



HARTLAND CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS

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Dear HCS Community:

Help Me Welcome Our New HHS Dean of Students: Please join me in welcoming Mrs. Jessica Guss as our new Hartland High School Dean of Students. For the past five years Mrs. Guss has taught middle school in Brighton, Michigan. She earned her teaching credentials in English, math, and science from Eastern Michigan University and her Educational Administration certification from Michigan State University. Mrs. Guss is prepared to provide her instructional leadership and passion for collaboration and building relationships to the high school educational environment. Please welcome her when you get a chance.



Career Technology Education (CTE) Opportunities for High School Students: The link below provides videos that share information regarding CTE programs offered to students across the state. Not all are offered through Hartland High School. If you or your child is interested in any of the programs listed, please reach out to the counseling department to inquire about what is offered. The counselors can provide insight into what should be happening throughout the year in order to take advantage of the programs next year.

<https://www.michigan.gov/mde/services/octe/students/cte-videos>

Early Middle College Opportunities: In conjunction with the Livingston Educational Service Agency (LESA), students at Hartland High School have an opportunity to enroll in the Early Middle College program and potentially earn an associate's degree at no cost. If you or your child is interested in learning more about the opportunities offered, please visit with a high school counselor. The earlier you begin to plan for this opportunity, the better off you will be.

<https://www.michigan.gov/mde/services/flexible-learning/middle-colleges>

High School Graduation Rates Released: Hartland students in the Class of 2023 showed amazing grit as they accomplished their goal of graduation this past spring. The Class of 2023 district graduation rate came in at 96.7%. Hartland High School graduated 97.9%, Hartland Virtual Academy saw an 80% graduation rate and LEGACY Alternative Education High School had an 86.4% graduation rate.

Child Safety: Empowering Your Child with Vital Safety Skills: I wanted to share that www.parentguidance.org recently provided information on how parents can empower their children with vital safety skills. I have attached the article at the end of this update. Please take the time to read the article and sit down with your children to discuss some of the practical skills that are shared.

School Resource Officers and School Safety Officers Ready to Go:

Deputy Brian Chuff @ HHS: Deputy Chuff has been with the department for 25 years. He has worked with many specialty teams within the department. He is joining our HCS Security Team at Hartland High School and is excited to be a positive role model for our students.



Detective Marc King @ HMS: Deputy Marc King has worked for the Livingston County Sheriff's Office for almost twenty-four years. Marc has spent the last 16 years of his career as a Detective, and previously worked as a road patrol deputy, field training officer and school resource officer. He was a member of the LCSO Tactical Team for fifteen years, where he was promoted to Team Leader. He has specialized training with the Michigan State Police Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. Marc holds a Bachelor's Degree from Adrian College in Criminal Justice. He is married, and lives in Howell with his two children. In his free time, Marc enjoys coaching football, playing bad rounds of golf and spending as much time with his family as possible. He looks forward to working with and being a resource for the staff and students in the Hartland Consolidated School District.



Protection Specialist Mike Fluhart @ Round Elementary and 51 Building: Mr. Fluhart spent 35 years in law enforcement including time as a Sergeant for the Farmington Hills Police Department. He is also retired from the US Army and Michigan Army National Guard. Mr. Fluhart will be joining our HCS Security Team at Round Elementary School and our 51 Building.



Protection Specialist Stan Cooke @ Creekside Elementary and Village Elementary: Mr. Cooke also has a degree in criminal justice. He spent his career working both in Colorado and Michigan where much of his time was working for the Michigan Department of Corrections. Mr. Cooke is also an Army Veteran from the 101st Airborne Division. Mr. Cooke will be joining the HCS Security Team at Creekside Elementary and Village Elementary.



Protection Specialist Randy Mince @ Hartland Educational Support Service Center: Mr. Mince spent 28 years in law enforcement with his longevity in the City of Novi Police Department where he held many positions including K9 officer, Narcotics Officer and Detective. Mr. Mince will be joining the HCS Security Team at the Hartland Educational Support Services Center.



Protection Specialist Steven Faith @ Farms Intermediate and Lakes Elementary: Mr. Faith spent 25 years with the Dearborn Police Department where he served in many special capacities. He also works with the Wayne State Psychological Department as a peer support team member for first responders. Mr. Faith will be joining the HCS Security Team at Lakes Elementary and Farms Intermediate.

LCSO Deputy Wever and Deputy Clayton: Hartland Township will continue have police coverage daily through a partnership contract with the HCS, Hartland Township, CSA and the Livingston County Sheriff's Office. Visibility throughout the community will provide additional support to our schools and businesses.

I look forward to seeing students back in school next Wednesday, August 16, 2023. I ask that parents remember that Friday will always be early release day or one hour earlier than normal. Please plan for early release day. Also, parents should note that kindergarten students will not be dropped at bus stops without an adult there to receive them or at least a sibling that is in fourth grade or older. All School of Choice students must have a parent at the bus stop regardless of age. If you have any questions, please contact the transportation department.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Chuck Hughes'.

Chuck Hughes

***“Worrying = waste of time.
Good and bad things will happen in life.
You just have to keep living and not stress over what you can’t control.”***

Author Unknown