



HARTLAND CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS

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Free Backpacks for Kids Distribution Announced

Any family in need of a backpack to begin the 2026-27 school year is invited to the “Backpack for Kids” distribution event. This takes place on August 6, 2026, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the front parking lot of the Hartland Educational Support Services Center on M-59. If you know anyone in Brighton, Fowlerville, Howell, or Pinckney please let them know when and where their distribution will be located, on the same day.

If you are interested in learning more or would like to donate please the [Backpacks for Kids Website](#).

Twenty-Fifth Annual

Backpacks for Kids

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2026 – 4-6PM

Brighton Area Schools
Brighton District Library - 100 Library Dr - Brighton

Fowlerville Community Schools
High School Main Entrance - 700 N Grand St - Fowlerville
(Student Parking Lot - Between doors 39-42)

Hartland Consolidated Schools
HESSC - 9525 Highland Rd - Howell

Howell Public Schools
Howell High School 10-12 Building
1200 W Grand River - Howell
(Grand River side)

Pinckney Community Schools
Pathfinder School - 2100 M-36 - Pinckney

Backpacks contain school supplies and community resource information
Limited to 1 backpack per Livingston County student present

QUESTIONS? CALL 517.540.6802

Hartland Music Hall Roof Replacement Drive

Dear Community,

The Hartland Music Hall was built in 1858 and is a cornerstone building in the Village of Hartland. As with any aging building, it is in regular need of tender loving care. The Hartland Consolidated School Foundation, which was created by John Robert Crouse Sr., owns the Music Hall and the Crouaine Library leases the building from the HCS Foundation.

In the past year, the HCS Foundation has needed to deplete fund surplus to repair the Hall's structural foundation and to offset a portion of the cost to refurbish the pipe organ. This year, it is time for a new roof as leaks are becoming regular!

This repair has required the HCS Foundation to redirect grants which have been regularly funded by the Foundation over the years. Your help is needed to ensure that activities such as the performance of Handel's *Messiah*, weddings, musical events, theatrical performances, State of the Township addresses, educational programs, community meetings, etc. can continue to occur in this building.

Please spread the word that the Hartland Area Project is running a "roof replacement" campaign to ensure this community asset remains a viable asset for years to come. If you are willing to support this campaign with a monetary donation please visit the [Hartland Area Project Website](#) and click on the RED Donation button in the upper right hand corner. Thank you for your consideration and for spreading the word.



HCS Sinking Fund Ballot Proposal for November 2026

The Board of Education approved placing this proposal on the November 2026 ballot with a vote of 7-0. Please consider supporting this proposal as a necessary component of maintaining high quality facilities for current and future students. To learn more visit the districts website and click on the Sinking Fund banner.

HARTLAND CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS SINKING FUND REPLACEMENT IS ON THE BALLOT

What Is It?

On Tuesday, November 3rd, 2026 voters will be asked to replace the current 0.5-mill sinking fund millage that is set to expire in 2026 and extend the levy from 2027-2036. This levy provides approximately \$900,000 annually to fund:

- Facility & Infrastructure Improvements
- Safety & Security Measures
- Technology Devices & Infrastructure
- Student Transportation & Utility Vehicles

Why Is This Important?

The State of Michigan does not provide funding for school building construction or repair. Instead, school facility upgrades are funded through voter-approved millages. The sinking fund millage ensures:

- Facilities Remain Safe & Up to Date
- Emergency Repairs Can be Addressed Without Disrupting Instructional Budgets
- Maintaining Infrastructure Protects the Community's Prior Investment in School Buildings
- Students & Staff Benefit from High-Quality Learning Environments

How Has the Existing Sinking Fund Been Spent?

Since initially approved in 2016, the sinking fund has provided the resources necessary to make critical infrastructure improvements while preserving the general fund for direct educational purposes.

Building Improvements:

- HVAC/Electrical/Mechanical Upgrades
- Pool Upgrades
- Paving
- Exterior & Interior Doors
- Building Signage

Safety:

- Fire Alarm at Middle School
- Exterior Wall Replacement at Lakes Elementary
- Pool Stairs
- Fencing

Why Does the Ballot Reference an Increase & Not a Renewal?

The law changed in 2017 and 2023 to expand the allowable use of sinking funds to include security, technology and vehicle upgrades. In order to take advantage of the expanded use of funds, the ballot language legally must reference an increase of 0.5 mills, because technically we are putting a different proposal on the ballot rather than 'renewing' the existing sinking fund.

Questions?

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VOTE!
TUESDAY,
NOVEMBER 3,
2026



SCAN ME!
to learn more

www.hartlandschools.us

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New MS Athletic Director/District Attendance Dean Announced

Congratulations to Mrs. Lori Clay who has been chosen to replace Mrs. Mary Jo Ferris (who has been named as the new Hartland High School Dean of Students). Mrs. Clay has been teaching 5th grade at Farms Intermediate School. She prides herself on being a strong communicator, problem-solver, and organizer. She embraces an impeccable work ethic. The interview committee felt that Mrs. Clay will showcase her confidence and collaborative nature in this position, which is essential within the HCS school culture. I look forward to working with her.



Mrs. Lori Clay

Hartland Teen Center Looking for Part-Time Director

HERO TEEN CENTER PART-TIME DIRECTOR JOB POSTING

BE A HERO FOR TEENS IN YOUR COMMUNITY!

The HERO teen center is seeking an enthusiastic, caring, and creative individual to support our mission of offering teens a safe place to land, make connections, build friendships, and be respected after school and during the summer. This position is responsible for leading and supervising activities and working with other Directors to operate the facility. See the job description below for more information.

- Pay Rate: \$16-\$17 per hour
- Hours: 12-20 hours per week
- Shifts: Available shifts when school is in session (August – May) are Monday through Thursday 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. & Friday 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. We will welcome those who can/want to work up to five days per week.

To apply, email cover letter and resume to Kay Fountain at kayfountain8@gmail.com by August 7. Interviews will be scheduled quickly thereafter.

HERO TEEN CENTER: JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Responsibilities

The Director position reports to the Hartland Enrichment and Recreation Organization (HERO) Board of Directors and is required to fulfill the following duties:

- Supervise the HERO Teen Center participants during operational hours by enforcing rules, modeling positive behavior, and serving as a mentor to young people
- Coordinate, plan, and lead programs/activities
- Encourage teens to participate in activities and form healthy relationships by greeting and introducing new members, encouraging group activities, & providing oversight to ensure everyone is treated fairly.
- Maintain appropriate records, including daily sign-in sheets, registration forms, & incident forms.
- Perform all operational duties, including opening & closing functions & completing duty roster
- Collaborate with co-directors to assess HERO's needs, including equipment maintenance, food supplies, etc.
- Conduct general maintenance and ensure cleanliness around the facility
- Represent HERO at special events and in community outreach (Ex: Township board meetings)
- Make decisions in situations dealing with security, emergency procedures, & conflict resolution
- Other duties as assigned

Job Skills & Qualifications

Required:

- High school diploma or GED plus willingness to complete on-the-job training
- Attention to detail and ability to solve problems quickly and responsibly
- Excellent communication skills in both writing and speaking
- Ability to use a personal computer and standard office equipment
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with co-workers, students, and other stakeholders, such as parents/guardians and local school staff.
- Must pass a background check

Preferred:

- Previous experience in recreation or related field working with teens

Teaching Positions Available

Please share the following with anyone you know who may be looking for a position in HCS.

CREEKSIDE ELEMENTARY

- **2ND Grade Teacher**

FARMS INTERMEDIATE

- Special Education Teacher

HARTLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL AT ORE CREEK

- Counselor / with additional certification preferred

IMPORTANT: 7th Grade Immunization Requirements REMINDER for Hartland Middle School

Dear Parent or Guardian,

As we prepare for the 2026-2027 school year, we want to ensure your students' transition into 7th grade is as smooth as possible. In accordance with Michigan State Law, all students entering the 7th grade must be up to date on their immunizations or have an Immunization Exemption completed before the first day of school.

Please be advised: Students who do not meet these requirements by August 19, 2026, will be excluded from attending school until documentation is provided.

Required Vaccinations for 7th Grade

In addition to all previously required childhood vaccines (Polio, MMR, Hepatitis B, and Varicella), 7th grade entry requires:

- Tdap: One dose of Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis vaccine (must be given at or after 11 years of age).
- Meningococcal (MCV4): One dose of Meningococcal conjugate vaccine (must be given at or after 11 years of age).

What you need to do

1. Schedule an Appointment for vaccines with your family physician.
2. Immunization Exemption (formerly called a waiver): If you have a non-medical objection to vaccines, Michigan law requires you to obtain an Immunization Exemption directly from the Livingston County Health Department.

Note: Schedule your exemption education session online as soon as possible. Do not wait until August as it takes 3- 5 business days to process.

3. Documentation: If you select the virtual option, all documentation will automatically appear in the MCIR system. Otherwise, documentation must be provided to the front office secretary on or before the 1st day of school. Our goal is to have every student in class on the first day. Thank you for your prompt attention to this health requirement and for helping us keep our school community safe.

hARTLand Art Walk Information



Students in Grades K-12:
Will your artwork win
a prize at the 2026
hARTland Art Walk?

Enter before August 28 here:
www.hartlandartwalk.com

2026 Dates:
September 27
through
October 4!

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ART WALK

No bus needed, click below

Please help us plan our routes by completing this quick form. Knowing who will not be riding allows us to create more efficient bus routes for our students. Thank you!

[No Bus Needed in AM or PM or Both Form](#)



— JOIN —
**HARTLAND
TRANSPORTATION**
— AT THE —
*Hartland
Farmers Market!*


SATURDAYS
JULY 25
AUGUST 1
AUGUST 8
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM


COME MEET US
Meet our team, ask questions
about being a bus driver
and learn more!


**RURAL KING
PARKING LOT
HARTLAND**

**WE'RE
HIRING!**
BECOME A HARTLAND
BUS DRIVER

- ✓ STARTING PAY **\$21.30 – \$23.65** PER HOUR
- ✓ UP TO A **\$5,000** SIGN-ON BONUS
- ✓ PAID CDL TRAINING
- ✓ FLEXIBLE SCHEDULE
- ✓ GREAT BENEFITS
- ✓ MAKE A DIFFERENCE EVERY DAY



COME MEET US!
BRING THE KIDS AND PICK UP A
FREE SCHOOL BUS SAFETY COLORING BOOK!

Hartland Alternative Education Opportunity Available

The Hartland Consolidated School District offers students in grades 6-12 an online option through the Hartland Virtual Academy and students in grades 9-12 an opportunity to experience high school in a smaller environment at LEGACY. If you are interested in these opportunities, please see the flyer at the end of this Weekly Update.

Where Eagles Soar,



Chuck Hughes

“One day you will look back and realize that you worried too much about things that don’t really matter.”

Anonymous

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**HCS
ALTERNATIVE
EDUCATION**

**NOW
ENROLLING
2026-2027**

HARTLAND VIRTUAL ACADEMY

- ✓ GRADES 6 - 12
- ✓ FLEXIBLE TIME, PACE AND PLACE
- ✓ ONLINE CURRICULUM 24/7
- ✓ HARTLAND TEACHER MENTOR
- ✓ DROP IN COMPUTER LAB
- ✓ 100'S OF CLASSES AVAILABLE
- ✓ REDUCE STRESS; GAIN FOCUS

LEGACY HIGH SCHOOL

- ✓ GRADES 9-12; SMALL CLASS SIZES
- ✓ M - TH SCHEDULE 8:20 - 2:05
- ✓ EARNED FLEXIBLE FRIDAYS
- ✓ ACADEMIC INDIVIDUALIZATION
- ✓ TEACHER MENTORSHIP
- ✓ CREDIT RECOVERY AVAILABLE
- ✓ BEHAVIOR INTERVENTIONS

DUAL ENROLLMENT, SHARE-TIME & AP CLASSES AVAILABLE IN BOTH SCHOOLS

MORE INFORMATION :

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HARTLAND CONSOLIDATED
SCHOOLS DIPLOMA**