

## Press Clippings for 10/06/2022

### ---The Daily Herald---

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## U-46 students introduced to careers and academic paths at Explore 2022

By: Rick West



Garry Moss of Novaspect talks to a group of eighth graders from Tefft Middle School about a career in engineering during the Explore 2022 expo Thursday at the Now Arena in Hoffman Estates. Explore is School District U-46's annual expo designed to expose students to various careers and demonstrate the connection between academic curriculum and future careers. *Rick West | Staff Photographer*

***Additional photos in article [here](#).***

Roughly 2,700 eighth graders and teachers in **Elgin Area Unit District 46** descended on the Now Arena in Hoffman Estates Thursday for Explore 2022.

The annual expo introduces students to various career paths and demonstrates the connection between academic curriculum and future careers.

The event was held in person for the first time since 2019. The district hosted the event online for two years because of the pandemic.

**U-46 Superintendent Tony Sanders** said it was "incredible" to be back in person.

"We tried to replicate it on Zoom, and our business partners did great," he said. "But having 2,700 eighth graders actually come in person and have an opportunity to explore all these different career paths is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."

The Alignment Collaborative for Education, a local nonprofit organization that brings together community resources and initiatives to support district priorities, annually partners with U-46 to organize the event.

The eighth graders learned about careers in several pathways, including health care, human and professional services; arts and communications; business, financial services, IT and culinary; and manufacturing, engineering, technology and trades.

Students and faculty from **U-46**'s five high school magnet academies also had information booths.

Graci Colegrove, a junior from **Larkin High School**'s Visual and Performing Arts Academy, worked on a painting as the visiting students strolled behind and watched. She said she attended the expo when she was in eighth grade. The visit helped her decide on the academy path.

"That made me so much more motivated to apply," she said. "It really put coal in my engine."

## **---Chalkbeat Chicago---**

**Oct. 05, 2022**

### **Illinois educators ask for \$700 million more across early ed and K-12**

**By: Samantha Smylie**



**Illinois educators, school leaders, and advocates asked the state board of education to increase funding for early education, K-12, and after school programs at a budget hearing Tuesday evening.**

Treasa Howard-Collins loves her job at Joliet Township High School’s Child Care Center, but despite having 12 years experience and a master’s degree, she says she’s “earning an unlivable wage.”

“Not only am I working a second job, but I’m also doing gig work to supplement the income for the job that I love,” Howard-Collins told state officials during a budget hearing Tuesday.

Howard-Collins and several other speakers want the Illinois State Board of Education to increase funding for early childhood education by 20% – or \$120 million – to increase wages for early childhood educators.

Throughout the hearing, school leaders, educators, parents, and advocates pushed for an increase of about \$700 million — \$120 million for early education and \$550 million toward K-12 schools — to the state’s overall education budget for fiscal year 2024, which starts in June 2023. The state education budget supports early education, K-12 public schools, after-school programs, and agricultural education.

Lawmakers approved \$9.7 billion for the state’s education budget in the spring with \$350 million more dollars heading toward K-12 public schools and \$54.4 million dollars toward the state’s early childhood block grant.

State law calls on the legislature to increase K-12 funding by \$350 million annually by 2027 to get every school district to “adequacy,” or ensure that schools have enough funding to provide resources to students. Since the funding formula was created in 2017, it has resulted in an increase of \$1.5 billion overall.

And while advocates applauded new funding in education, many said the state’s funding formula should increase by at least \$550 million dollars this year in order to correct funding gaps more quickly.

Summer Butler, an elementary school teacher at Bellwood School District 88, said that her school is considered 70% “adequately funded,” according to state data. But her school is understaffed and overflowing with students.

Butler said that her students aren’t excelling in core subjects like math and reading, with about 14% meeting math and reading proficiency standards.

Butler noted that astronaut Eugene Cernan, commander of the Apollo 17 that went to the moon in 1972, attended her school in the 1940s.

“At this rate, we might not ever have another Eugene Cernan among us any day soon, because we don’t have all of the necessary resources to make that possible,” she said.

Bob Chikos, an educator at Crystal Lake Central High School in District 135, also asked for an increase of \$550 million in K-12 funding because he wants to end funding disparities between school districts. He pointed to differences in funding between his district, which is 77% funded, nearby **Elgin’s U-46**, which is 63% funded and below adequacy, and Libertyville High School in District 128, which is 171% funded — far above adequacy.

“Disparities, such as this, have exacerbated educational, racial and wealth gaps. We live in a state in which there’s a resource race amongst adequately funded districts to offer the best education possible,” said Chikos. “While not adequately funded, districts try to hold on to the minimal resources they have to meet their students’ needs.”

Last week, Partnership for Equity and Education Rights, PEER IL, and the Education Law Center asked the state to increase funding for the evidence-based funding formula by \$1.5 billion a year to hit the 2027 goal written into law.

While a majority of speakers asked the state to increase funding for early childhood education and K-12 public schools, a few speakers asked the state to boost funding to after-school programs and community schools.

Susan Staton of Afterschool for Children and Teen, ACT Now, and other advocates requested \$20 million dollars for after-school programming and \$15 million to go toward community schools.

“These programs all throughout Illinois are improving attendance, improving grades and helping to teach social-emotional learning skills,” said Stanton.

The state board of education is planning to host two more budget hearings. One will be held in person at 4 p.m. Thursday at the state board’s office in Springfield, Illinois, and the other will be virtual at 4 p.m. Oct. 24.

In previous years, the state board of education announced its recommendations for the education budget during its December board meeting. The board then sent its proposal to the governor and legislature in January. The governor then made a budget proposal in early February and the legislature approved the budget by the end of spring legislative session in April.

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### **Style points: Jayden Patino scores in the final minutes as East Aurora takes tie with Streamwood. It's just how he plays. 'I never give up.'**

By: Patrick Z McGavin



**Streamwood goalkeeper Jason Ramirez (1) deflects a shot by East Aurora's Jayden Patino (28) during an Upstate Eight Conference game in Streamwood on Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2022. (H. Rick Bamman / The Beacon-News)**

Junior midfielder/forward Jayden Patino plays at a furious pace for East Aurora.

It's a style animated by speed and sureness of purpose. It also gets amped up a bit if the Tomcats are trailing, and sometimes, even if they have already taken the lead.

"I like to be very aggressive," Patino said. "After every goal, I like to chase. I never give up until the scoreboard hits triple zeros."

The chase was on Wednesday night for Patino, who scored a goal in the 77th minute to help the Tomcats force a 2-2 Upstate Eight Conference tie with host **Streamwood.**



**East Aurora's Javier Aguirre (10) controls the ball in front of Streamwood's Andy Benitez (6) during an Upstate Eight Conference game in Streamwood on Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2022. (H. Rick Bamman / The Beacon-News)**

The Tomcats were fine with bringing home a tie. East Aurora (10-5-3, 2-4-1), coming off a lopsided 6-1 setback Friday to **Larkin**, snapped a two-game losing streak.

Patino's late goal was similar to an early one by sophomore forward AJ Sabanovic for **Streamwood** (8-6-4, 3-2-2), establishing a back-and-forth, give-and-take nature. Perfectly suited for Patino.

"I never give up," he said. "I love the energy of the game. I saw some of my teammates with their heads down like they were giving up. I had to bring them back up."

Patino did so with his aggressive manner, jolting East Aurora out of its recent lethargy. The goal was his third of the season.

"Losing is an attitude, and I don't like the idea of ever giving up," Patino said. "I never like the idea of being eliminated."

Behind Patino, the Tomcats demonstrated toughness and resilience, walking away with the tie after a game they trailed for a cumulative 71 minutes of action.





**Streamwood's AJ Sabanovic (18) Michael Garcia (21) and Hugo Marquez (7) celebrate Sabanovic's goal during an Upstate Eight Conference game in Streamwood on Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2022. (H. Rick Bamman / The Beacon-News)**

**Streamwood's** early goal created a scramble mode for East Aurora, which didn't stop chasing until senior midfielder Javier Aguirre came up with the pass to set up Patino.

Senior defender Isaac Escobar scored on a header off a pass from junior midfielder Jay Umana in the 58th minute for the Tomcats' other goal.

"The playoffs are right around the corner," Aguirre said. "Games like this are lesson-learning games. One thing we learned about this game is we have to start faster and with more energy. We can't allow early goals like we did.

"We have to fix those things in training, but I liked how we never gave up or we didn't quit despite being down almost the whole night."

The game also highlighted **Streamwood's** blend of youth and experience, featuring the physical presence of the 6-foot-2 Sabanovic in the offensive third.



**Streamwood's Michael Garcia (21) cuts in front of East Aurora's David Martinez (15) during an Upstate Eight Conference game in Streamwood on Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2022. (H. Rick Bamman / The Beacon-News)**

Sabanovic has a nice combination of size, speed and alertness with the ball that makes him dangerous.

His goal in the fourth minute on an assist by senior midfielder Michael Garcia was his 13th of the season.

“A lot of my goals this year have come out of being in the right place at the right time,” Sabanovic said. “I started a couple of games last year and got that experience.

“It has really helped me with this season.”

Junior defender Bryan Huerta also scored for the Sabres.



**East Aurora's David Martinez (15) and Streamwood's Patryk Solecki (12) head the ball during an Upstate Eight Conference game in Streamwood on Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2022. (H. Rick Bamman / The Beacon-News)**

If Sabanovic is looking at the start of his career, Garcia is reflecting on his varsity career as a four-year starter.

“Every game we have played this year, the other coach has singled him out,” Streamwood coach Matt Polovin said. “I think he is one of the best midfielders and two-way players in the state.”

Garcia’s blend of savvy, quickness and feel for the game sets him apart.

“Personally, I like to be humble out there,” he said. “I like to play defense or attack 100% of the time.



“When you play this game like I have, you learn you have to be mentally prepared for everything. My favorite part is the passion and love of the game.”

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### Local scores for Aurora, Elgin, Naperville and Lake County

By: Staff Reports

FOOTBALL

HIGH SCHOOLS

WEEK 7

FRIDAY'S GAMES

UPSTATE EIGHT

East Aurora at **Streamwood**, 7 p.m.

**Larkin** at **Bartlett**, 7 p.m.

**South Elgin** at **Elgin**, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

HIGH SCHOOLS

BOYS SOCCER

Coal City 6, Sandwich 1

East Aurora 2, **Streamwood** 2

East Aurora (10-5-3, 2-4-1 Upstate Eight): Jayden Patino, Isaac Escobar goals.

**Elgin** 2, **South Elgin** 0

Westmont 4, Plano 0

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

**Bartlett** d. Fenton 28-30, 25-20, 25-10

Glenbard South d. **South Elgin** 25-20, 25-23

To read the full article click [here](#).

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### St. Edward's Rolando prepares for home finale

**By: Mike Miazga**



**MARY BETH NOLAN/mnolan@dailyherald.com** St. Edward's Mike Rolando is coaching his final home game Friday night. He's the all-time winningest coach in Green Wave history.

One of the Fox Valley area's gridiron good guys is calling it a day.

St. Edward coach Mike Rolando revealed this will be his final season at the helm of the Elgin-based Catholic high school.

Rolando is in the midst of his 18th season as St. Edward head coach and has a career 76-89 mark that includes 7 state playoff appearances.

Rolando's St. Edward football tenure trails only that of Greg True (21 years), for whom the Green Wave's on-campus home field is named after.

According to IHSA records, Rolando is St. Edward's all-time winningest coach. Seven of St. Edward's nine all-time playoff appearances have come under Rolando.

"It's been a great, long run," Rolando said. "I'm just ready to move on and spend time with my wife and see the kids in college. Football has been our life. It's just time."

Shane Finnane, a former player under Rolando and currently a member of the Green Wave coaching staff, will be the team's next head coach, Rolando said.

"We have some good, young guys, prior players, to take over," Rolando added.

Rolando's 2010 team went 8-3 and won the Suburban Christian Conference Gold Division title. The Green Wave lost in the second round of the state playoffs that year to Mendota.

His 2014 team went a school-record 10-1, won the Metro Suburban East title and lost to Coal City in the second round of the playoffs.

St. Edward's 2019 team won the Metro Suburban Red title and lost a close 35-34 game to Guerin Prep in the second round of the postseason.

St. Edward is 1-5 overall heading into Friday's home finale at Greg True against Wheaton Academy (5-1) in Metro Suburban crossover action.

### **Larkin update:**

The **Larkin** football team finds itself right in the thick of the playoff chase, needing a pair of wins in its final three regular season games to become eligible to earn a 10th game for a second year in a row.

The **Royals** evened themselves at 3-3 with a win last week against East Aurora.

"We have to do a better job on the little things of the game and keep the intensity up for 4 quarters," **Larkin** coach Grant Dietz said. "We have to do a better job blocking and tackling."

Dietz said the stat sheet told a story a tad different in the East Aurora contest. "We were behind in every statistical category except the scoreboard," he said.

Diyoness King came through big for the Royals on special teams in the win. "Diyoness is our utility man," Dietz said. "Against East Aurora, he was our holder for extra point and field goal teams for the first time."

Michael Bresnen also was cited for strong play. "Michael is becoming a leader on defense," Dietz pointed out.

**Elgin** update:

Another 3-3 team resides on the east side of town in **Elgin High School**, which like Larkin, can become playoff eligible with two more wins. The two teams meet next week with the loser likely having the playoff door shut in its face.

The **Maroons** have already matched their win total from a year ago.

"We can compete with anyone," **Elgin** coach Anthony Mason said. "We just have to take advantage of our opportunities when given, work hard and execute, and that will allow us to play good football."

One stat of note after six weeks, **Elgin** has outscored its opponents 91-74 in the second half this season.

**Streamwood** update:

The **Sabres** dropped to 1-5 with last week's loss to West Chicago.

"Blown assignments cost us big-time in the last game," **Streamwood** coach Keith McMaster said. "This was the most passing yards given up all season."

McMaster said the **Sabres** must work hard to cut down on turnovers on offense, and increase the number created on defense.

"We're minus-14 in the turnover battle," he said. "You can't win ballgames without controlling the football or taking it from your opponent."

Positives for **Streamwood** include sophomore Juan Cortes going for 80 yards rushing on 18 carries against West Chicago.

"On the good side of things Juan had the best day of his career," McMaster said. "This is a young team and some of our sophomores are contributing at a high level, especially defensively.

Jaiden Rumble and Cortes, McMaster noted, have been used on both sides of the ball. McMaster also is high on the efforts of Alex Flores.

**South Elgin** update:

Coach Dragan Teonic learned a big lesson coming out of the team's Week 6 win against previously unscathed Glenbard South that pushed it to 6-0 and put a guaranteed playoff ticket in its back pocket. **South Elgin** also commandeered sole possession of first place in the Upstate Eight with three to play.

"We are more physical and gritty than even I imagined," he said. "We are capable of playing different styles of football given the circumstances."

**South Elgin** rolled up 570 yards of offense, including a massive 446 on the ground. Nathan Downey, making his first start at quarterback, threw for 124 yards and a pair of scores.

"Nathan played a great game," Teonic said.

**South Elgin** also recovered 3 onside kicks in a row to start the second half, allowing the game to go from a 21-21 deadlock to a 42-21 Storm advantage before Glenbard South got the ball back.

Teonic noted **South Elgin** also is plus-9 in turnover ratio, owners of a 215-point differential and holds a 1,731-402 rushing yard advantage -- all ingredients that have led to a 6-0 start and a potential UEC title simmering to a boil on the stove.

To read the full article click [here](#).

# ---Chicago Tribune---

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## October surprise: Bria Lomax eyes big showing as Bartlett heads into end of regular season. 'She's always out to get the win.'

By: Paul Johnson



**Bartlett's Bria Lomax (12) reacts to a point against Streamwood during an Upstate Eight Conference match on Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2021. (H. Rick Bamman / The Beacon-News)**

When Bria Lomax walked into **Bartlett's** gym as a freshman, she noticed the banners for each sport that listed all of the accomplishments.

She noticed the banner for girls volleyball was bare. The Hawks put the first numbers on that board in 2020 by sharing the Upstate Eight Conference title.

Now, in October of her final high school season, the senior middle hitter is looking to add some more digits to that display.

"I think that's the goal for our seniors," Lomax said. "This is the last time we'll be able to get another number for that banner. Conference, of course, is the first goal before we get more intense.





**Bartlett's Bria Lomax (12) sets the ball against Streamwood during an Upstate Eight Conference match on Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2021. (H. Rick Bamman / The Beacon-News)**

“That’s what we’re all focused on now.”

The play of Lomax gives **Bartlett** (17-8, 5-0) hope for bringing home some hardware. She leads the Hawks with 161 kills and 57 blocks.

“She’s just unbelievable,” **Bartlett** coach Bob Schwantz said. “She plays all six positions. I call her an assassin. She’s always out to get the win.

“She could play pretty much any position at the college level. She’s the captain, the reigning team MVP, soon to be four-year all-conference.”

Lomax credits her move to Sports Performance in club for unlocking the extra skills in her arsenal.

“They train you to play everything,” Lomax said. “I feel confident doing it as well. All the hours put into it, over time, it slowly starts to develop and then it clicked.

“It was like, ‘Oh, I can do that now.’”

While opposing teams try to figure out what Lomax is going to do next, the Hawks have their eyes trained on her movements as well.

“She’s one of those girls where when she’s front row, the entire team is mirroring her,” Schwantz said. “They’re bracing for what she’s going to do.

“If the set isn’t there, she’ll just tip it. She keeps teams honest.”

In the spring, while playing club, Lomax was contacted by NCAA Division II Findlay. It didn’t take long before she visited and was offered a scholarship. She accepted in June.



**Bartlett's Bria Lomax (12) and Madison Hankins (1) block a hit by South Elgin's Maddy Shaner (12) during Upstate Eight Conference match on Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2021. (H. Rick Bamman / The Beacon-News)**

“It happened super quickly and it was kind of crazy,” Lomax said. “It was like a month and a half and I was like, ‘Yeah, I’ll come to your school.’

“I didn’t want a huge Division I school. I felt like that wasn’t where I wanted to be.”

**Bartlett** entered the week on a five-match winning streak, with a showdown looming next Tuesday at **South Elgin**.

The **Storm**, however, are playing without their star in Iowa recruit Alyssa Worden, who is close friends with Lomax. Worden is out for the season with a knee injury.

Still, that match has typically determined the conference champion over the past few seasons, so Lomax is excited about it.

“The next step is to beat **South Elgin**,” Lomax said. “We’re all looking forward to that match. Then the next step is regionals and getting ready to play bigger and better competition.”



**South Elgin's Loreal Wilson (11) and Alyssa Worden (7) block a shot by Bartlett/s Bria Lomax (12) during Upstate Eight Conference match on Tuesday, Oct.12, 2021. (H. Rick Bamman / The Beacon-News)**

Schwantz, meanwhile, knows Lomax and the Hawks don't want to stop at just winning next Tuesday.

"She's not just satisfied with the conference title," Schwantz said. "She wants a regional title after the boys won it in the spring."

After struggling at a tournament in West Chicago, the Hawks reached the finals at Hoffman Estates, only to lose to a Woodstock team they would later beat.

Schwantz points to the fact Bartlett took Wheaton Warrenville South to three games and hung with Class 2A power Genoa-Kingston as signs the Hawks could make a postseason run.

"I think with her, anything is possible," Schwantz said of Lomax. "Having her is unbelievable."

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**Game on(side): Toviell Peter Parayno supports Streamwood coach's decision to onside kick with regularity. 'How important it is.'**

**By: Rick Armstrong**



**Streamwood kicker Toviel Peter Parayno follows through under the watchful eyes of special teams coach Eric Strasser during practice on Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2022. (Rick Armstrong / The Beacon-News )**

Toviel Peter Parayno isn't an imposing figure stepping onto the field for **Streamwood**, but he has become a cause for concern among opposing teams.

The primary responsibility for the 5-foot-5, 140-pound junior is handling kickoffs. In that role, he has developed into a valuable asset for [coach Keith McMaster](#).

Parayno's kickoffs — almost exclusively onside kicks — are anything but common. Neither was his path to the game.

Earlier this season, the **Sabres** recovered five of seven onside kicks in a 40-28 Upstate Eight Conference victory over **Elgin**.

“After that game,” Parayno said, “we started realizing how important it is.”



**Streamwood kicker Toviel Peter Parayno sends an onside kick bouncing off the tee during special teams practice on Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2022. (Rick Armstrong / The Beacon-News )**

It took McMaster and his coaching staff some time to commit to the tactic, beginning halfway through last season.

“Our numbers were down and we were pretty small,” McMaster said. “I kept seeing 5-foot something, 150-pound guys going against 6-2, 235.”

With his team regularly giving up big kickoff returns, he figured why not try to “steal an extra possession” in the process?

Onside kicks, of course, require touch and accuracy. They are fairly common late in a game when a team is trying to erase a deficit and needs to get the ball back after scoring.

Any kickoff that travels 10 yards becomes a free ball that can be recovered by either team, making it a risk-reward proposition.

**Streamwood** (1-5, 1-5) has a 44% success rate this season, having recovered 8 of 18.



**Junior kicker Toviell Peter Parayno, second from right, and his Streamwood teammates approach the ball before fanning out in formation for an onside kick in practice on Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2022. (Rick Armstrong / The Beacon-News )**

Parayno, who said his name is “fairly common” in his family’s native Philippines, is happy to contribute.

He ran cross country in middle school and as a freshman at Westminster Christian before transferring to Streamwood. He started kicking on his own after watching the NFL on TV.

“What always got to me was how they could kick the ball with such accuracy,” Parayno said.

If he kicks the ball away, Parayno estimates his best effort is to the opponents’ 10-yard line.



Assistant coach Eric Strasser, who was a kicker in college at Valparaiso, is the mastermind for the Sabres' approach.

“I feel if we can steal one or two possessions a game, that’s great,” Strasser said. “If we can get more, better yet. Our goal is to get every single one.

“Our mentality is we’re kicking off, but this is our ball to get. If we’re kicking touchbacks every time, who knows, maybe it’s different? That’s not the norm. We leverage the strength of the kids.”

Parayno will kick it left, right and straight ahead or try a pooch kick — chipping the football over the heads of the opposing front line.

“We want it to be an aggressive spin or maybe make it bounce,” Strasser said.

Parayno said Strasser isn’t afraid to try anything and his teammates make the play happen.

“I tell them, ‘If a guy on the other team is reaching for the ball, go annihilate him,’” Parayno said. “Don’t wait for him to touch it because you don’t know if he has good hands or not.”

Cristian Clark, a 6-1, 190-pound senior tight end, had three recoveries against Elgin.

On one of the others, according to Strasser, Clark batted a ball that was headed out of bounds back onto the field.



**Streamwood's Toviell Peter Parayno practices his onside kickoffs on Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2022. (Rick Armstrong / The Beacon-News )**

“Cristian is kind of like the heart and soul of the special forces team out there for us,” McMaster said.



Players on the team have embraced the play, and those on the kickoff team love competing with each other to get the ball.

“I think it’s better if we all spread out and flow to the ball,” Clark said. “You just concentrate on the ball and attack it.

“Whatever helps our team get a turnover, basically. And when we get one, I go crazy.”