



HARTLAND CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS

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Dear HCS Education Community:

Non-Homestead Passes: The community overwhelmingly passed the Non-Homestead ballot proposal yesterday. I cannot thank you enough for getting out to vote. The proposal passed with about 77% of voters supporting the millage. I was concerned with all of the misinformation being distributed on this required funding millage. Thank you for doing your homework and understanding the ballot proposal and why it is a normal request for almost every public school system in the State of Michigan. I am happy to announce that the passage of this proposal ensures that HCS continues to receive an equal per student allocation. This is an essential component of our general fund budget. The district is appreciative of your decision to support the school district.

Happy Teacher Appreciation Week: HCS has the best teachers in the world. Thank you for all you do!



Happy Belated Administrative Assistant Day: I apologize for failing to share my appreciation for all of the district's administrative assistants last week. We could not do this work without you.



Spring Parentguidance.org Newsletter Released: Click on this website to read about helping children set goals: <https://app.box.com/s/41hlsgo708xxw49b7xpqg3ilzrzjxfno>. This parent resource is brought to you free of charge from the Livingston County public schools. For more information check out: <https://parentguidance.org/>.

Wrap Up Video Regarding our Unified Team: Please take a moment to see how the district works to ensure that all students are part the Eagle Family: <https://youtu.be/E5wf8ppoNok>. Thank you to our student participants, families, and staff for supporting this program.

Hartland Robotics Announces Open House and World Champion Participation: Please join the Hartland Robotics Team on Thursday, May 11, 2023 as they host an open house in the new Hartland Robotics Center. Everyone is welcome, especially students who have an interest in future participation with the robotics program.

Congratulations to the Electro Eagles #3536 ranked #47 in the State of Michigan prior to participated in the FIRST Robotics World Championship, April 19-22, 2023 in Houston, Texas. The team ended up ranked #29 out of 77 teams in their field.



Team 3536 Electro Eagles from Hartland High School competes in the FIRST Robotics World Championship in Houston in April 2023. Submitted

HARTLAND ROBOTICS OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, May 11
4:00 - 9:00pm



HESSC Building
9525 E. Highland Rd.
Howell, MI 48843

Enter Door 10 at the northwest corner of the building
Look for the sign that says Gymnastics and Robotics

Meet students and mentors

Learn about our K-12 programs

Machining demonstrations

Tour the new robotics center

See *championship level* robots in action!

FIRST LEAGUE DISCOVER
PreK

FIRST LEAGUE EXPLORE
Grades K-3

FIRST LEAGUE CHALLENGE
Grade 4-6

FIRST TECH CHALLENGE
Grades 7-8

FIRST ROBOTICS COMPETITION
Grades 9-12

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More on School Safety: Throughout the year I have been sharing information regarding school safety and the components that make up a safe school environment here in Hartland. The list below is a recap of safety systems currently in place or being actively pursued.

1. Secure entrances for all buildings except the high school (security team at entrance) and Educational Support Service Center (working on a security person, currently have a retired police officer volunteer)
2. A camera entry system at each building except the HESSC.
3. We have decided to support a check in system called Raptor. This is a visitor/volunteer system to check state issued ID's for infractions to be concerned about (Fall 2023).
4. HS has been fully ALICE trained with some middle school staff involved in the process. In the fall of 2023, all staff will be trained. Currently, all staff complete the ALICE-based online modules which will continue each year as a refresher.
5. A partnership with the LCSO, Hartland Township and CSA to bring a law enforcement presence to HCS was created as we do not have a city or township police department to rely on.
6. Thumb lock safety dead bolts were installed on high school classroom doors and other select doors where the doors were able to accept the devices. It is still best practice to lock doors as the biggest deterrent to entrance.
7. Building security cameras and servers have all been updated with cameras added where needed.
8. Public address systems have all been audited and areas of need worked on now and during the summer.
9. Incident mapping being conducted for all buildings to ensure accurate satellite views exist.
10. All buildings and the district office utilize two-way radios for ease of communication.
11. The district's Threat Assessment process was updated with input from the LCSO.
12. The district's Multi-Tiered System of Support continues to be updated throughout the school year.

13. The district works with students to educate them on issues of anti-harassment, bullying, and discrimination.
14. Staff training for the same as #12.
15. Certified therapy dogs are present in almost every building.
16. Our wellness team has been supported to ensure a social worker or school psychologist is employed full-time in every building.
17. An additional counselor was secured for the high school and a second full-time counselor added to the middle school, plus the district added a FIS counselor a few years ago.
18. The Board of Education approved another sub-committee to work on Health and Wellness School Safety issues. The first meeting was April 27, 2023.

There are many other things in the works such as lock down devices for front office staff, exterior door and window replacement with safety glass, safety film to be installed on office windows, two-step authentication for district technology devices, peer-to-peer programming to support inclusion of all students, etc.

Respectfully,



Chuck Hughes

***“Life is not about being rich, being popular, being highly educated or being perfect.
It’s about being real, humble, and kind.”***

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