



HARTLAND CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS

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Dear HCS Community:

First Buses Arrive for 2023-24: What a great morning. Smiling faces, good conversations, and excitement in the air for the start of the 2023-24 school year.



Free Breakfast and Lunch: Hartland Consolidated Schools is excited to offer **FREE** breakfast and lunch to ALL students this school year thanks to the Michigan Healthy School Meals Program! All school breakfast and school lunch meals will be FREE to ALL students for the 2023- 24 school year. These free meals include complete school meals only. Please remind your student that for a meal to be free, they must choose a fruit or vegetable every time. Each student may only have 1 free breakfast and 1 free lunch per school day. All students will continue to pay for ala carte items, second servings and ala carte milk. Students can only get 1 milk free when it is part of a complete meal.

It is important for families to continue to fill out free or reduced meal applications if they think they may qualify. An approved application may allow families to received additional assistance. This assistance may include reduced fees for athletics, clubs, camp; community education, local food assistance, holiday meals and support, field trip support, school supplies, utilities support, reduced testing fees, college admission fee waivers and more. This also allows our schools to receive full access to federal and state funding for educational programs that our students are entitled to.

If you have additional questions, please call our Student Nutrition office at 810-626-2868.

School Resource and Safety Officers: If you did not read my July 12, 2023 Update, please do so regarding conversations you should have with your children. It will be important for students to understand that staff will intervene if poor choices in behavior are presented.

<https://www.hartlandschools.us/documents/Superintendent-Updates/2023-07-12-Superintendent-Update-Letter.pdf>

Hartland Living Person of the Year Nominations Open: It's time to nominate the outstanding volunteers you know for Hartland Living's Volunteer of the Year 2023! This year will mark the 9th annual recognition of an outstanding volunteer in Hartland.

Nominations are being accepted through September 6th at : bit.ly/VOYnominations2023. The Hartland Living Volunteer of the Year committee will then select the top nominees to be made available for an online public vote that will take place between September 8th and the 22nd. Watch hartlandliving.com for voting details. The winner is decided by equal votes from Hartland's Partners in Progress (Hartland Area Chamber of Commerce, Hartland Consolidated School, Cromaine District Library, Hartland Township), and from the public voting ONLINE.



hARTland Art Walk Coming Soon: The Partners in Progress are working together to bring this event to our community. Mark your calendars for this exciting event.



When There Is A Concern Follow The “Chain of Command”:

Every year, I remind parents to reach out to school personnel in the order noted below, “chain of command,” when there is a concern. Often, individuals contact me directly about their concerns. In most cases, I send them back to the individuals who can best help them. Please reference the following chart for who to contact:

Classroom Concern:

Teacher
Counselor
Building Principal
Superintendent
Board

Athletic Concern:

Coach
Athletic Director
Building Principal
Superintendent
Board

Student Nutrition Concern:

Student Nutrition Director
Building Principal
Chief Financial Officer
Superintendent
Board

Transportation Concern:

Bus Driver
Transportation Supervisor
Director of Operations and Transportation
Superintendent
Board

Child Care Concern:

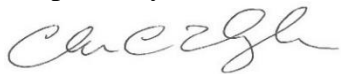
Child Care Teacher
Child Care Director
Director of Community Education
Superintendent
Board

Anti-Harassment Policy: I would like to remind everyone that the Hartland Consolidated School District has clear anti-harassment policies in place. All are expected to be respectful to one another as defined by:

Respect: ...respecting the abilities, qualities, achievements, differences and similarities of all, including ourselves. HCS provides the best possible educational experience for students by eliminating barriers in our policies, practices and procedures that may limit the opportunity for full participation in all that we offer. Hartland Schools strives to be a safe and welcoming place for all students. We will not accept discrimination or harassment in any form. We will not direct or compel students to personally confirm that any person or group is superior or inferior based on sex (including sexual orientation or transgender identity), disability, age, height, weight, English speaking status, race, class, ethnicity, religion, color, national origin or ancestry. We are **ALL** Hartland Eagles!

If inappropriate harassment or discrimination is reported or witnessed, it will be addressed immediately. School and extra-curricular discipline will be assessed where appropriate and in conjunction with educational activities, where necessary. We ask each person to treat others as we would expect to be treated ourselves.

Respectfully,



Chuck Hughes

***“On particularly rough days when I’m sure I can’t possibly endure more,
I remind myself that my track record for getting through bad days has been 100%.
And that’s pretty good.”***

Author Unknown