learning.

The Board adjourned the general meeting at 7:42 p.m.

The next scheduled Board of Education general meeting on November 18, 2026, will be held at 6:00 p.m. and live-streamed online.

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

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Visit our website to learn more about this **amazing opportunity** for incoming kindergarteners for the 2027-28 school year!

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Two-Way Dual Language Information Sessions (6:00 pm)

- JAN 12 - Avon Center School
- JAN 19 - Prairieview School
- JAN 25 - Park Campus
- FEB 02 - Virtual English/Spanish
- FEB 18 - Virtual English/Spanish
- MAR 02 - Virtual English/Spanish

- **District Registration Opens:** January 20, 2027
- **ECC Parent Kinder Event:** January 29, 2027
- **Kindergarten Meet & Greet:** February TBD
- **Registration Deadline for TWDL Consideration:** April 9, 2027
- **Lottery Drawing:** April 15, 2027

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