



HARTLAND CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS

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Class of 2030 Enrollment Information

Hartland High School **Class of 2030**

Future 9th Grade Scheduling & Enrollment Information

- Parent Presentation
- Curriculum Information
- Scheduling Process
- New Student Enrollment
- Freshman LINK Orientation
- Building Tours
- Athletics, Band, Choir & More

Option 1:

Copies of the entire Freshman Parent Night program and presentations will be posted on the Incoming 9th Grade Scheduling webpage on Thursday, February 5th:



<https://www.hartlandhighschool.us/Counseling/Scheduling/Incoming-9th-Graders/index.html>

Option 2:

A live presentation of the main session will be held on Wednesday, February 4th at 6:30pm in the HHS Auditorium. Sign up to attend at:



https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1a3KZ07cwn0HWb9CYqLuQJrWvC57C0TchIURiXfxD_bA/preview

District Driveways and Sidewalks

Over the past several weeks, salt availability has become increasingly challenging across the state. Many private contractors are currently unable to obtain salt at all, while counties and municipalities are in relatively better shape. Our district receives salt through Livingston County, which has allowed us to remain operational; however, the County's supply is now running low, and as a result, our on-hand inventory is also limited.

The primary issue is that deliveries from the salt mine are significantly lower than the amount being used due to frequent and ongoing snowfall. Usage has outpaced replenishment, requiring us to be more strategic with how salt is applied.

At this point, we must prioritize salt use for higher-risk and higher-traffic areas such as main drives, entrances, walkways, and critical access points. In addition, when temperatures drop below approximately 10 degrees, salt becomes far less effective at melting ice. During these colder conditions, snow crews will focus more on mechanical removal, scraping, plowing, and clearing lots and walkways to improve safety where possible. In some cases, compacted snow can provide more traction than ice, therefore, leaving a thin layer of snow may be safer than exposing icy surfaces.

Regarding the sidewalks, we are in a better position, because we currently have a supply stored in our warehouse. However, this inventory will need to last for the remainder of the winter season. As a result, building custodians will be applying sidewalk material more conservatively and will focus primarily on main sidewalks, entrances, and high-traffic pedestrian areas.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as our team continues to work diligently to maintain safe conditions. Please remember to wear proper winter footwear, including boots, when walking outside during these conditions.

Fiscal Responsibility

The Board of Education of Hartland Consolidated Schools is pleased to report the successful sale of its 2026 Refunding Bonds. Funds raised by the 2026 Bonds will be used to refinance the district's 2016 Refunding Bonds, resulting in an interest cost savings of more than \$1 million to the School District's taxpayers.

The School District's 2026 Bonds were sold at a tax-exempt fixed interest rate of 2.71% with a final maturity of 2035. On the day of pricing, demand for the bonds was strong as evidenced by seven different investment firms placing orders for over one-and-a-half times the amount of bonds available.

In preparing to sell the 2026 Bonds, the School District requested a credit evaluation from Moody's, and the School District's credit rating was affirmed at "A1". The 2026 Bonds also were assigned a rating of "Aa1" given the district's participation in the Michigan School Bond Qualification and Loan Program.

"The District prides itself on its fiscal responsibility. Due to the District's fiscal management, we received a strong credit rating which delivered a broad and competitive market of investors eager to purchase the District's 2026 Bonds". The District's financing was structured and coordinated by PFM Financial Advisors LLC, and the law firm serving as bond counsel, Thrun Law Firm, P.C. The senior managing underwriter of the 2026 Bonds was Huntington Securities, Inc.

Reminder About Kindergarten Orientation

Hartland Consolidated Schools 2026-27 Kindergarten orientation will be held on Saturday, January 31, 2026 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Hartland Educational Support Service Center, 9525 E. Highland Rd. 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 any questions. Parents may begin the online pre-enrollment process beginning February 1st at www.hartlandschools.us/enrollment. 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 screen and dental screen
- Proof of Residency- examples include: 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, 2026. A child who turns five after September 1st and before December 1, 2026 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. You may contact Kate Gregory at 810-626-2111 or kategregory@hartlandschools.us with any questions.



Kindergarten Dental Screenings Required

Did You Know? Being prepared for school starts with a dental screening. Kindergarteners are now required to have one.

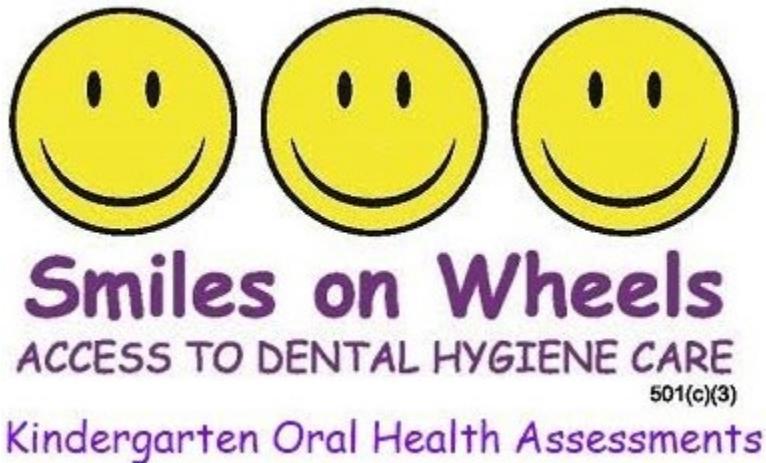
How will my child benefit from having a dental screening? Dental problems can cause pain and make it difficult for children to pay attention in school, prevent them from eating and sleeping well, and can even affect their ability to speak and socialize. All of this can affect a child's ability to learn and do well in school. Children benefit from having a dental screening to check for any dental problems that need to be fixed so that they are ready to learn.

Where can I get the screening done? Local health departments provide the screenings before the start of kindergarten at places like preschools, school registration events, community events and in schools during the kindergarten school year. Check with your child's school to find out when the health department will be screening at the school or call your local health department to check their schedule. There is no cost to you if the screening is done by the local health department. Or, you can take your child to your family dentist to have the screening done there.

Do my older children need a dental screening, too? The dental screening requirement is only for kindergarteners, but it is recommended that all children see a dentist at least once a year.

What if I don't have a dentist or I can't afford one? The local health department can provide you with a list of dental providers in your area. Check the Michigan Oral Health Directory for a list of low- and no-cost dental providers by county: <https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/adult-childserv/childrenfamilies/familyhealth/oralhealth>. If your child does not have dental insurance, they may be eligible for the Michigan Healthy Kids Dental Program: www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/assistance-programs/healthcare/childrenteens/hkdental.

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Smiles on Wheels will be at the Kindergarten Orientation Saturday, January 31, 2026

Reminder: 2025-26 Youth Appreciation

The Hartland Optimist Club is happy to announce that once again we will recognize youth in our community at the annual Youth Appreciation Awards Ceremony on March 18, 2026. Please use the following Google Form to make nominations - bit.ly/YouthAppreciation2026

You may select up to **TWO nominees** who go above and beyond to demonstrate outstanding qualities. Please submit a **SEPARATE FORM** for each nominee, do not include multiple names/groups of students on one form. **Please submit your nomination form(s) no later than 5:00 p.m. on February 13, 2026.** We apologize ahead of time as we cannot accept late submissions. Nominations are open to youth in the Hartland community in Kindergarten through 12th grade. Please consider a young person that you know through your church, business, school, club, or team that is deserving of recognition and the appreciation of our community. 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.

Upcoming Parent Engagement Sessions

I am excited to share the work that will help build momentum toward our second annual Parent Summit on Saturday, March 21, 2026. I wanted to share **three upcoming Parent Engagement Sessions** that we are hosting in partnership with *FlexTech Brighton, Community Bible Church, and LESA*. These sessions are open to all school age families.

Meals will be provided at all three events, and the speaker will be [Katey McPherson](#), who served as one of our keynotes at last year's inaugural Parent Summit.

Please click on the links below to learn more information:

[Thursday 2/12/26, Anxious Generation](#) at Community Bible Church in Brighton

[Thursday 3/12/26, Childhood 2.0](#) at FlexTech HS in Brighton

[Saturday 3/21/26](#), Parent Summitt. Confirmed Keynote Speakers: [Horacio Sanchez](#), [Katey McPherson](#), [Leslie Fisher](#), and featured speakers to be announced soon.

Eagles Soar,



Chuck Hughes

“Always be thankful for the bad things in life.

They open your eyes to see the good things you weren’t paying attention to before.”

Anonymous

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