

HARTLAND CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS

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Transportation News: REMINDER

The priority of transporting students to and from school every day has been extremely challenging over the past few years. The district has called on maintenance staff, mechanics, dispatchers and the Transportation Supervisor to run daily routes due to a shortage of bus drivers. This has created a situation where we were unable to fulfill field trips and after school activities on a regular basis, and paused routes periodically.

Since February, we have looked closely at ways to create a more efficient busing service. Unfortunately, this means that the service provided in the past may change for some students. The changes may come in the form of less pick-up and drop-off bus stops in subdivisions, and cul-de-sac bus stops being placed at the main road (buses not going down the cul-de-sacs). When implemented, you may see buses going by the house and assume that they could be stopping closer to the assigned stop. Please keep in mind that **TIME** is the issue. In order to reduce the number of drivers and buses needed, we cannot continue to go down every street and stop as often. Again, the goal is to be more efficient which means driving less roads and less stops. We understand that this is a change in what you may be used to. Together we will figure this out!

Help: I am asking parents to let Transportation know if your student(s) will **not** be using bus service a.m. and/or p.m. If this is the case, please send an email to <u>Transportation@hartlandschools.us</u> or call 810-626-2175 any time.

Notice of Transportation Meeting: I will host a parent transportation meeting on Thursday, August 8, 2024 in the Board of Education room in the Hartland Educational Support Service Center from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. This meeting is open to anyone with questions pertaining to transportation services for 2024-25. The Transportation Supervisor, Mrs. Sue Miller and Director of Operations and Transportation, Mr. Matt Marino will be in attendance to help answer questions.

HCS Mission, Vision, Guiding Principles, 3R's, and Goals

I have attached the current HCS Mission, Vision, Guiding Principles, 3R's and Goals document that helps to keep us focused on student success. Often, I share with people that there is a book called <u>Good to Great</u> by Jim Collins. However, we prefer to subscribe to "Good to Better" because we can all identify what better looks like. Every year we establish personal goals, department goals, school goals and district goals that require a concerted effort to create a better district for all stakeholders. Our ultimate effort centers on leaving the district in better shape than we found it when we were hired. This work ensures that we are proud of what we are doing and the continued success of HCS.

Hartland High School Food Pantry Donations

The HHS student food pantry is looking for donations for the upcoming school year. We serve approximately 50 students per week. You can use the following Amazon link to order and items will be sent directly to the high school: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1G6U1837ZR5ZX?ref_=wl Or, you can drop off items to the security desk. We need individual items (for example, a cup of microwave Mac and cheese and not a box of Mac and cheese).

Questions? Send an email to hhspac@gmail.com or contact Cindy Shaw at cindyshaw@hartlandschools.us. Thank you! See flyer on next page!



Gleaners Food Bank

I have attached a couple of flyers to the end of this update. Please look at the services being provided. If you know of someone who could benefit from these services, please forward the information to them.

Hartland Players Production of Cinderella in August

Hartland Players, Encore youth Theater and Hartland High School present **Cinderella**. This is a new and exciting summer musical theater program that gives young actors a chance to work in a professional environment alongside expert production staff and professional actors here in Livingston County and the surrounding area! The goal is to inspire young actors, dancers, artists, and singers and provide them with a chance to work alongside those who have been a part of the professional industry in an educational environment.

The production will be taking place at Hartland High School on Aug 9,10,17 and 18.

For tickets click on this link: https://www.hartlandplayers.org/show-tickets/

School of Choice Applications Due by August 1, 2024

I want to welcome school of choice students to HCS. Currently, we have 176 school of choice students (from Brighton, Byron, Fenton, Fowlerville, Grand Blanc, Haslett, Holly, Howell, Huron Valley, Lake Fenton, Linden, Pinckney, Walled Lake, Waterford, and West Bloomfield) accepted for the 2024-25 school year.

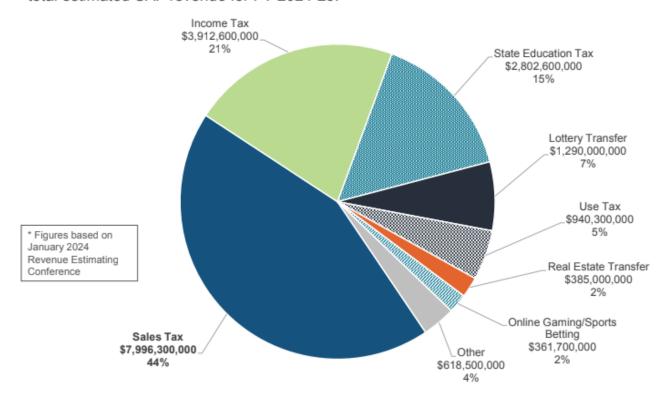
School Aid Fund Revenue

Annually, I share the School Aid Fund (SAF) revenue pie chart so that the community can better understand where funding of public schools comes from. Often, I am asked why the schools do not have more money since the Michigan Lottery earns so much money for schools. You will notice that the state SAF takes in only 7% of revenues from the lottery, the following article provides some insight into this process: https://midmichigannow.com/news/special-reports/michigans-lottery-funds-for-schools-not-as-clear-cut-as-advertised.

This chart shows that the largest revenue source for the SAF is generated from 2% of the sales tax, or 44% of the total revenue stream. Income tax contributes 21% and the 6 mills that every property owner pays in property tax makes up 15%. The problem schools face is that the state uses the SAF to fund colleges and universities and often "transfers" money to different parts of the state budget, which was not the intent of **Proposition A** when it was passed back in 1993.

SAF Revenue Sources

Sales tax is the largest revenue source, contributing nearly half of the **\$18.3 billion** in total estimated SAF revenue for FY 2024-25.



House Fiscal Agency 19 January 2024

Extended Year Program Up and Running

Hartland Consolidated Schools offered an intervention program to individually selected students this summer. The three-week program is running from July 22 to August 8 (Monday through Thursday at all four elementary schools, Farms Intermediate, and Hartland Middle School).

The goal of the program is to provide small group and individualized targeted intervention services for students in grades K-8 who may benefit from extra support entering a new school year. There are 244 students participating in the program this summer. We have over 70 teachers participating across six buildings. The program is being offered with the help of federal grants aimed at helping students catch up academically.

Thank you to all of the HCS teachers taking time during the summer to help our students succeed.

Respectfully,
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Chuck Hughes

"Nobody has it easy. Everybody has issues. Life happens. You never know what people are going through. So pause before you start judging, mocking or criticizing others. Everybody is fighting their own battles."

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HCS Mission, Vision, Guiding Principles, 3R's, and Goals

<u>Mission Statement:</u> The Hartland Consolidated Schools, in cooperation with the community, will provide a positive environment for the development of productive and caring individuals of all ages. We are teaching for learning for life.

Vision Statement: Hartland Consolidated Schools: A community of learners shaping successful tomorrows.

Goals:

These are set annually to ensure that the district is regularly striving to get "better".

Guiding Principles (Belief Statements)

- 1. Create a solid foundation for school and beyond
- Provide a strong core academic program.
- 3. Develop the "whole child"
- Provide opportunities to help students develop skills for the 21st century – problem solving, creativity, real world application
- Ensure a positive, safe, accessible learning environment for all children
- Strive to provide innovative programs and services for Hartland to remain a premier district of choice
- Recognize the uniqueness of each individual within the context of the needs of the whole learning

Reason, Respect, and Responsibility (District Tenets and Meeting Norms) Hartland Consolidated Schools believes in...

Reason: ...the power of our mind to seek to understand and think logically. By developing reasoning skills, our students and staff are better able to think critically in both the academic and social environments in which they find themselves. We support a well-rounded educational experience. 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 a 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!

Responsibility: ...students, staff and parents taking responsibility for their own actions and behaviors. We expect that everyone extends that responsibility to working with individuals, groups, community members and others. This collective responsibility supports Hartland Schools' effort toward cultivating a positive culture where we learn and grow together. Engaging in rational discussions that promote community is important to the development of each person. Being responsible means demonstrating accountability for our own actions and representing our school district in a positive manner, without exception.



Fresh Market at Shared Harvest Pantry

The Fresh Market at Shared Harvest Pantry provides free fresh fruit, vegetables, milk, and eggs along with bakery items to individuals and families on a weekly basis.

Every Wednesday 10am-1pm & 5pm-7pm 5924 Sterling Dr Howell 48843 No appointment needed

To learn more, contact: Shared Harvest Call In Line: (517) 548-3710

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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Livingston County Hunger Council

PRODUCE CARTS!

Open to the community and all are welcome



2024 CART LOCATIONS:



Brighton

- Mill Pond Manor, 614 N. Second St, Brighton (see inside lobby)
- Brighton Village, 7500 Grand River Rd, Brighton (see inside lobby)

Fowlerville

- Cedar River Estates Mobile Home Park, 400 Cedar River Dr. Fowlerville
- Fowlerville District Library, 130 S. Grand Ave, Fowlerville (Hours: M-W 9:30-7, Th 9:30-8, F 9:30-6, S 10-4)

Hamburg

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 10585 Hamburg Road, Hamburg

Howell

- Bank of Ann Arbor, 101 E. Grand River, Howell
- Shared Harvest Pantry, 5924 Sterling Dr, Howell
- WIC / MDHHS Office Complex, 2300 E. Grand River, Howell (Hours: M-F, 8-5)
- Grand Plaza, 401 S. Highlander Way, Howell

Pinckney

Pinckney Village Office, 220 S. Howell St, Pinckney

Whitmore Lake

- Coventry Woods Mobile Home Park, 7243 Sheldon Rd, Whitmore Lake