



HARTLAND CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS

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Dear HCS Community:

Reminder: 2024 Youth Appreciation Nominations Now Being Accepted

The 2023-24 Youth Appreciation Nomination Form is now available at <https://bit.ly/YouthAppreciation2024>. Areas to consider when selecting your nominee may include: outstanding community service, good judgement and choices, perseverance and overcoming hardships, support and encouragement of others, loyalty or teamwork, and special achievement beyond grades. Please consider nominating at least one outstanding young person for this honor. Nominations are due by 3:00 p.m. on February 16, 2024.

Note: you may nominate up to (2) individuals.

Reminder: Kindergarten Orientation Saturday.

Kindergarten Orientation will be held this Saturday, February 3, 2024 from 10:00 am to 11:30 am at the HESSC, 9525 E. Highland Road. Be aware that enrollment for the 2024-25 school year opens on February 1, 2024. Enrolling prior to February 1, 2024 may place your child in the current school year, 2023-24, which you do not want.

KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT 2024-25



A Kindergarten Orientation will be held on **Saturday, February 3, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** at the Hartland Educational Support Service Center, 9525 Highland Road (former high school on M-59).

The orientation will provide parents an opportunity to hear from kindergarten teachers about a "typical" school day and the kindergarten curriculum. In addition, administrators will be on hand to talk about school safety, bus transportation, school attendance areas, student nutrition, Junior Kindergarten, and answer all questions. The Hartland Lions Club will be sponsoring a free vision screen (Project KIDSight) and a school bus will be on sight for your child to experience.

Parents may begin the online pre-enrollment process beginning **February 1st**. The following documents are required and may be uploaded as part of the online process:

- ✓ Birth certificate
- ✓ Immunization records with proof of DTP, Polio, MMR, Hepatitis B, Chicken Pox vaccines (or proof of having illness)
- ✓ vision screening
- ✓ dental assessment
- ✓ Proof of residency using one of the following: certificate of occupancy, purchase agreement, builder's permit, rent receipt or agreement, mortgage statement/receipt, voter registration card, utility bill, driver's license

Children are eligible to enroll in kindergarten if they will have their fifth (5th) birthday on or before September 1, 2024. A child who turns five after September 1st and before December 1, 2024 may enroll if parent/legal guardian signs a waiver that is supported by the school district (waiver is included in the online pre-enrollment documents).

A full-day Junior Kindergarten program may be offered. A minimum number of students are required for the program to be made available. Parents may need to provide transportation in order to participate. The age requirement for Junior Kindergarten is the same as the traditional Kindergarten program.

Board Goal Evidence of Effort Update:

Effort looks good regarding the goals that the Board set for this school year.

- a. **Finance Goal** = The district remains financially stable.
- b. **Curriculum and Instruction Goal:** All district schools were rated by the Michigan Department of Education with the highest possible ratings.
- c. **Building and Site Goal:** We are coming to an end with our Bond projects. Updates on our sinking fund and bond projects can be found through links on our website at www.hartlandschools.us.
- d. **Personnel Goal:** We continue to attract and retain great employees. We are still in need of bus drivers so that we can ensure transportation to and from school and deliver students and coaches/sponsors to extracurricular events.
- e. **Health and Safety Goal:** We are in a great place regarding safety and security. Parents indicated overwhelmingly positive support on the 2023-24 Parent Perception Survey.
- f. **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Goal:** While the Department of Justice noted effort and improvement with the culture of learning for all students in HCS during the last monitoring cycle. The current DOJ extension agreement is in the development stages. The DOJ's goal is to see continued effort from students, staff and the community to embrace appropriate inclusive behaviors and to address negative behaviors quickly and effectively. Parents indicated improvement in this area on the 2023-24 Parent Perception Survey.

Snow Day Concern:

I heard from a couple of parents regarding not canceling school on Tuesday. It was a situation where the weather caught us off guard. About 6:00 a.m. there was hardly a snowflake on the ground. Buses were rolling and students were being picked up before things got slick. Safety is always a priority, so we slowed things down to slow and steady. I apologize if the decision to stay the course caused any issues

Cromaine Library Book Sale:

The Friends of Cromaine are an organization that supports many of Cromaine's special events in Hartland. Their next book sale is scheduled for February 1, 2024 through February 3, 2024, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. The traditional "free day", where they give out whatever hasn't sold during the sale, is set for February 4, 2024 from 12:00 to 1:00 pm.

Looking to part with some of your books? The Friends are currently accepting donations of used books to help prepare them for their sale! Drop off donations during normal Library business hours and leave them on the cart next to the Book Nook on the first floor. A limit of six grocery-sized bags or small boxes, please. For larger donations, please contact Liz Welch at lizwelch@cromaine.org to schedule a date and time for drop-off. Their staff ask that all donations be in good condition. They cannot accept books that are moldy, damaged or dirty. If you wouldn't gift the book to a friend or family member, please choose to recycle it instead!

Men's Club Volleyball Team Being Created:

Please spread the word that Hartland High School has been granted permission to start a Men's Club Volleyball Team. Men's volleyball season will be a spring sport. Information will soon be available on how to tryout and be a part of this exciting sport. If the MHSAA adopts Men's Volleyball as a sport in the future, HCS will look to change the status from club sport to varsity sport.



Community Resource Opportunity: Please see the information below. There is opportunity to get free blankets, diapers, food, socks, etc. plus connect with local organizations for other needs.



17th Annual Event

**SAVE
-THE-
DATE-**

**COMMUNITY
— CONNECT 2024 —**

Sat. February 3, 2024
10 AM - 1 PM

2|42 Community Church
7526 Grand River Ave.,
Brighton

Come Connect With **FREE** Resources, Services & Information From 50+ Local Agencies/Organizations

FREE Giveaways:

- Blankets
- Diapers
- Food
- Socks
- Laundry Detergent
- Coats/ Hats/Gloves
- Personal Care Items
- Boxed Lunch To-Go

FREE Services:

- Attorneys
- Health Screenings
- Haircuts
- Immunizations
- Hearing Care

FREE Resources Focused On:

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| • Benefits | • Housing |
| • Counseling | • Medicare |
| • Utilities | • Mental Health |
| • Senior Care | • Domestic Abuse |
| • Veterans | • Substance Abuse |



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Residents & Families**

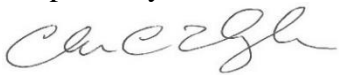
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Board Appreciation:

Those who attend school board meetings usually see board members interact with the superintendent and administration to accomplish school district business. The board meetings are just a small component of the effort necessary for effective board leadership. There is so much more that goes into preparing for meetings such as the homework that must be done by both the board and administration to ensure that all parties have the information necessary to confidently make decisions. At times, board action may seem to be “rubber stamping,” however, the fact is that the work done between board meetings ensures that the elected officials are prepared to make decisions when the time comes to vote on a resolution before them. It is essential that there are “no surprises” that catch the board, superintendent, or administration off guard. All must be committed to building positive relationships to move the district forward.

The job of an effective school board member is complicated and time intensive beyond the one meeting a month that the public sees. Thank you to the Board of Education members who put the time into leading the district.

Respectfully,

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

Chuck Hughes

“The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.”

-Martin Luther King. Jr.

2024 Livingston Mobile Distribution Sites



Howell

Howell Recreation, 1661 N. Latson Rd.
1st Thursday of each month
1pm-2pm

Hartland Senior Center, 9525 E. Highland Rd.
3rd Wednesday of each month
10am-11am

HPS Board of Education Building/Highlander Way Middle School, 411 N. Highlander Way
3rd Thursday of each month
4pm-5pm

Fowlerville

Fowlerville High School, 700 N. Grand Ave.
2nd Thursday of each month
4pm-6pm

Pinckney

Pinckney Community High School, 10255 Dexter-Pinckney Rd.
2nd Wednesday of each month
4:30pm-6pm

All dates are subject to change

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