## HARTLAND CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS

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**Dear HCS Education Community:** 

## **Counselor Appreciation Week:**

I want to thank our school counselors for all that they contribute to taking care of our students. They are a professional and wonderful group of individuals.

HS = Erica Empie, Helen Kenney, Heather Osterhout, and Nicole Lusk LEGACY, HVA and MS = Andrea Hansen MS = Erica McLennan FIS = Mary Day

## **Recent BOE Meeting Questions and Answers:**

**Note:** In almost all cases, questions the public has about district procedures, practices, and policy can efficiently be answered by calling me at 810-626-2100. If you prefer to email me with a question, please provide me a phone number where I can reach you with an answer.

## Q. Why does the district employ school psychologists?

**A.** School Psychologists are employed to support staff in observing, describing, and referring students suspected of having a disability. They facilitate and help to explain to parents and staff the process for testing and evaluating the needs of our children. School psychologists are members of individualized education program (IEP) teams and help to plan instructional and behavioral strategies. School psychologists play a role in working with staff when a crisis occurs. Trauma affects more than just an individual or family, and support is needed to help everyone move forward. School psychologists provide psychological services as determined through an individualized education plan. Hartland works through the Livingston Educational Service Agency (LESA) to employ 6.2 school psychologists (.2 is a partial shared with another school district). According to the National Association of School Psychologists, the average school district ratio is 1/1,382 students with many districts over 1/3,000. In Hartland, we have a ratio of about 1/850 school psychologists working with our students, families, and staff.

# Q. Why do the Superintendent and administrators have credit cards, including a large balance credit card?

A. District facilities and departments are assigned a budget each year. Credit cards are used to perform the business of ordering from vendors (many no longer accept purchase orders), conference reservations, replacement parts, etc. The use of credit cards reduces the processing time involved in purchasing and ensures orders are placed and received in a timely manner. The Superintendent and Chief Financial Officer ensure that all purchases are within the scope of Board Policy 6423 and do not exceed the budgets assigned. The BOE Treasurer reviews all purchases monthly. From time-to-time, larger purchases are needed. To facilitate this, the Superintendent holds a district-wide high limit credit card. All district purchases are subject to an end of year audit by an outside accounting firm.

#### HCS Is Hiring: Payroll Clerk and a Human Resource Specialist

Please visit our website at <a href="https://www.hartlandschools.us/Departments/Human-Resources/Job-Openings/index.html">https://www.hartlandschools.us/Departments/Human-Resources/Job-Openings/index.html</a> just click on the link provided for the position you are interested in and follow the application process. Please share this with friends or family members who might be interested in working in the Hartland School District.

### **ESSER III Survey**

Thank you for taking the time to respond to our survey (506 respondents) on the best use of ESSER III dollars. Using your feedback, together with many internal discussions between district administration and staff, we will be using the dollars primarily to address learning loss resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic in the areas of reading and math, as well as, to support the expansion of social workers in our buildings. We will post the complete ESSER III spending plan on our website as soon as our application has been approved by MDE. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out.

## Hartland High School Fall of 2022 9th Graders

Please be aware of the Future 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Scheduling & Enrollment meetings shared on the flyer below. The high school staff asks that you pre-register for the virtual or in-person meetings by using the QR codes provided.



## **Weekly COVID Update:**

Since my last update on February 2, 2022, the data shows:

Livingston County Average Percentage of Positive Results for all Tested: 20% Livingston County Average Number of Positive Cases Per Day: 92.1 Livingston County Average Number of Positive Cases Per Week: 645

The district has been notified of positive or probable COVID cases at Lakes Elementary (1), Farms Intermediate (8), Hartland Middle School (8), and Hartland High School (18).

Self-Report to the LCHD at <a href="https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6359915/UPDATED-COVID-19-Self-Report-Form">https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6359915/UPDATED-COVID-19-Self-Report-Form</a>. The district will no longer be sending out emails stipulating that your child may have been exposed. We ask that you continue to monitor for symptoms, stay home if symptoms are present, and pursue testing.

Respectfully,

Chuck Hughes Superintendent

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