



HARTLAND CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS

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Dear HCS Education Community:

The MSU Shooting Tragedy Affects our EAGLE Family: Yesterday, I shared that a 2020 Hartland graduate was critically wounded at MSU. I do not have permission to share details at this time. I do ask that you respect the family and their privacy, giving them time to work through this tragedy. As EAGLES we are here to serve the family in any capacity that we can when it is appropriate to do so. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers.

School Safety Drills Important: I wanted to share that I received the following message from a parent of a Hartland graduate attending MSU. The message stated that the graduate was in the Natural Science building adjacent to the MSU Student Union. When they heard about the active shooter situation, the HCS graduate and others went to the basement and found a place to “lock out” and “hide out” for four hours.

The parent stated that when they picked up their child and others *"they were surprisingly calm, and all were drenched in sweat. She said her and the others were moving calmly and quickly through the building when looking for shelter. She credited years of lockdown training that helped her and others immediately go into action and develop a plan. Lots more to the story, but this is the gist."*

I heard about another Hartland graduate who barricaded their apartment door when it was learned the shooter was not in custody. Another strategy learned in school during drills.

We hold drills throughout the year, both structured and unstructured, during passing time or lunch time. While we all pray that things like this will not happen, we must be prepared. It is also essential that we remain committed to building positive relationships with each other and always remember that if you “See Something, Hear Something, Say and Do Something.”

Kindergarten Roundup, Don't Miss It: This weekend is Kindergarten Round-up for the Hartland School District. Please visit <https://www.hartlandschools.us/Parents--Students/Enrollment/index.html> get all the information you need for this event. The district would like to remind parents that we fill classrooms and buildings as resident and school of choice requests come in. Sometimes parents fail to register until late in the summer or just before school starts and cannot be assigned to a school based on where they live in the district due to classrooms being full. Please share with neighbors, friends, and family members who plan on enrolling their child for kindergarten, that they should be doing this sooner rather than later.



Nominate a Young Person for an Optimist Appreciation Award: The Hartland Optimist Club is proud to sponsor its 27th Annual Youth Appreciation & Recognition program. We hope you will consider nominating one or two youth between the ages of six and nineteen for their positive actions, contributions or other qualities that might include: outstanding community service, special achievement, good judgement and choices, perseverance and overcoming hardships, support, care and encouragement of others, loyalty, or teamwork.

Please consider a young person in the Hartland community that you know through your church, business, school, family or friends that is deserving of recognition and the appreciation of our community.

Nominating is simple, use the following link to a Google form and submit it electronically:
<https://forms.gle/GiHU46RacupC5CrX8>

All nominations are due no later than February 24, 2023. We apologize in advance, but we can NOT accept late submissions. For further information, please call chairperson Lindsay Smither at 586-612-1164.

Nominees will be recognized and awarded with a framed certificate and a copy of the nominator's narrative at the Youth Appreciation Ceremony on March 21st at 6:30 pm in the Performing Arts Center at the HESSC (former high school). In addition, nominators will be informed via letter of their nominees' award. Thank you in advance on behalf of our deserving youth.



School Finance and the Importance of the Non-Homestead Tax Levy: Did you know that the lottery makes up only about 8% of the School Aide Fund (SAF) for educating children in the State of Michigan while most of the revenue in the SAF comes from sales tax and income tax? Every property is assessed six mills for the State Education Tax which is then deposited into the SAF as well.

Below you will find the various sources of revenue for the SAF (pie chart). These funds are collected and then redistributed to districts on a per pupil allocation minus the 18 mills to be collected locally as the non-homestead tax levy. If Hartland does not collect the non-homestead tax, approximately \$5.5 million dollars of our per pupil payment is lost and not recoverable. Please visit our website at www.hartlandschools.us or the March Community Life to learn more about the upcoming May 2, 2023 Non-Homestead Tax Levy ballot proposal. It is essential that every eligible voter in the Hartland School District votes.

A dark blue banner with white and yellow text. On the left, there is a white checkmark icon above the word "OTE" in red, with "May 2, 2023" and "Learn More..." below it. In the center, "Hartland Schools" is written in yellow, "NON-HOMESTEAD" in large white letters, and "Millage Renewal" in white outline letters. On the right, "ZERO Increase to Homeowner Taxes" is written in yellow.

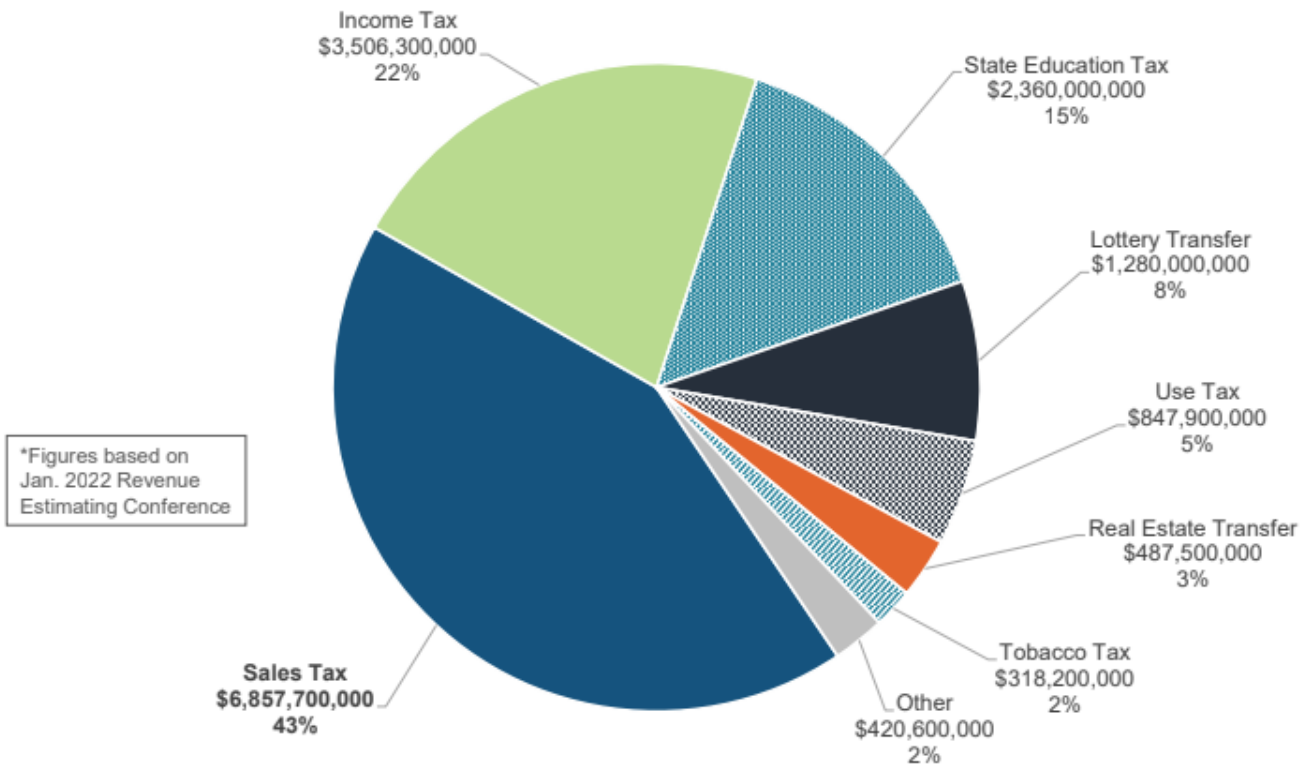
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SAF Revenue Sources

Sales tax is the largest revenue source, contributing nearly half of the **\$16.1 billion** in total estimated SAF revenue for FY 2021-22.



*Figures based on Jan. 2022 Revenue Estimating Conference

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January 2022

Respectfully,

Chuck Hughes

“Kindness doesn’t cost a thing, yet it’s the richest gift you can give.”
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