



Students will leave high school prepared as life-long learners to be contributing adults eager to live and work in their community.

***Our Mission***  
*The Alignment Collaborative for Education (ACE) mission is to align community resources and collaborate with organizations in support of public school strategies to raise student achievement; create responsible, productive, and contributing members of our society; and advance the economic and social well-being of communities served by School District U-46 in Illinois.*



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**Creating a legacy of achievement for future generations**

The Alignment Collaborative for Education (ACE) is a collective impact organization of business and civic leaders from 11 northwestern Illinois communities working in partnership with School District U-46 to deliver a qualified, future workforce eager to live and work in the U-46 Community.

ACE is working with the U-46 administration and staff to implement the district's strategic plan to provide:

**Career Pathways** – Students will graduate career ready for postsecondary education and a global workplace.

**Trauma Informed Care** – Students will experience a holistic school environment that prioritizes the students' social and emotional development as well as their academic success.

**Early Education** – Students will enter U-46 Kindergarten academically and socially prepared to successfully enter the school environment.

**Benefits of Alignment:**

1. Economic Development – A community of choice for business and family
2. Greater ROI – Community resources leveraged for broader impact
3. Higher Quality Services – A community that maximizes its expertise to address economic and social needs
4. Enhanced Capacity – A community utilizing collective impact for systemic, long-term change

***Navigating students to Career Pathways is a key aspect of creating a sustainable, local workforce and a community of choice.***

—Peter Sikorski, EVP, Chief Financial Officer, Get Fresh Produce

***"The ACE approach is a long-term marathon effort, not a sprint. I believe that in 5, 10, 20 years from now, when people look back on the progress and improvements in School District U-46 and our communities, they will cite ACE."***

— Tony Sanders, CEO of School District U-46



***"Through collective impact, Alignment mobilizes the U-46 community to be engaged partners connecting education and workforce."***

— Linda Deering Dean, President, Advocate Sherman Hospital



***"The future workforce must be educated to solve problems and adapt to swiftly changing technology."***

—William Hoffer, President, Hoffer Plastics



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