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Calendar

Stay tuned for upcoming events with our District website calendar available [here](#).

- **Friday, Feb. 28:** Kane County Institute Day. No classes, offices open.
- **Friday, March 7:** End of 3rd Quarter.
- **Monday, March 10:** Board of Education Meeting. [Details here.](#)

Johnson on the Job - Dean's Assistant



Superintendent Dr. Suzanne Johnson spends time with Larkin High School Dean's Assistant Jeff "The Colonel" Kerber, learning about his duties and how he builds a respectful and positive learning environment at LHS. Watch the video [here](#).

5Essentials Survey

Make your voice heard by participating in the [Illinois 5Essentials Survey](#)!

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5Essentials survey
Organizing Schools for Improvement

This survey asks for feedback that generates reports to help drive school improvement on the five leading indicators or "essentials" – effective leaders, collaborative teachers, involved families, supportive environment, and ambitious instruction. Schools use these insights to make changes and create new programs.

The survey will take you about 10 to 15 minutes to complete, it is mobile-friendly and offered in both English and Spanish. It is confidential, too, and will never be connected to a parent, teacher, or student. Visit u-46.org/5essentials for more information and links to the parent, student, and teacher versions of the survey.

Preparing for the 2025-26 School Year



Early registration for the 2025-26 school year is now open to all families. Registering now helps U-46 make informed decisions about staffing, transportation, student schedules, and more. Easy instructions for current families are available [here](#). All currently enrolled students must be registered for the 2025-26 school year by May 31.

With the expiration of federal COVID relief funds, School District U-46 will reinstate student fees starting with the 2025-2026 school

year. In general, these instructional fees support the purchase of technology, workbooks, art supplies, science lab materials, and other non-reusable items critical to student learning.

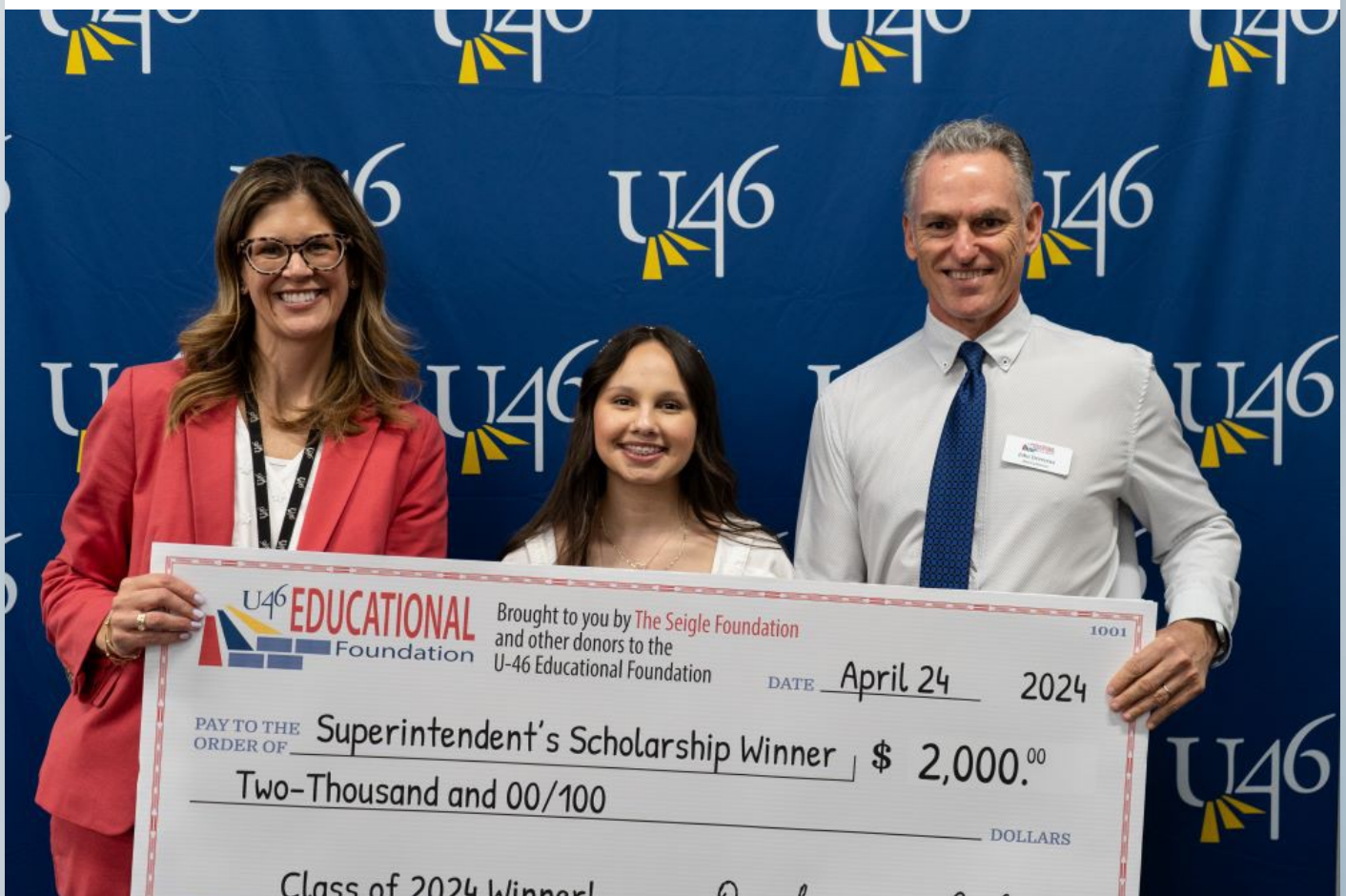
Families who pay the fees before May 31 will receive a discount. More information about the fees, and the early discount, can be found [here](#).

All families are encouraged to complete the 2025-26 fee waiver forms. If you requested the form when filling out your online registration the form will be emailed to you. We also have them available through these links in [English](#) or in [Spanish](#). Proof of income is required when submitting your fee waiver form.

More information can be found [here](#) and on the [Registration](#) website.

The Foundation Scholarship Deadline is March 3

Members of the Class of 2025 have less than a week left to apply for the scholarship opportunities available to U-46 seniors through the [U-46 Educational Foundation Online Scholarship Application](#). More details, and a list of available scholarships, are available [here](#).



CAC Candidate Forum

The Community Advisory Council (CAC) will host a forum in March at which members of the public can learn more about the candidates running for School District U-46's Board of Education in the April 1, 2025, Consolidated Election. The forum will be held on Thursday, March 13, at 7 p.m. at the U-46 Welcome Center, 1019 E.



Chicago St., Elgin. This forum is open to all, and Spanish translation will be available.

TalentFest



The poster for TalentFest features a black background. At the top left is the TalentFest logo, which includes a stylized blue and white star above the text "TalentFest" and "Follow Your Star" below it. To the right of the logo is a photograph of a young man in a dark suit playing a laptop on a stage. Below the logo and photo, the event details are listed: "Wednesday, March 19 7pm" in white and green, and "Hemmens Cultural Center" in yellow. To the right of the text is the U46 logo, which consists of the letters "U46" in white and yellow, with the tagline "ACADEMIC SUCCESS FOR ALL" in small white text below it. At the bottom of the poster is a large photograph of a young woman in a white tank top and shorts performing a dance move, with her arms raised and one leg extended. The background of this photo is a vibrant blue and purple light effect.

Windy City Bulls Game

There's still time to get your tickets for the Windy City Bulls FUNdraiser game on Friday, March 21, which is also serving as the team's Hispanic Heritage Night. Here are a few other special things to note:



- The first 1,000 fans in attendance receive a Los Toros Bulls figurine
- The court will be newly designed for the game
- The players will wear custom uniforms designed by U-46 senior Bryanna Sanchez of South Elgin High School
- All player jerseys, including the mascot's, will be auctioned during the game.

Tickets are \$25, with \$5 from each going to the U-46 Educational Foundation, which will use the funds for annual teacher grants and scholarships. A portion of the proceeds from the jersey auction will also benefit the U-46 Foundation. For tickets, visit fevo-enterprise.com/event/U462025

Sign Up for the STEM Expo!



Have you signed up your child for this year's STEM Expo? The 2025 STEM Expo will be held on Saturday, March 22, at Eastview Middle School in Bartlett and is open to all students in kindergarten through 12th grade.

It's important to register soon, as those who sign up before Feb. 28 receive a free t-shirt and a guaranteed tri-fold board.

The STEM Expo provides students with an opportunity to pursue their natural interests in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math by designing inquiry-based projects they will then present at the Expo. Find more details, and a link to the registration form, [here](#).

More Resources

We're Hiring

Have you considered becoming a part of the U-46 team? School District U-46 offers a number of [rewarding opportunities](#) for educators and support staff.



Weekly Message from Dr. Johnson

Each week, Superintendent Dr. Suzanne Johnson shares a message with U-46 employees and community members. You can read the latest message [here](#).



Board of Education

The Board of Education meetings are streamed on the District's [YouTube channel](#) and via Zoom. Written highlights from the meetings, as well as presentations delivered to the Board, can be found [here](#).



Care Solace

Care Solace is a complimentary and confidential service provided by School District U-46 to help locate a provider for mental health care or substance use treatment. It's available to U-46 students, staff, and their family members. Learn more [here](#).



Community

Visit our [U-46 Online Backpack](#) to find information on community events, activities, and resources for our U-46 families and students.



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