

# Parent

# Empowerment

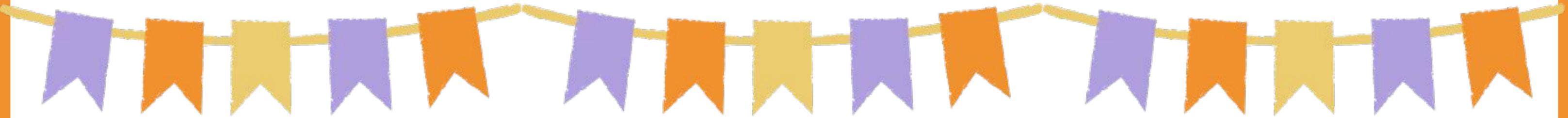
Proactive School Involvement & Resources to Support  
Your Child's Success in U-46

African American Advisory Council Meeting  
September 12, 2024  
6:00 - 7:30 pm



A whiteboard with an orange border is centered on a teal background. The whiteboard contains the text "Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year!" in a purple, rounded font. At the bottom of the whiteboard, there are small icons of a yellow marker, a blue marker, and a brown eraser. The background is decorated with various light blue icons: a lightbulb in the top left, a puzzle piece in the middle left, an atom in the bottom left, a DNA helix in the top right, and a stylized figure in the middle right.

Welcome  
to the 2024-2025  
school year!



Who's in the room?

# Get to Know You Bingo





# Hey! I'm Leatrice

- New Assistant Superintendent of Equity and Innovation
- Entering my 32nd year in education
- Beginning my 13th year in U-46
- Teacher, Assistant Principal, Principal, Assistant Director, Director



Dr. Leatrice Satterwhite



# Our Department

**Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion - Lisa Jackson, Director**



Ensures continuous focus on closing opportunity and achievement gaps for students who have historically been marginalized.

**Multilingual, Multicultural Education - Griselda Pirtle, Director**



Provides leadership and supervision of MMED educational programs like Dual Language & ESL and the Family Welcome Center

**Postsecondary Success - Michele Chapman, Director**



Responsible for driving post-secondary success for all students and support of AVID, Gifted and Accelerated Programs; Early College and Magnet Programs

**Specialized Student Services - Amanda Leatherby, Director**



Provides supports and guidance for students with 504 Plans, Health Services needs, and Special Education services through the IEP

# Communicate

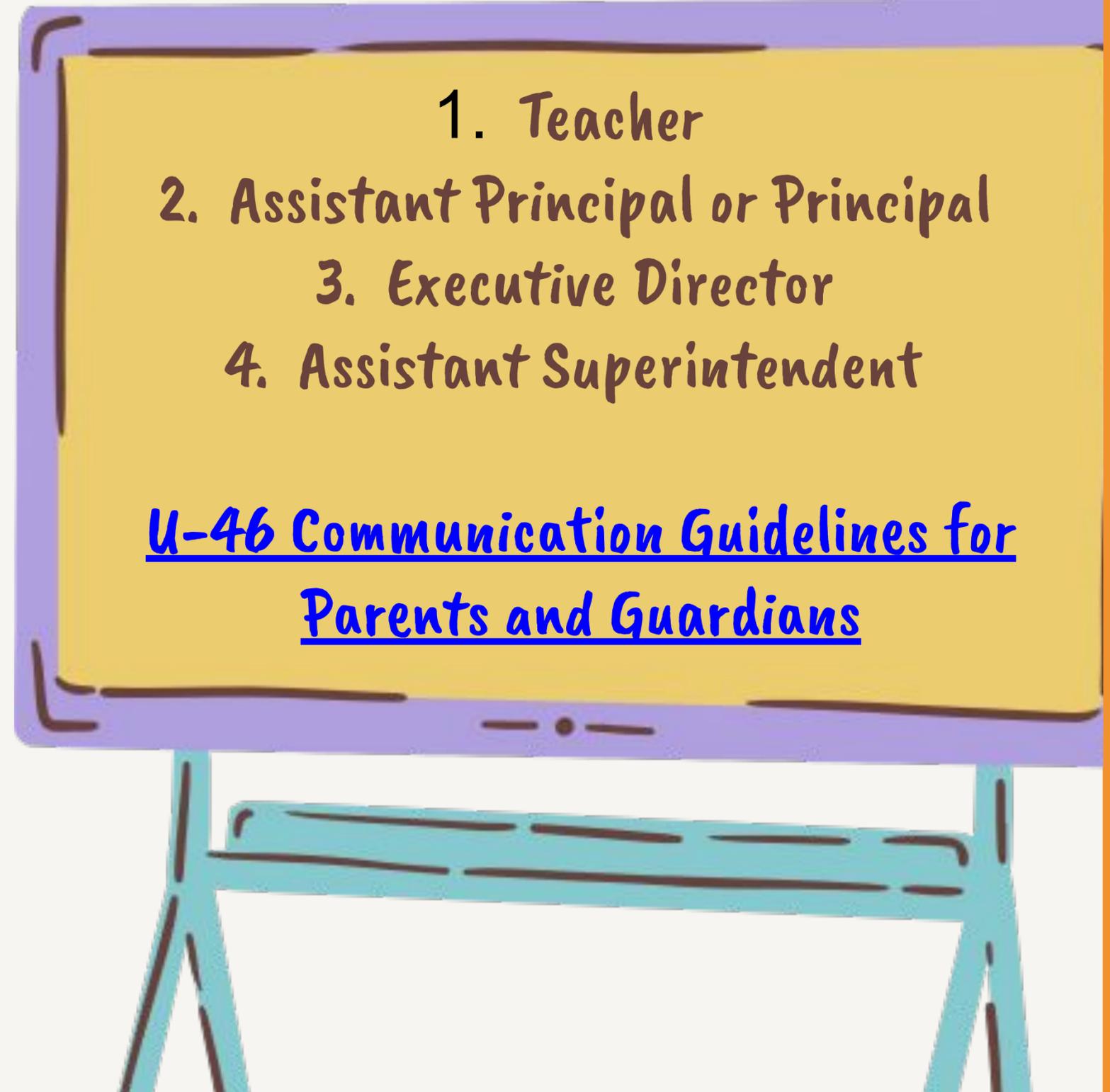
Contact your child's teacher via email or phone for any questions or concerns.

Stay updated on classroom announcements and events by connecting with the teacher via Canvas or other ways shared by the teacher.

If concerns cannot be resolved directly with the teacher, reach out to building and district administrators or directors of specific departments (i.e. Transportation, Information Services, Multilingual-Multicultural Education, Early Childhood, Specialized Student Services, etc.)

1. Teacher
2. Assistant Principal or Principal
3. Executive Director
4. Assistant Superintendent

U-46 Communication Guidelines for Parents and Guardians



# Connecting With Your School

## Support learning at home

Engage in your child's homework, encourage reading, and discuss school experiences to reinforce the importance of education.

## Attend Meetings/Events

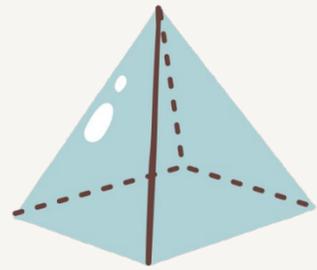
Try to attend PTO/PTA meetings or school events. Participate in parent-teacher conferences, open houses, and workshops to stay informed and build relationships with teachers and staff.



## Communicate regularly with teachers & other parents

Stay in touch via emails, calls or parent portals to keep updated on your child's progress and any school-related concerns. Stay connected with other parents so you know what is happening at the schools.

# Connecting with the District



Unite  
U-46

Join us for Unite U-46 community workshops to discuss important updates, including new middle school construction, renovations, and upcoming projects.



Let's Talk

Reach out to the district through the online system called Let's Talk to ask questions or give feedback on how well things are going or provide recommendations on we we can do things better.



U-46 Board  
Meetings

Board meetings are held on Monday evenings and can be attended in person or via zoom. Attend so you are aware of what is happening across the district,



# Connecting with the District

Unite  
U-46

These ongoing meetings will be held throughout the 2024-2025 school year. This is an opportunity to ask questions, provide input, and help shape decisions on attendance boundaries, program placements, and the shift to a 6-8 grade school model.



SCHOOL DISTRICT U-46

**Unite46**  
*Moving Forward Together*

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SESSION

**MONDAY,  
SEPT. 30**

**6:30 p.m.**  
**U-46 Welcome Center**  
1019 E. Chicago St., Elgin

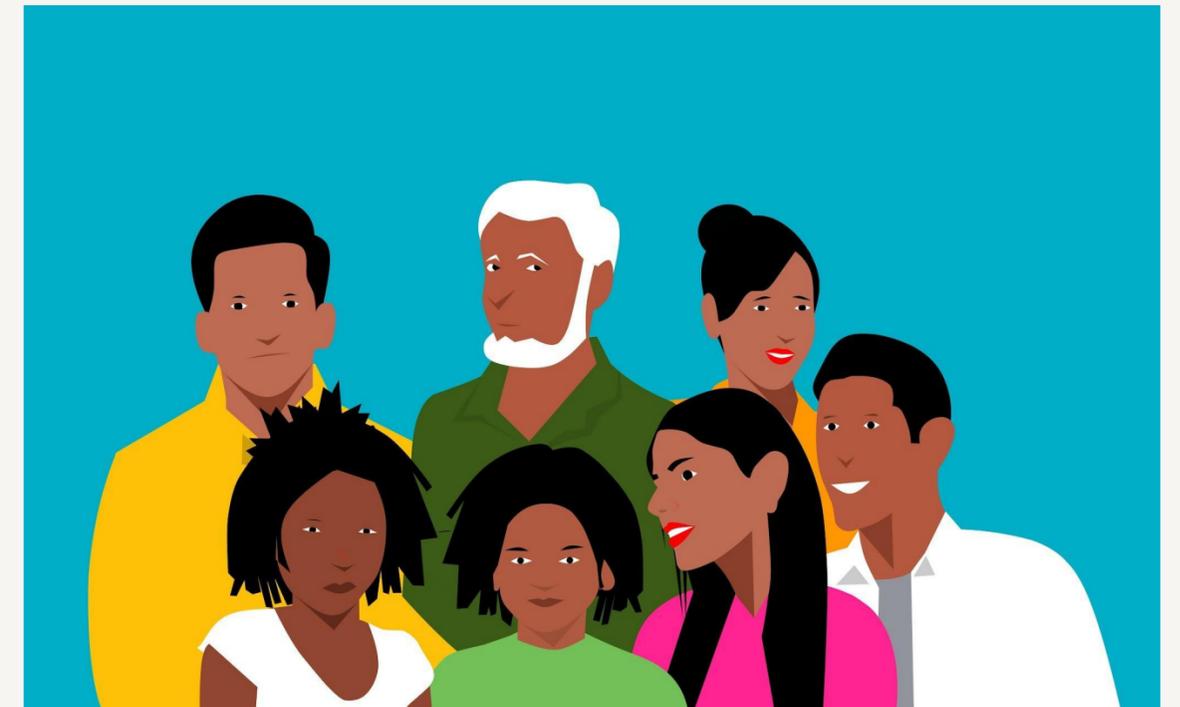
REGISTER TODAY [www.uniteU46.org](http://www.uniteU46.org)

# Connecting with the District



*Let's Talk*

[Let's Talk!](#) offers an easy and convenient way to submit feedback directly to the U-46 staff member who can help. The home page is set up by Hot Topics, Departments & Programs, and schools by level: preschool, elementary, middle and high school.



# Connecting with the District



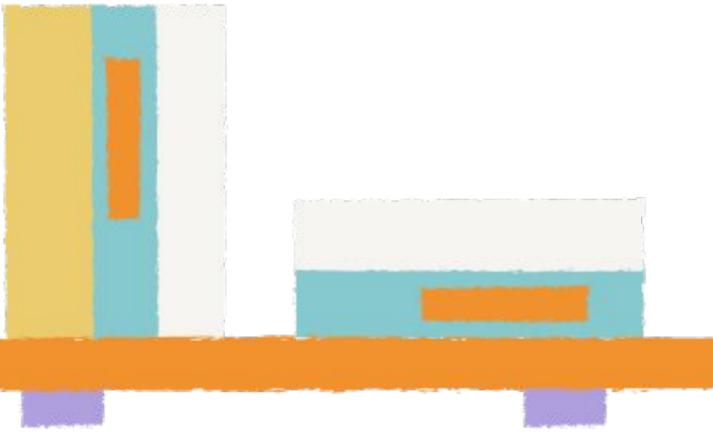
## U-46 Board Meetings

The Board of Education is responsible for determining the policies which guide the operation of School District U-46. State law holds school boards responsible for policies in these areas: approval of courses of study and textbooks, adoption of an annual budget, construction, furnishing and maintenance of facilities, employment and evaluation of the superintendent.

The current Board Meeting Packet is posted online each Friday before a Monday Board of Education meeting. The packet includes the agenda and supporting information on items that will be discussed at the meeting. Click below for the current packet and then click "enter public site."

[BOARD MEETING PACKET](#)





# Strategic Planning Participation Needed

As a part of the strategic planning process the District is in need of more parents to participate in the core planning team. If you are interested in contributing to this work, please send Dr. Leatrice Satterwhite or Mrs. Teresa Winters your name and email address at [leatricesatterwhite@u-46.org](mailto:leatricesatterwhite@u-46.org) or [teresawinters@u-46.org](mailto:teresawinters@u-46.org) as soon as possible. This is a great opportunity to have your voices heard and to shape the future of our district!

Core Planning Team Meeting dates/times/locations:

9/23/2024	Monday	8:00 AM	4:00 PM	All Day	Elgin Community College - Building E, Room 121
9/24/2024	Tuesday	8:00 AM	4:00 PM	All Day	Elgin Community College - Building E, Room 121
10/22/2024	Tuesday	8:00 AM	4:00 PM	All Day	Elgin Community College - Building E, Room 121
12/10/2024	Tuesday	8:00 AM	4:00 PM	All Day	Villa Olivia in Bartlett
1/28/2025	Tuesday	8:00 AM	11:30 AM	3.5 hours	Virtual (if needed)
2/11/2025	Tuesday	12:00 PM	4:00 PM	4 hours	Elgin Community College - Building E, Room 121

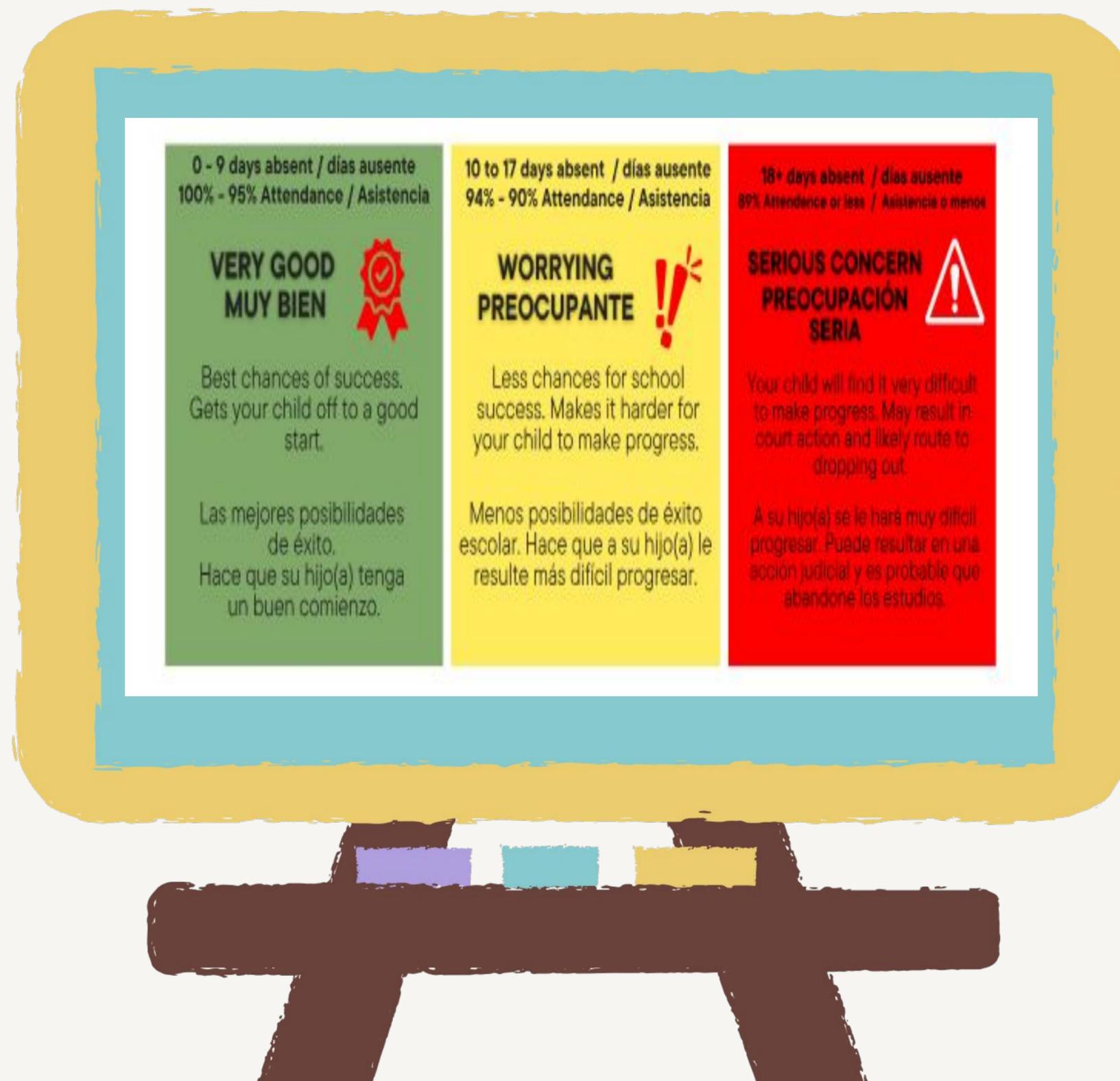


# Every Minute Matters

*September is Attendance Awareness Month*

Our schools are dedicated to providing an exceptional education for all students, laying a strong foundation for their future success. Research shows **students should miss no more than 9 days of school each year** to stay engaged, successful, and on track to graduate.

[When to keep your child home / Cuando mantener a su hijo\(a\) en casa](#)



# EXPLORE 2024

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**EXPLORE FAMILY NIGHT** welcomes 8th and 9th grade families.

**September 25, 6:00 to 7:30 pm**

**NOW ARENA**

5333 Prairie Stone Parkway  
Hoffman Estates, IL 60192



Showcasing Curriculum to Career Pathways

- Visit with U-46 Academy, AVID and Dual Credit teachers and current students to learn more about these programs and how to apply.
- Meet CTE teachers and view programs in: automotive, business, education, engineering, healthcare, manufacturing, vet assistant, and welding.
- Visit over 60 career exhibits from the local business community across ten industry clusters.
- Opportunity to win over \$1,000 in raffle prizes.
- Concessions available for purchase.



# EXPLORE 2024

**¡RESERVA LA FECHA!** 25 de septiembre, de 6:00 to 7:30 pm  
*EXPLORE NOCHE DE FAMILIA da la bienvenida a las familias de 8.º y 9.º grado.*

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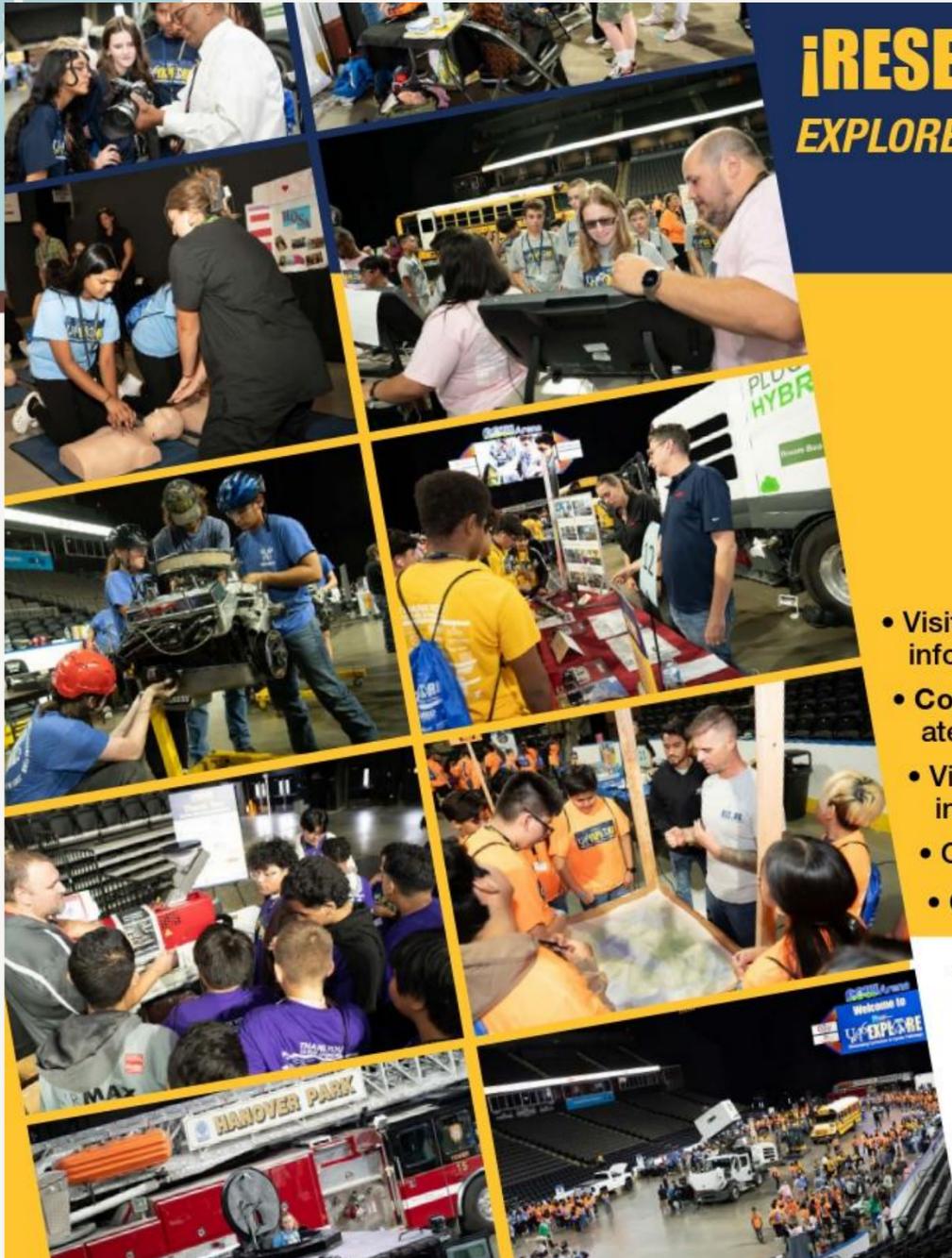


Showcasing Curriculum to Career Pathways

- Visite a maestros y estudiantes de las Academias en U-46, AVID y Crédito Dual para más información sobre estos programas y cómo solicitarlos.
- Conozca a maestros de CTE y vea programas en: automotriz, negocios, educación, ingeniería, atención médica, fabricación, asistente veterinario y soldadura.
- Visite más de 60 exhibiciones profesionales de la comunidad empresarial local en diez grupos industriales.
- Oportunidad de ganar más de \$1,000 en premios de rifa.
- Concesiones disponibles para la compra.



355 E. Chicago St.  
Elgin, IL 60120



# Magnet Academies

- **Magnet Academy**: A unique, focused program housed within a comprehensive high school. Students apply to be in the program freshman year and remain in the program through senior year.

## U-46 Magnet Program Goals:

1. Promote a culturally linguistic, inclusive, and safe environment for all to focus on teaching and learning.
2. Deliver a highly engaging and rigorous innovative curriculum.
3. Work collaboratively with businesses and the community to enrich the student experience.
4. Sustain high levels of achievement for students enrolled in Magnet programs.
5. Provide exemplary service that supports students' academic and social-emotional growth.

# Magnet Academies

- Students are admitted through an application and review process. Eighth graders will submit completed Magnet Academy applications online.
- Eighth graders can apply for admission to one of the five Magnet Academy programs:
  - **BEACON Magnet Academy of Media and Digital Arts** at South Elgin High School
  - **International Baccalaureate Academy/Gifted and Talented Academy** at Elgin High School
  - **Science, Engineering, and High Technology Magnet Academy** at Bartlett High School
  - **Visual and Performing Arts Magnet Academy** at Larkin High School
  - **Leadership, Entrepreneurship, Action, and Design (LEAD) Magnet Academy** at Streamwood High School

# Magnet Academies

## Application

- Students will apply via our website: <https://apply.u-46.org/>
- Application opens on September 25th and closes on October 25th
- Application requirements: 2.0 GPA and 2 letters or recommendation
  - Application allows students to gain preferences or priorities
- Students only need to apply to the academies that they are interested in attending

# Magnet Academies

## Application Process

### Preferences

- **Preferences** allow for students in these categories to gain automatic acceptance into the magnet program *provided they meet the minimum qualifications.*

### Priorities

- **Priorities** allow for students to gain additional entries into the lottery *if they meet the minimum qualifications and show evidence of meeting the additional criteria.*

# U-46 Magnet Academy Application Preferences and

## Priorities

### Preferences

- **Sibling:** Students with a 9th-11th grade sibling enrolled in the academy
- **Project Access:** Students who are homeless or in a temporary living situation

### Priorities

- **Geographic Location:** Students who live in the geographic boundaries of the school (1)
- **Program Participation:** students who participate in identified middle school coursework, extra curricular activities or community based programming (1)
- **Free or Reduced Lunch:** students who receive free or reduced lunch (2)

# Magnet Academies

## Information nights

*Special event where you can learn about the unique educational opportunities available for your child*

During this event, you'll have the chance to:

- Explore the various magnet academies and their specialized programs.
- Meet with academy Assistant Principals and teachers.
- Learn about the application process and eligibility requirements.
- Hear from current students about their experiences.

# Magnet Academies

## Information nights

School	Date	Time
<a href="#"><u>Bartlett HS- STEM</u></a>	10/15	6:00 pm
<a href="#"><u>Elgin HS-IB</u></a>	10/8	6:00 pm
<a href="#"><u>Larkin HS- VPA</u></a>	10/9	6:00 pm
<a href="#"><u>South Elgin HS- Beacon</u></a>	10/16	6:00 pm
<a href="#"><u>Streamwood- LEAD</u></a>	10/17	6:00 pm

# Supporting All Students

Our district philosophy focuses on **student-centered learning in a supportive and inclusive environment and creating a sense of belonging**. Everyday is a great place to learn in U-46.

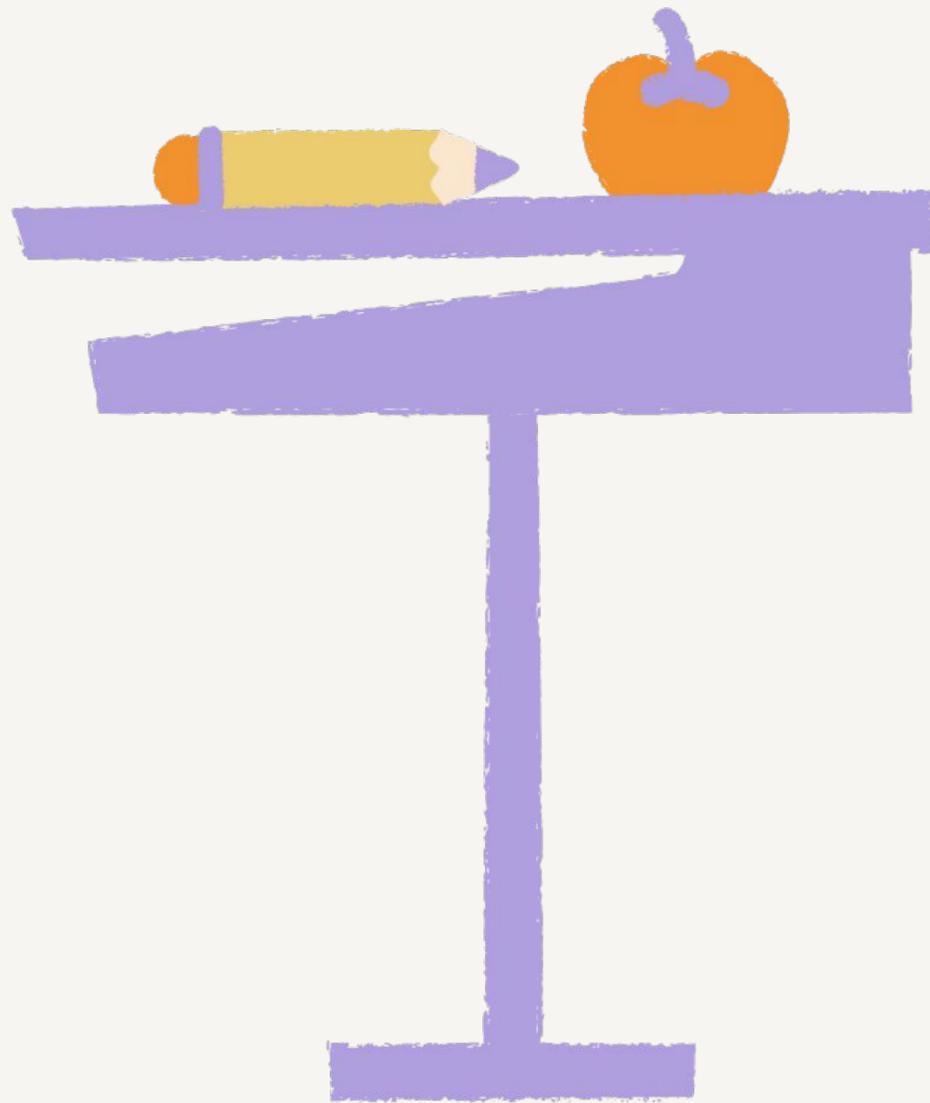
We encourage a **growth mindset: Praising efforts** rather than outcomes and **helping your child see challenges as learning opportunities**, promoting resilience and a positive attitude toward learning.



Our focus is on **nurturing students' intellectual, social-emotional, and character growth** to develop compassionate, responsible and resilient individuals who can positively impact society.

Teachers prioritize collaboration and **teamwork in learning by encouraging students to work together, share ideas, and learn cooperatively**.

# Brothers Rise Up (BRU)



1

Brothers Rise Up (BRU) was established by Mr. Jim Cook to support male students (grades 3-8) as they become leaders. A young man is nominated by his school staff for this multi-year experience that provides ongoing support throughout his years in the District.

2

The students are primarily African-American; however, Hispanic/Latino students and students of two or more races are also members.

3

BRU offers lessons based on character development, social skills, leadership, academic excellence and career development.

# I am LEAD

## What is LEAD?

I am LEAD (Living Elegantly, Ambitiously, and Dauntlessly) was created to give every girl the opportunity to build a positive self-image, self-care strategies, self-empowerment, and leadership development.

Empowering girls of African American heritage, I am LEAD serves as a dedicated platform fostering leadership, fortifying self-worth, nurturing cultural awareness, and showcasing the prowess of problem-solving, creative thinking, and conflict resolution.

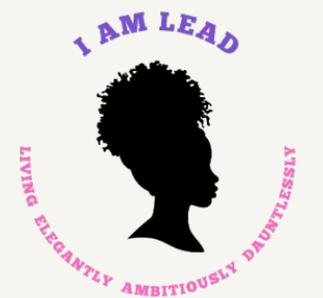
Our mission is to inspire and equip young girls to confidently lead and thrive in a diverse world.

I am LEAD is designed for girls, ages 9-14, and is offered as an in-school and/or after-school experience.

**Mentor Program  
Facilitator-  
Tiffany Mikhail-Wright**



- Beginning my 2nd year with U-46
- U-46 Graduate, go MAROONS!
- 15+ years of youth advocacy



# I am LEAD

## Our Goals

The I am LEAD mentorship program is grounded in developing student agency and increasing their sense of belonging within their schools.

### Expression

Actively engage in sharing thought-provoking and reflective discourse.

### Experience

Foster culturally relevant experiences; nurture interests, talents and gifts.

### Process

Make connections and share ideas, interests, thoughts and concerns.

### LEAD

Support and inspire to step confidently into leadership spaces.

### Joy

Radiate brilliance, celebrate, and enjoy the journey filled with joy!



# I am LEAD

## Current Schools

- Abbott Middle School
- Century Oaks Elementary
- Channing Elementary
- Harriet Gifford Elementary
- Heritage Elementary
- Horizon Elementary
- Kenyon Woods Middle School
- Kimball Middle School
- Larsen Middle School
- Ronald O'Neal Elementary
- Tefft Middle School

## Become A LEADer

- A sincere desire to be involved with young people
- Respect for young people
- Active listening skills
- Women of color
- Must commit to meeting with young ladies a minimum of once per week or bi-weekly
- Must attend professional development sessions (bi-monthly)
- Complete U-46 background check



# Family Engagement Specialist

## What is Family Engagement?

Family engagement is an ongoing process that increases active participation, communication, and collaboration between parents, schools, and communities with the goal of educating and ensuring student achievement and success.

Struggling or Need help?

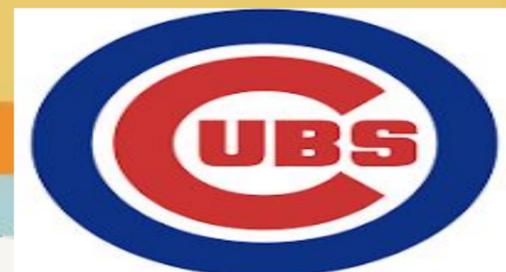
Contact me at (847) 888-5000

Extension 5716



## Kevin Seal

- 19 years of community outreach experience
- 6th year working in the district
- Diehard Cubs fan



# Family Engagement Specialist

## Services provided

**Help with Questions & Concerns in the District**

**Help Families Communicate with Staff**

**Help Families Access District & Community Resources**

**Help Families Develop Advocacy Skills for Their Child's Academic, Behavioral and Social Growth**

**And So Much More!**

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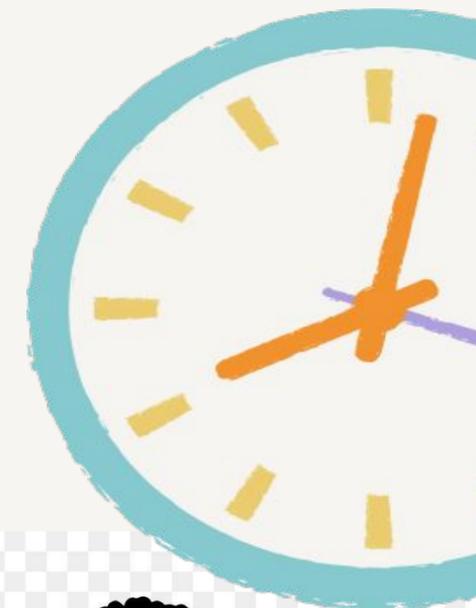


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# It was nice to meet you!



Thank you for taking the time to learn more about how to get more involved and stay connected to what is happening across the district and your child's school! If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us.



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