



# HARTLAND CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS

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Dear HCS Education Community:

## **New Ranking Data Released**

NICHE released County Public Education leaders in the State of Michigan. As a county, we are working hard on collaboration efforts between our public schools. I believe that Livingston County remains a destination county for great schools. The following website shares that Livingston County is rated #12 (out of 93 or Top 15%) for the best public schools in the State of Michigan. Congratulations to everyone who works hard to make this happen.

[https://wcsx.com/listicle/these-michigan-counties-have-the-best-public-schools-in-the-state/?utm\\_source=facebook&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_campaign=SND](https://wcsx.com/listicle/these-michigan-counties-have-the-best-public-schools-in-the-state/?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=SND)

You might recall that in February I shared the NICHE individual school district rankings in which our overall ranking is 34 out of 556. This ranking placed HCS in the top 6% of school districts in the State of Michigan. See the following website for additional information <https://www.niche.com/k12/d/hartland-consolidated-schools-mi/>.

## **Top 5% of All Schools for Graduation Rate**

According to MLive, Hartland High School is in the top 5% for graduation rates or #18 out of 1,701 public high schools. Congratulations Hartland High School staff and students.

## **Community Questions at BOE Meeting**

### **How is the district handling concerns around harassment?**

The district ensures that all reported cases of harassment are investigated, and supportive measures are put in place for complainants. The key is that cases must be reported for the district to proceed. We ask that any party aware of harassment or illegal activity immediately contact school administrators so that we can investigate the allegations. If individuals are not comfortable reporting concerns to building administrators, they can reach out to Mr. VanEpps, Mrs. Hayes or myself to report these concerns. The district always encourages complainants to consider reporting concerns to central office or law enforcement (911) if they are not happy with how the situation is/was handled. Adults are responsible to report illegal activity to law enforcement outside of school hours. The district will always cooperate fully with law enforcement and any other agencies involved with complaints. Additional reporting venues may be:

**Ok2say** = 1-855-565-2729 (anonymous)

**Child Protective Services** = 1-855-444-3911

Please be aware that if you know of situations in which illegal activity has occurred, do not assume the district is aware. For student safety, make the call. Lastly, the district cannot legally share student and personnel information with the public.

## **I have questions about district operations and policy, how do I find answers?**

This is easy, contact Chuck Hughes, Superintendent at 810-626-2100. I will do my best to answer your questions, clarify fact from fiction (rumor), or point you in the right direction.

## **What has the District Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee been doing?**

The district committee has been engaging in conversations around policies, practices, and procedure, which may hinder the ability for every student and staff member to engage in all we have to offer. The committee is engaged in reviewing any changes necessary due to legal updates.

Some of the work we have accomplished this year:

- Developed and recommended definitions for Reason, Respect, and Responsibility which were adopted by the Board of Education in the fall of 2021.
- Engaged in many conversations around equity versus equality as it pertains to policy, practice, and procedure.
- Recommended staff professional development options to our District Leadership Team (teachers and administrators).
- Discussions around support for social emotional learning and bringing Horacio Sanchez, The Poverty Problem, to the district in 2022-23. The District Leadership Team did a book study while administrators and instructional coaches have spent time with Horacio. All recommend inviting him to HCS.

**The Poverty Problem** = How poverty and trauma changes students brain structure; producing psychological, behavioral, and cognitive issues that impact student learning.

Currently we are working on the following change recommendations to be presented to the Board of Education:

- Parent-Student Handbook adjustment for 2022-23
  - Superintendent Message (include the 3R definitions)
  - Student Code of Conduct Language
  - Athletic Eligibility (creating a three-tiered approach to ensure opportunity for intervention, Secondary Schools)
  - Student Appearance (Secondary Schools)
  - Suspension and Procedures (Secondary Schools)
  - Discipline Rubric (Secondary Schools)

## **Honk**

Perfect for early Mother's Day gifts, the high school's spring musical "Honk!" is a delightful adaptation of one of the world's most beloved fables, "The Ugly Duckling." It's a heartwarming celebration of what makes us special. With its sparkling wit, memorable score and universal message, Hartland Drama Club's production of "Honk!" is sure to captivate audiences of all ages. Friday through Sunday, April 22-24, and April 29-May 1, at Hartland High School. Showtimes are Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, April 24, at 1:30 p.m.; and Sunday, May 1, at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets are available at [www.hartlanddramaclub.com](http://www.hartlanddramaclub.com)



**2022-23 School Calendar:**

See the next page

**Weekly COVID Update**

Since my last update on April 6, 2022, the data shows:

**Livingston County Average Percentage of Positive Results for all Tested: 5.8%**

**Livingston County Average Number of Positive Cases Per Day: 16.7**

**Livingston County Average Number of Positive Cases Per Week: 117**

The district has been notified of positive or probable COVID cases at Round Elementary (1) and Village Elementary (1).

Continue monitoring for symptoms, stay home if symptoms are present, and pursue testing.

Respectfully,



Chuck Hughes  
Superintendent

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### 2022-23 SCHOOL CALENDAR

August 2022	15	Staff Breakfast
	16	District Professional Development
	17	<b>First day of school, full day</b>
September 2022	2	NO SCHOOL Students or Staff (Offices Open)
	5	NO SCHOOL Students or Staff – Labor Day Holiday (District Closed)
October 2022	14	End of First Marking Period, K-12
	21	NO SCHOOL Students or Staff - Fall Break (Offices Open)
November 2022	23	NO SCHOOL Students or Staff (Offices Open)
	24-25	NO SCHOOL Students or Staff – Thanksgiving Holiday (District Closed)
December 2022	19	High School Exams, 1/2 day for HS only
	20	High School Exams, 1/2 day for HS only
	21	High School Exams, 1/2 day for HS only
		<b>End of 1st Semester, K-12</b>
	22-31	NO SCHOOL Students or Staff - Holiday Break (District Closed)
January 2023	1-3	NO SCHOOL Students or Staff - Holiday Break (District Closed)
	4	NO SCHOOL Students - Teacher Records Day
	5	School Resumes
	16	NO SCHOOL Students or Staff - MLK Holiday (District Open)
February 2023	10	NO SCHOOL Students or Staff - Mid Winter Break (District Open)
	13	NO SCHOOL Students - Teacher Professional Development
March 2023	10	End of 3rd Marking Period K-12
	27-31	NO SCHOOL Students or Staff - Spring Break (District Open)
April 2023	7	NO SCHOOL Students or Staff - Good Friday (District Closed)
May 2023	TBD	Last Day of School for High School Seniors
	23	High School Exams, 1/2 day for HS only
	24	High School Exams, 1/2 day for HS only
	25	High School Exams, 1/2 day for HS only
	26	<b>Last day of School, 1/2 day for all buildings</b>
		<b>End of 2nd Semester, K-12</b>
June 2023	TBD	High School Honors Night
	TBD	<b>High School Graduation @ EMU</b>