



HARTLAND CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS

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District Rankings to Be Proud Of:

School Digger = HCS is ranked 55th out of 613 ranked school districts or Top 9%.

Niche = HCS is ranked 54th out of 523 ranked districts or Top 10%.

It is nice to know that our work is recognized and that we continue to be recognized as a top-tier school district.

2025-26 Elementary School Parent Perception Survey

Each year the district endeavors to hear the voices of our parents. The Parent Perception Survey has been sent to you by your child's building principal. We ask that you only fill out one (1) survey per building, even if you have multiple children that attend the building. This year, The dates for completing this survey are November 3 – November 14.

Vaccinations or Vaccination Waivers

The district has been notified that we are below the minimum threshold for students with up-to-date vaccinations or waivers on file. State law requires a 5% (\$2.5 million) deduction in foundation allowance for districts failing to meet the standard of 90% vaccination or waiver coverage in the fall and 95% by February. Under the law, districts may remove students from attending school without either up-to-date vaccinations or a waiver on file. We have no choice but to notify parents that we will be excluding their children starting the first week of the second semester if their vaccination records are not up to date and in compliance. This gives you plenty of notice and time to make all necessary arrangements with doctors or the Livingston County Health Department to obtain a waiver.

Speedway Partnership

I have been working with Speedway to create a partnership that could result in garnering products for our high school and LEGACY pantries. The key is that during dollar and sales days, many people do not want extra items such as buying one and getting one free sale. When people do not take the product, Speedway will hold that product back and donate it to the district at the end of the sale period.

In November deals include candy bars, chips, beef sticks, Kind bars, nuts, tea, juice and more.

In December deals include cookies, meat sticks, goldfish, peanuts, snack pies, candy, pretzels, and more.

If you go to Speedway and see such deals, please help this cause.



High School Hosting the Fall Blood Drive

The Fall Blood Drive for the American Red Cross will be held on Tuesday, November 25, 2025 at the High School, in the Auxiliary Gym. You can register to donate at: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/>

Hartland Optimist Club Adopt-a-Family Collections

Each year the Optimist Club asks for help in collecting items for families who could use a little help at the holidays. Below is the list of items being collected at each building. Any help is greatly appreciated.

Creekside: Granola bars, fruit snacks, pop tarts, breakfast bars, single serve apple sauce, boxed crackers (i.e. Cheez-its, Ritz, etc.)

Round: Canned pasta (Chef Boyardee Beefaroni, Ravioli, SpaghettiOs), Soup, Individual microwavable Mac & Cheese

Lakes: Peanut butter & Jelly (Plastic Containers)

Village: Granola bars, fruit snacks, pop tarts, breakfast bars, single serve apple sauce, boxed crackers (i.e. Cheez-its, Ritz, etc.)

Farms: Cereal

Middle School: Paper products

High School: Beef Jerky, Slim Jims, Trail mix, Individual microwavable Mac & Cheese, canned pasta, canned soup

LEGACY: Instant mashed potatoes, boxed cake mixes and frosting

Early Learning Center: Pancake mix and syrup

CO/CE: Shampoo and Conditioner

High School Highlight Video

Varsity Girls Volleyball (Senior Night) v. Belleville

<https://youtu.be/GDAFEAdq94?si=6S1285BjVs9YifM->

Varsity football v. Dearborn

https://youtu.be/kcQWejXtI44?si=L_RRHjyBpokOR1V

Boys Soccer District Finals

https://youtu.be/NbLpUYp_T5I?si=D1vDmPDkZnjt8uo3

Potential Future Bond Ideas

I have been meeting with groups of students, staff, parents, and community members to begin accumulating a list of potential bond items. I will be holding a couple of community meetings second semester to share these ideas and to gather input on what is missing, or what types of ideas on the list would not be supported. The thought is to have a complete list by the end of the year, so that in the fall the Board of Education can determine what ideas should be budgeted (expected cost) to come up with a viable bond proposal for the November election of 2027 or 2028.

If you have thoughts on this list, https://d16k74nzx9emoe.cloudfront.net/4e4d62b7-c4a3-43fe-a4e8-a4230c830313/2025-10-24%20-%20Potential%20Future%20Bond%20Ideas%20v2_ada.pdf, please keep an eye out for the future community meetings that will be scheduled. You can also email me your thoughts for consideration at chuckhughes@hartlandschools.us.

Homelessness is an Issue in Livingston County

Hartland Schools abide by the McKinney Vento Act in which we provide services for students who happen to be homeless. Mrs. Nicole Lusk can be contacted at nicolelusk@hartlandschools.us with questions and recourse references. Please see the flyers at the end of this Weekly Update for information on how you might be able to support those in need.

HHS Cadet Teacher Students visit the SVSU LIFT (leaders influencing future teachers) Conference

We had 38 students attend with 3 read aloud participants and 6 ethical dilemma participants. Thank you to Mrs. Teri Wozny and Mr. Dan Aldred for providing this wonderful opportunity to the students.



HHS Cadet Teachers



Read aloud participants



Ethical Dilemma participants

Water Testing in Hartland Schools

Some community members have recently asked about water testing in our school buildings, so I wanted to share an overview of what the district does to ensure safe, clean water for all students and staff.

Hartland High School, Ore Creek Middle School, and Creekside Elementary receive their water from the Hartland Township municipal system, which is tested and monitored by the Township, State of Michigan and the Livingston County Health Department (LCHD).

Our other school buildings use well water systems, which are held to the same strict state and county regulations as city water. Because our schools serve many people each day, we are required to test our water regularly, more often than a typical home well would be tested.

Below is a summary of our standard testing schedule for school wells:

- Coliform (bacteria): every 3 months
- Arsenic: every 3 years
- Cyanide: every 9 years
- Lead and Copper: 10 samples every 3 years
- Complete Metals Panel: every 9 years
- Nitrate: every year
- PFAS (Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances): every year
- Synthetic Organic Chemicals: every 6 years
- Volatile Organic Chemicals: every 6 years

Hartland Consolidated Schools partners with the Livingston County Health Department, the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), and an independent certified testing lab to ensure we meet or exceed all water quality standards.

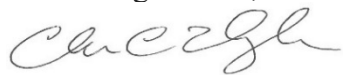
If a test ever shows a higher-than-acceptable level of something, such as coliform bacteria, the district takes immediate action. Steps may include turning off and replacing the affected fixture, flushing, and disinfecting the system, and retesting until results confirm the issue is resolved. Recently, we had a water fountain at Farms Intermediate, and a Lakes Elementary teacher work area faucet showed an elevated sign of lead based on the updated standard. Both were taken out of service, signs posted, and a plan is being developed with the Livingston County Health Department on how we will fix the issue (replacement of the water fountain and faucet). Retesting these drinking sources will occur and both will be put back into service once the samples come back clean. We always take the water source out of service and post signage indicating that the source is not to be used for drinking. We take the safety and health of our students and staff very seriously and are committed to providing quality drinking water in every building.

New Filter First Law

At the October Board Meeting this law and associated grant was discussed. As part of Michigan's new Filter First law, all Hartland schools and childcare programs are implementing enhanced water measures to provide the cleanest drinking water possible for students and staff. This law requires every school and daycare in Michigan to install filtered water stations. Any non-filtered sinks or fixtures will be marked "not for drinking". These steps go beyond traditional water testing by ensuring that all drinking water passes through certified lead-reducing filters before use. Water testing in Hartland Consolidated Schools has consistently met or exceeded state requirements. We continue to work closely with the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) and the Livingston County Health Department to ensure full compliance with the Filter First law. These improvements are currently underway across the district, with completion expected by June 30, 2026, in line with state timelines.

For more information or to review water test results, please contact the Maintenance Department with any specific questions.

Where Eagles Soar,



Chuck Hughes

"A Team is not a group of people that work together. A Team is a group of people that trust each other."
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Notice of Web Accessibility: In order to remain compliant with web accessibility when sharing this Weekly Update, any public service announcement shared with me must be forwarded with a link that I can include in the text for people to view information if they choose to do so.

Homeless Awareness Month



IN NOVEMBER

2025

**FRI
07**

DINE TO DONATE @ SUNRISE FAMILY DINER

Dine-in or carry out from 7:30am to 3pm. A portion of the proceeds go to the Homeless Awareness Month Committee's Barrier Buster Fund

**WED
12**

YOUTH ART SHOW

**HOME – WHERE THE STREET ENDS
AND YOUR STORY BEGINS**

**4:30-7:30PM @ LIVINGSTON ESA
1425 W GRAND RIVER AVE IN HOWELL**

Browse youth art work, enjoy light refreshments and appetizers and enter the raffle to win a basket

Cash only
\$1 per raffle ticket
\$5 for 10 tickets
\$20 for an arms length

To purchase raffle tickets now, contact:
Heather Garden
gardenh@michigan.gov

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HOMELESS AWARENESS MONTH EXHIBITS

Check out Livingston County Libraries to see their Homeless Awareness Month displays



Livingston County
Homeless Continuum of Care Committee

**Use the QR
code to visit
our
Facebook**



LIVINGSTON HOUSING FACTS

Homelessness is complex-but solutions are working. Together, we've helped hundreds of Livingston County residents stay housed, safe, and supported.

HOMELESS CONTINUUM OF CARE

Works year round to provide services across the full housing spectrum-from prevention to permanent housing through our 25 local partner agencies.

LACK OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The National Low Income Housing Coalition estimates that average renters must earn over \$25/hour to afford renting a two unit in Livingston County.

HOMELESSNESS HERE

364 people received emergency shelter in Livingston County in 2024

286 Pre K-12 children were identified as experiencing homelessness in the 22-23 school year.

SUPPORT

1,006 households received temporary shelter through \$295,108 in funding.

570 households received \$459,428 in rent support.

321 households received \$184,264 to keep heat and electricity on.

MICHIGAN

9,739 people in Michigan did not have a permanent place to live. This marks a 8% increase from 2023.

To read the full
**Human Services
Collaborative Body**
2024 Report
use the QR code

