



# HARTLAND CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS

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Dear HCS Education Community:

**Please Get Out and Vote on Next Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>:** By now you should all be aware of the Non-Homestead/Operational Millage proposal on the ballot for next Tuesday. This is not a new tax in any way. This is part of the school funding formula used to support public schools since the passage of Proposition A which lowered property taxes (in Hartland from approximately 37 mills to 6 mills for homestead property). At the time, the School Aid Fund was created local public schools were required to collect 18 mills on non-homestead property as a portion of their per student allocation across the state. This equates to about \$1,000 per student subtracted from the current allocation of \$9,150. A yes vote means that our funding stays equivalent to all other districts. A no vote means that the school district cannot collect the full amount allocated for each student. The value of this proposal, at no cost to a homeowner with a homestead property in the district is roughly \$5.5 million. Please exercise your right to vote on Tuesday, May 2, 2023. For more information click on this link and visit pages 14 and 15:

<https://www.hartlandschools.us/documents/Community%20Life/2022-23/April-23-CL-web.pdf> or visit our website at [www.Hartlandschools.us](http://www.Hartlandschools.us) and click on the Non-Homestead link.

**Support Person of the Year Named:**



Superintendent Chuck Hughes, Gayle Roberts, Support Person of the Year, Mikki Cheney, Support Person of the Year Chair, Jason Reck, Principal Village Elementary

**Support Person of the Year Named for HCS:** Congratulations to Gayle Roberts, our 2022-2023 Support Person of the Year! Gayle is a secretary at Village Elementary and has worked in Hartland for 28 years. Gayle is described by her colleagues as the “heartbeat” of Village Elementary. Whether she is wearing crazy hats, telling funny stories, or taking care of students, Gayle brings laughter and kindness to Village students and staff. Gayle has been involved in the community by volunteering her time over the years with 4H, Community Council, the Memorial Day Parade, and so much more. The Hartland School District greatly appreciates Gayle and all that she has done for our school district and community!

**Hartland Student Places 1<sup>st</sup> at the Area 3 Optimist Oratorical Contest:** Great news from this weekend's Zone/Area Optimist Oratorical Contest. Our very own Anne Marie Yarber (Hartland Middle School) placed 1st for Area 3 and is now headed to the State Contest on May 13, 2023. The competition will be held at Schoolcraft College. We wish her the best moving forward.



**DECA Success:** Hartland High School senior Sam Kromberg was among 31 Hartland students to participate at the International Career Development Conference in Orlando, Florida this week. Sam placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the **Hospitality and Tourism Professional Selling** category. The staff and community are proud of Sam and all our DECA students and sponsors on a fantastic year. We wish Sam much success as he pursues his dreams beyond Hartland.



Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chuck Hughes".

Chuck Hughes

***“The smile on my face does not mean my life is perfect.  
It means that despite my challenges,  
I choose to focus on my blessings.”***

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