



HARTLAND CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS

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Dear HCS Education Community:

Weekly COVID Update:

Since my last update on October 6, 2021, the data shows:

Livingston County Average Percentage of Positive Results for all Tested: 15% (13% last week)

Livingston County Average Number of Positive Cases Per Day: 109.5 (102.1 last week)

Livingston County Average Number of Positive Cases Per Week: 767 (715 last week)

Elementary Students in Quarantine Since Last Week: CE = 42, LE = 6, RE = 81, VE = 75

Grade 5-8 Students in Quarantine Since Last Week: FIS = 104 and MS = 51

High School / Alternative Education Students in Quarantine Since Last Week: HS = 43

Currently, the county is seeing about 767 cases per week. The State of Michigan is showing an 11% positivity rate, 4,206 daily cases, and roughly 27,445 positive COVID cases per week. In the past week, I have been notified of positive or probable COVID cases at Child Care (1), Creekside Elementary (1), Round Elementary (2), Village Elementary (5), Farms Intermediate (14), Hartland Middle School (5) and Hartland High School (13). Please understand that a positive case does not necessarily mean a quarantine took place if the case was due to outside exposure, and the student was not in school.

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

The following link has a document that outlines the current LCHD Quarantine Process:

<https://www.livgov.com/health/ph/Documents/Livingston-County-School-Attendance-Options.pdf> This is an easy to read document that may help you better understand your options if contacted that your child has been placed in quarantine.

The district continues to work closely with the LCHD to adjust as we move forward during these challenging times. I understand that there is frustration with quarantine expectations, especially when your child has been quarantined more than once. What I can assure you is that our staff will work diligently to provide practice opportunities for students during the quarantine period and to move each child forward when they return to the classroom. While I understand that quarantining students and staff is not an optimal educational solution, the reality is that it is a strategy to limit in-school transmission to the best of our ability. I do not expect that everyone will agree with this strategy and can only apologize that we are all in this difficult situation. Please know that we do not take this lightly and are working diligently with the LCHD to find ways to limit the spread while also balancing the need to keep as many students in school as possible. I ask that you remain diligent in efforts to monitor your children for any symptoms associated with COVID, colds, and the flu, and take the appropriate steps to limit in-school transmission.

Reason, Respect, and Responsibility:

Last night, the Board of Education adopted definitions for the 3R's. As a district, we utilize these as our foundational tenets in all that we do. The 3R's have been in place well before I arrived in the district in 2000, yet we have never truly defined them as we each carried our own definitions for what these words represented to us. Today, we move forward with clearly defined expectations for these tenets. I want to thank the District Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Team and the Board of Education for working to ensure that we are all operating under these common expectations.

Board of Education Resignation:

Longtime Hartland Consolidated School Board member Mr. Charlie Aberasturi has given the Board of Education notice that his final day on the Board will be either until the Board of Education finds a replacement, or he moves out of his Hartland residence. Charlie has been an ardent supporter of education of all students. He has served as the Vice President and Treasurer for many of his 24 years while serving the district, most recently as a Trustee. Mr. Aberasturi indicated that he has decided to step away to relocate his residence to be closer to his children and grandchildren. The school district hopes to attract a quality candidate to fill his seat until the next general election in November of 2022.



Interested candidates must submit a letter of interest and any supporting documents to the address listed below no later than Friday, October 22, 2021 at 12:00 PM. Interviews for potential candidates will be held during a Special Meeting of the Board of Education on Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at 6:30 PM. If the Board of Education feels it is necessary, they have the option of creating an Ad Hoc Committee to narrow the candidates to be interviewed prior to October 26, 2021. It is the hope of the Board of Education to choose a candidate to fill the vacant position at the following Regular Board of Education Meeting on Monday, November 8, 2021.

Mr. Thom Dumond
Board of Education President
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Notice: I will be out of the district next week and will not be providing an update. Please look for the next update on Wednesday, October 27, 2021.

Have a wonderful week.

Respectfully,

Chuck Hughes



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Hartland Consolidated Schools believes in...

Reason: ... the power of our mind to seek to understand and think logically. By developing reasoning skills, our students and staff are better able to think critically in both the academic and social environments in which they find themselves. We support a well-rounded educational experience.

Respect: ...respecting the abilities, qualities, achievements, differences and similarities of all, including ourselves. HCS provides the best possible educational experience for students by eliminating barriers in our policies, practices and procedures that may limit the opportunity for full participation in all that we offer. Hartland Schools strives to be a safe and welcoming place for all students. We will not accept discrimination or harassment in any form. We will not direct or compel students to personally confirm that any person or group is superior or inferior based on sex (including sexual orientation or transgender identity), disability, age, height, weight, English speaking status, race, class, ethnicity, religion, color, national origin or ancestry. We are **ALL** Hartland Eagles!

Responsibility: ... students, staff and parents taking responsibility for their own actions and behaviors. We expect that everyone extends that responsibility to working with individuals, groups, community members and others. This collective responsibility supports Hartland Schools' effort toward cultivating a positive culture where we learn and grow together. Engaging in rational discussions that promote community is important to the development of each person. Being responsible means demonstrating accountability for our own actions and representing our school district in a positive manner, without exception.