



HARTLAND CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS

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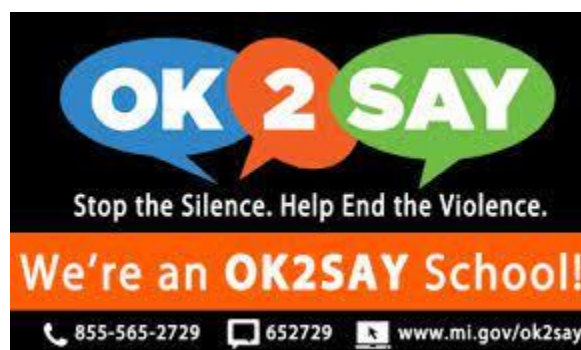
Dear HCS Education Community:

Our hearts go out to the Oxford community and to those families forced to try and pick up the pieces of the events that occurred. Providing a safe and appropriate public education for all children is and continues to be the number one job school districts have every day, Hartland Consolidated School District notwithstanding. The tragedy which unfolded yesterday at Oxford High School is just that, a tragedy. If you know someone who lives in the Oxford community, please take time to reach out to them as they need our comforting words.

School Safety:

Our district has social workers, psychologists, counselors, and a Student Assistance Coordinator available to your child, just pick up the phone and let us know how we can help. We also have a wonderful teaching and support staff committed to caring for your children. The key is that we communicate with one another without delay when help is needed.

You can be sure that the Hartland Schools takes school safety seriously. We participate on the Livingston County School Safety Committee to develop emergency plans and work with the Michigan State Police to ensure that our Emergency Operation Plans are approved and easily accessible to law enforcement. We also have a partnership with the Livingston County Sheriff Office and a community policing deputy, which is a vital resource when it is reported that someone heard or saw something of concern. The district employs a School Safety Director, Mr. Mike Capra, retired from law enforcement, to monitor safety. Teachers are trained each year on safety plans and Critical Incident Safety Response plans that include Lock Down drills which emphasize “Lock Out, Hide Out, or Get Out” procedures. This week our building staff will revisit these procedures and spend time with students to again review them. We will also spend time with students to show them what “Lock Out, Hide Out, or Get Out” looks like in the classroom and engage in discussions about the importance of “See Something, Hear Something, Say Something” to ensure that our schools can address issues quickly. As part of this exercise, our staff will review the OK2SAY website and phone number 1-855-564-2729 with students so that if they are not comfortable telling a parent or staff member, they can report concerns anonymously.



Our job as educators requires us to love our children, embrace positive relationships and to intervene when concerns around social, emotional, and general health conditions arise. We must do this while working to educate our children so that they can be successful contributors beyond graduation. It always throws me off-balance when individuals go out of their way to connect the work we do to help children self-regulate, including handle small issues and seek help with big issues (Social Emotional Learning education), with a political agenda. When incidents like what occurred yesterday happen, it reminds me of the role educators play in taking care of our children. All I can do is disagree with anyone who will try to make our work appear to be less than honorable.

Weekly COVID Update:

Since my last update on November 13, 2021, the data shows:

Livingston County Average Percentage of Positive Results for all Tested: 21.2%

Livingston County Average Number of Positive Cases Per Day: 162

Livingston County Average Number of Positive Cases Per Week: 1,131

Elementary Students Excluded/Quarantined Since Last Week: CE = 72, LE = 4, RE = 4, VE = 0

Grade 5-8 Students Excluded/Quarantined Since Last Week: FIS = 7 and MS = 5

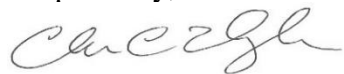
High School / Alternative Education Students Excluded/Quarantined Since Last Week: HS = 13

I have been notified of positive or probable COVID cases at Creekside Elementary (5), Lakes Elementary (1), Farms Intermediate (2), Hartland Middle School (5), and Hartland High School (13). 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>

Please be reminded that on January 3, 2022, we will move all grade levels to the current 7-12 contact process. This means we will not exclude/quarantine asymptomatic children. We have received the blessing to do so by the LCHD.

Respectfully,



Superintendent