



# HARTLAND CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS

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Dear HCS Education Community:

**Welcome New Board Member Greg Keller:**



Greg Keller was born and raised in Howell. He moved to the Hartland community in the fall of 2003. He is married and has one daughter who attends Hartland Schools. Before moving to Hartland, Greg attended Lawrence Technological University (LTU) and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering in 2001. After graduating from LTU, he began his engineering career in the automotive industry. He then returned to his alma mater where he graduated with a Master of Business Administration in 2005. Upon completion of his MBA, Greg moved into a sales role where he continues to focus his talents today.

Greg enjoys spending time with his family, traveling, fishing and playing hockey.

Greg decided to run for school board because he feels a strong parent-teacher-student relationship is vital to the success of all children. He would like to ensure that the district is transparent, and that parents' voices are being heard. He wants the district to focus on teaching children how to think, not what to think. His vision of education is one where all students are given the opportunity to excel and grow to their full potential.

**Kindergarten Orientation Around the Corner:** This event takes place on Saturday, February 18, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. More information can be found at: <https://www.hartlandschools.us/Parents--Students/Enrollment/index.html>. Please share with friends and neighbors.

**School of Choice Enrollment:** School of choice for the second semester of the 2022-23 school year is now closed. School of choice applications for the 2023-24 school year will be available on February 1, 2023. In the past two years HCS has enrolled over 450 school of choice students. Visit <https://www.hartlandschools.us/Parents--Students/Enrollment/index.html> for more information.

For additional information regarding School of Choice enrollment, please contact Mr. Scott VanEpps at (810) 626-2111 or [scottvanepps@hartlandschools.us](mailto:scottvanepps@hartlandschools.us).

## Michigan Department of Education School Grades Announced, AWESOME RESULTS:

I am excited to share that our schools continue to receive stellar grades from the Michigan Department of Education. Look at what we have accomplished:

### Grades for Proficiency of Student's:

Creekside Elementary	A and Reward School
Lakes Elementary	A and Reward School
Round Elementary	A and Reward School
Village Elementary	<b>B</b>
Farms Intermediate	A and Reward School
Middle School	A and Reward School
Hartland High School	A and Reward School
Hartland Virtual Academy	<b>B</b>
LEGACY	<b>Compliant and Met Academic Progress</b> (MDE changed how it handles Alternative High School grading to these two highest ratings).

We should be proud of the work being done in the district to ensure that our students are performing above state expectations. I am so proud of our entire staff for all that they do to care for and teach the children of this community. We are currently prioritizing intervention to address learning loss over the past few years. You might ask, how do these grades compare to pre-COVID in 2018-19. **Answer:**

	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2021-22</b>
Creekside	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>
Lakes	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>
Round	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>
Village	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>
Farms	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>
MS	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>
HHS	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>
Hartland Virtual Academy	<b>D</b>	<b>B</b>
LEGACY	<b>No Grade</b>	<b>Compliant and Met Academic Progress</b>

What an awesome performance considering all the distractions these past few years!

**Optimist Youth Appreciation:** Soon to be released will be the Optimist Youth Appreciation Award recommendation form. Please be on the lookout for it on our website at [www.hartlandschools.us](http://www.hartlandschools.us) or through my weekly update. Thank you again for all that helped with the sponsorship of 93 families and 291 children through the Optimist Adopt-a-Family. What a tremendous community effort. Special thanks go out to Mrs. Meghan Glabach who is the chair of this activity and Mrs. Christine Barringer the President of the organization.

**Middle School Robotics Success:** The Hartland Robotics middle school teams successfully completed their season by competing in the Michigan State Championships in December. Team #5957, Sonic Eagles, represented Hartland at the Southeast State Champs in Macomb, and Team #5290, Steel Eagles, and Team #15104, Static Eagles, competed at the Northwest State Champs in Grand Rapids. Out of the nearly 500 teams registered throughout Michigan, only 30% of all teams advanced to these two Championship events with tough competition for everyone attending.

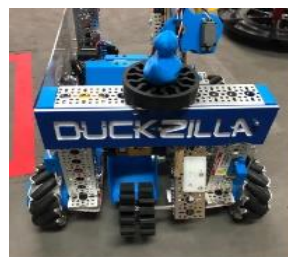
The Static Eagles finished qualification matches as 9<sup>th</sup> seed and partnered with Alliance Captain Team #10255 Robodux from Zeeland and Team #14353 N.E.R.D. Bots from Canton. The trio steamrolled through their division elimination rounds with impressive scores, securing an advancement into the Championship. The teams faced-off against tight competition with teams from Fenton, Howell, and St. Joseph. Unfortunately, they were defeated in two close matches due to technical difficulties with a partner team's robot. This was the best showing in the robot game in the history of Hartland Robotics, currently recording the 7<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> highest robot game scores in the World!

The Sonic Eagles finished division qualification matches as 24<sup>th</sup> seed, however their win-loss percentage was not indicative of the phenomenal field play. They achieved a top robot game score during their event. While they did not come away with any awards, the students were proud of their work and several judges commenting favorably on the technical aspects of their intake design.

The Steel Eagles finished division qualification matches as 35<sup>th</sup> seed. The students had some engaging conversations with the judges and were able to articulate the unique arm design of their robot. The cohesive group enjoyed their season and had fun during the tournament by embodying team spirit.

#### **MS Robotics Achievements:**

- Team 15104: Inspire Award 3rd Place (Spirit Award)
- Team 15104: Finalist Alliance
- Team 15104: Think Award Winner
- Team 5290: Think Award Finalist
- Team 5290: Promote Award Winner
- Team 15104: Promote Award Finalist



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#### **Stock Market Game 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner Announced:**



For over 45 years, the SIFMA Foundation has prepared students to become economically capable citizens through their participation in our premier financial education programs. The Stock Market Game™ (SMG) is available nationwide, to students in grades 4 through 12 with over 22 million students participating since 1977. Offered completely online, students learn personal finance concepts such as saving, investing, and long-term planning while managing a virtual \$100,000 portfolio. Operating in real-time, students invest in real stocks, bonds, and mutual funds found on the New York Stock Exchange and Nasdaq. Prior business or finance knowledge is not required to instruct or participate in the program.

Mr. Anderson has offered this opportunity to his students for over twenty years. This fall, Brady Busack finished 1<sup>st</sup> place for the Michigan Middle School region. As per Mr. Anderson's rules of diversification, students could not spend more than \$10,000.00 per stock, bond or mutual fund. Brady chose ten-stocks based on market cap (small-cap, mid-cap and large-cap companies). His top performing stocks were: Coca-Cola (11% gains), Gilead Sciences (13% gains), AON Inc (27% gains) and Axcelis Technologies (39% gains).

**Reminder of a Wonderful Parent Resource:** It is my understanding that parents have utilized this resource. It is my hope that our counselors, social workers, academic and athletic coaches, principals, and teachers are sharing this opportunity with parents when engaged in conversation around the difficult job of raising children.



The Livingston Educational Service Agency (LESA) has partnered with ParentGuidance.org to provide a new resource to families in Livingston County. Through this partnership, [ParentGuidance.org](https://parentguidance.org) will offer a wealth of free resources to each family with a child attending school in Livingston County. These resources include:

- On-demand courses that parents can access to help support their child
- On-demand self-help courses for parents
- Access to an individual parenting coach for up to 30 minutes each week
- The ability to message a coach and receive responses within 24 hours when families experience difficult moments

Parenting coaches are not school employees, do not work in our schools, and coaching is not reported to the schools. Interactions with the coaches are confidential and compliant with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

ParentGuidance.org is intended to be used by parents and will not be used in the school setting.

To learn more about the coaching program, please visit <https://bit.ly/3VpVsnn>. To register to be connected with a free parenting coach, please visit <https://bit.ly/3RZgEO8> and click "Register Today."

Respectfully,

Chuck Hughes