



# HARTLAND CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS

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Dear HCS Education Community:

## **Spring Break**

The week of March 28-April 1 is Spring Break. The front offices at Hartland High School and the Hartland Educational Support Service Center will be open from 8 am to 4 pm each day. Staff will be available to answer 2022-23 enrollment questions. Please refrain from contacting our teaching staff during this time as they are on a well-deserved break. Enjoy your family and friends during this time and please be safe.

Good Friday is April 15, 2022. All buildings will be closed on this day.

## **Are the schools open to drop-in parents now?**

The district has been questioned about opening our buildings to drop-in parents now that the mask mandate has been lifted. The answer is that we ask for your patience as we continue to educate children in the safest environments possible. Keep in mind that some parents continue to send their children to school with a mask in place as they are more comfortable with this approach. We will re-evaluate how our buildings will operate for the 2022-23 school year. For now, parents wishing to visit the school to help in the classroom, run PTO fundraisers, decorate bulletin boards, etc. will need to obtain permission from the administration in advance, as we have been doing all year. School safety is always a priority. While we understand that some may not agree with this decision, we ask for your understanding/empathy.

## **Pick-up and Drop-off Difficulties**

Over the last couple of years pick-up and drop-off chaos has been a major topic of many conversations. While it is always a busy time of day, the past two years have been more complicated due to more parents than ever driving their children to school for various reasons. This article demonstrates that it is not just a Hartland problem, <https://www.hometownlife.com/story/news/2022/03/09/south-lyon-novi-school-drop-off-pick-up-lines-cause-problems/9322937002/>. Hopefully, the 2022-23 school year will be better as more of you feel comfortable having your children ride the bus.

## **School Milk Shortage**

The district is having a difficult time buying milk for breakfast and lunch. I understand this is not a milk shortage issue but milk carton shortage in the industry. Yesterday, there was concern over serving shelf stable milk substitutes. At this time, we are out of both regular and shelf-stable milk (may be a few available as a student choice) and will offer either juice or water until we can acquire the real thing. This reminds me of drinking powdered milk as a child. Please be patient with our Student Nutrition staff as they are doing their best to ensure each child receives a certified meal.

**Weekly COVID Update:**

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

**Livingston County Average Percentage of Positive Results for all Tested:** 4.9%

**Livingston County Average Number of Positive Cases Per Day:** 17.3

**Livingston County Average Number of Positive Cases Per Week:** 121

The district has been notified of positive or probable COVID cases at Hartland High School (1).

Continue monitoring for symptoms, stay home if symptoms are present, and pursue testing. Wearing a mask is now optional on all HCS school buses.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Chuck Hughes".

Chuck Hughes  
Superintendent