



HARTLAND CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS

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Dear HCS Education Community:

The Holiday Break, a Time to Reenergize:

Have an awesome Holiday Break. Semester number one is in the books for 2021-22. As we go into the Holiday Break, I ask that you enjoy your families and take time to reflect on first semester, particularly on what went well. I believe that you will identify many positive things that have happened with your children. Have a wonderful break.

I ask that you allow our staff time to refresh themselves over the break. I am asking staff to use this time to prepare for the second semester by taking care of themselves and spending time with their families. I ask that they not work on school-related activities over the break, we all need this. This means that they will not be responding to emails, phone calls, text messages, etc. until we return on January 3, 2021. If there is an emergency that you feel needs attention, please email me at chuckhughes@hartlandschools.us.

A special shout out to our school administrators who have risen time and time again above the chaos. I am sure that I do not tell my administrative team enough how awesome they are over the year. Our building principals are "Simply the Best" like in Tina Turner's song.

January is Board Appreciation Month:

It is no secret that our Board of Education has been working tirelessly to lead the district through challenging times. We are blessed to have each of them looking out for our students, staff, and community. Our Board members regularly share with me the feedback they are receiving from the community, which is used to help guide my decision-making process with an emphasis on being thoughtful, deliberate, and as I stated in my letter last week, toward normalcy. I could not imagine working for a more capable and student-centered Board of Education. Their insights and support are appreciated daily. If you get a chance, please let them know that you appreciate the work they are doing during the month of January.

Why Was the Board Meeting Changed:

The Monday, December 13, 2021 meeting was cancelled due to the lack of a quorum of Board members because of unforeseen circumstances. Under the Open Meetings Act, we must have a majority of members present to make decisions, four out of seven. The Wednesday morning special meeting was set because we could get a quorum together and make decisions for business items that needed to be implemented by January 1, 2022. Keep in mind that we often have 7:30 AM meetings in the summer so this is not such an unusual time.

New Board Appointee Interview with Mr. Victor Bugni:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G9AeqDAUCgM>



Weekly COVID Update:

Since my last update on December 8, 2021, the data shows:

Livingston County Average Percentage of Positive Results for all Tested: 16.4%

Livingston County Average Number of Positive Cases Per Day: 151

Livingston County Average Number of Positive Cases Per Week: 1,059

Elementary Students Excluded/Quarantined Since Last Week: CE = 2, LE = 43, RE = 14, VE = 38

Grade 5-8 Students Excluded/Quarantined Since Last Week: FIS = 25 and MS = 0

High School / Alternative Education Students Excluded/Quarantined Since Last Week: HS = 4

I have been notified of positive or probable COVID cases at Creekside Elementary (1), Lakes Elementary (2), Round Elementary (1), Village Elementary (2), Farms Intermediate (1), and Hartland High School (3). If you wish to explore additional information, please visit the sites below:

Note: Data taken from <https://www.mistartmap.info/> and <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view>

Respectfully,

Superintendent