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U-46 WEPS Radio Station to Host Open House October 15

*Open house to include station tours and radio
professional panel discussion*

ELGIN - U-46 high school students next week will tour the District's historic radio station, WEPS 88.9 FM, and learn more about the radio industry from several Chicago-area radio professionals.

The October 15 event will begin at 4 p.m. with tours of the WEPS radio station, where attendees can view the various equipment used to broadcast radio shows at the former Elgin High School, now the Dream Academy, on Gifford Street in Elgin.

The tour will be followed by a panel discussion featuring five local radio professionals. The guests are WBBM reporter Bernie Tafoya, WBEZ reporter Susie An, WRMN producer and host Mark Bialek, AM 560/AM 1160 producer and South Elgin High School radio professional Justin Kosek, and broadcast media producer and Elgin High School radio professional Virginia Bailey. The panel discussion will begin in the auditorium of the Dream Academy around 5 p.m.

"This event serves as a kick-off for our high school radio clubs as they begin producing shows to broadcast on WEPS," said CEO Tony Sanders. "We're proud of the history of WEPS and the opportunities it gives students to develop their communication skills. We hope you tune in and listen to our students' shows on weekdays at 7 a.m. and 7 p.m."

WEPS is Illinois' oldest operating non-commercial, educational radio station and has been broadcasting for more than 60 years. Listeners can tune into 88.9 FM to listen to student-produced radio shows from the District's five high schools Monday-Friday at 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Student broadcasts include



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a variety of shows from school news, sports, musical, speech performances, and entertainment. Along with student shows, WEPS broadcasts content from Wisconsin Public Radio throughout the week.

Who: U-46 high school students, staff, parents, and local radio professionals

What: WEPS radio station tours and radio professionals panel discussion

Where: 46 S Gifford Street, Elgin

When: Tuesday, October 15, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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School District U-46 serves families in 11 communities: Bartlett, Elgin, Hanover Park, South Elgin, Streamwood and Wayne, as well as portions of Carol Stream, Hoffman Estates, St. Charles, Schaumburg, and West Chicago. In total, the District encompasses 90 square miles within the Fox River Valley, approximately 45 minutes west of downtown Chicago, and includes communities within Cook, DuPage and Kane counties. More than 38,000 pre-K through twelfth graders attend the 57 District schools and programs. To learn more, Visit the U-46 [website](#), or like us on [Facebook](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#).