



HARTLAND CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS

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Dear HCS Education Community:

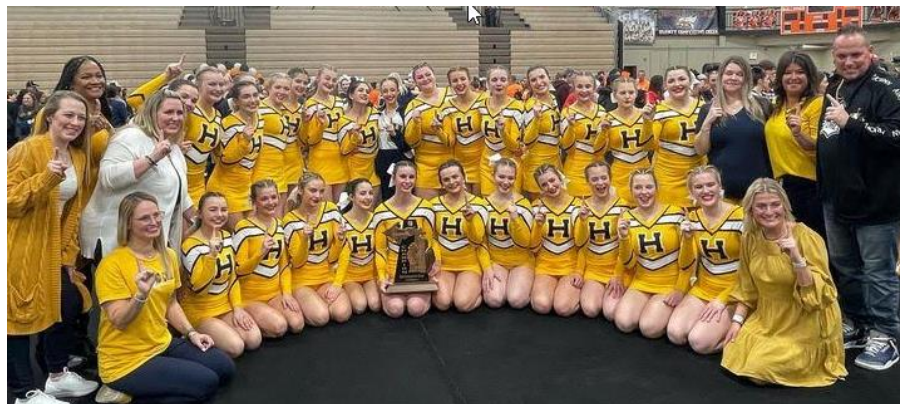
HHS Wrestling Team Takes 2nd Place: Congratulations HHS Wrestling. The Hartland High School Wrestling Team finished the season as the Division I Runner-up. What a great way to end another competitive season. Congratulations to Head Coach Kyle Summerfield as he was named the Regional Coach of the Year, in only his second season leading the Eagles. We wish all the individual wrestlers competing in the MHSAA Individual Tournament this weekend success. Go Eagles!



Best wishes Hartland Cheer: The Hartland Competitive Cheer Team won a Regional Title and will once again represent the district at the MHSAA State Competition. We wish you the best. Go Eagles!

Division 1 – Thursday, March 2 - 6 pm

- Brighton
- Grandville
- Hartland
- Macomb L'Anse Creuse North
- Milford
- Rochester
- Rochester Adams
- Rochester Hills Stoney Creek



Concerns Regarding a Recent Podcast: This past weekend, the community became aware of a podcast in which Board members Mr. Greg Keller and Mr. Glenn Gogoleski participated in and shared information regarding their views about the school district. During the podcast, several concerns were noted and reported to Board members and me. Below you will find information regarding how I have addressed these concerns to date:

1. Concern that Mr. Gogoleski shared how he was going to try and get into the schools unannounced to see how far he could go. I responded to this safety concern by sitting down with Mr. Gogoleski to explain that parents were fearful for their children, especially considering that he stated that he would grab students by the scruff of the neck if they were misbehaving. Mr. Gogoleski assured me that he understands the protocol for visiting schools and would follow these protocols now and in the future. District protocol requires Board of Education members to arrange visits through the superintendent's office.
2. Concern that Mr. Gogoleski shared that he would handle students acting out differently than school staff and "grab them by the scruff of the neck." Mr. Gogoleski assured me that if he was to enter the schools, he would never touch a child. We reviewed how staff are trained to handle students with a reminder that there are restraint and seclusion laws that the district must follow. I shared that emptying a classroom when a student is acting out is best practice for the safety of students and staff.
3. Concern that the host of the podcast was calling students by terrible names and Mr. Keller nor Mr. Gogoleski stopped him to correct this language. I talked to both Mr. Keller and Mr. Gogoleski about my disappointment in their lack of action. I shared with both that this issue was one that they would need to address with the public as it was their lack of action that is viewed as indifferent by the public.
4. Concern that Mr. Gogoleski shared that his wife works in one of our front offices and he would prioritize his time in the offices to note all the bad behaviors of students not being reported, to which the host stated that this is good for them. The community reached out to me and other Board members in large numbers stipulating a concern that personal information protected under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) has been provided to Mr. Gogoleski by a school employee. Parents are concerned that people who have no right to know details about their children are now in possession of this information. I have committed to a complete and thorough investigation into this concern.

It is disappointing that the district has been placed in the situation of having to address these comments. I can assure every stakeholder that the district will continue to work tirelessly to create and support a safe school environment for all students while protecting their educational privacy rights.

Hartland Unified Basketball: Check out this awesome video highlighting our Hartland Unified Basketball Team <https://youtu.be/AXTYL4GfKOM>.

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Respectfully,

Chuck Hughes

“You either get bitter or you get better. It’s that simple. You either take what has been dealt to you and allow it to make you a better person, or you allow it to tear you down. The choice does not belong to fate, it belongs to you.”

Josh Shipp