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U-46 School Counselors to be Honored with Accent on Achievement

*Board of Education to recognize work of school
counselors during pandemic*

ELGIN - The U-46 Board of Education on Monday will recognize the essential role of school counselors during a year in which they were challenged to find new ways to support students amidst a global pandemic and remote learning.

National School Counseling Week, held this year from Feb. 1-5, is organized by the American School Counselor Association to highlight the impact school counselors can have in helping students achieve academic success and prepare for college and careers.

About four dozen counselors work in U-46 middle and high schools. They have helped students navigate a year that has involved remote learning, hybrid schedules, and new technological demands; directly reached out to students in need of additional resources; organized virtual college and career panels; and continued to help students develop academic, social, and emotional skills - all amid a global pandemic.

"Our school counselors are a vital part of our teams in supporting our students' development and success," said U-46 Superintendent Tony Sanders. "I'm especially grateful for their dedication, skills and innovation during the past year."

The Accent on Achievement certificate will be presented at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 8 in room 140 of the Educational Services Center. Alexa Charsha, the



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lead counselor for U-46, will accept the certificate on behalf of school counselors. Members of the public can attend in person or watch via Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89240302929>. The meeting will also be live streamed on the District's [YouTube Channel](#).

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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 37,000 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](#).