



HARTLAND CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS

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Sinking Fund Projects and November Ballot Proposal

Over the past 10 years the district has been able to complete many projects at zero interest cost due to the generosity of the community passing the original Sinking Fund proposal in 2017 at 0.5 (half) a mill.

On Tuesday, November 3, 2026, voters will be asked to consider replacing 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 and infrastructure improvements
- Safety and security measures
- Technology devices and infrastructure
- Student transportation and utility vehicles

Why is replacing the existing sinking fund important?

The State of Michigan does not provide funding for school building, construction, or repair. Instead, school facility upgrades are primarily funded through local voter-approved millages.

The sinking fund millage helps ensure that:

- School facilities remain safe, functional, and up to date
- Emergency repairs can be addressed without disrupting instructional budgets
- Investments in infrastructure protect the community's prior investments in school buildings
- Students and staff benefit from high-quality learning environments

The sinking fund plays a critical role in maintaining our district's assets while preserving General Fund resources for direct educational purposes.

One such project that was completed using some sinking fund dollars is the refurbishing of the Caroselli Aquatic Center pool stairs (see pictures below). To see other projects completed using Sinking Fund dollars over the past ten years, visit the [Hartland Schools 2016 Sinking Fund Page](#).



Pool Stairs Before



Pool Stairs After

Transportation News

Hartland school bus information, and transportation information will be available one week before school starts. Families can view routes, stop locations, schedules, and real-time updates through the app. Download the MyRide K-12 from the Apple or Google Play Store before the start of the school year. Questions? Call Transportation at 810-626-2175.

No student bus information will be available until the week before school starts.

If no bus is needed, visit the form linked below:

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

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

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 Service 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.

If you are interested in learning more or would like to donate please visit the [backpacks for kids webpage](#).



The poster is for the 'Twenty-Fifth Annual Backpacks for Kids' event. It features a light blue background with colorful paint splashes in blue, green, and purple. On the left side, there are three circular inset photos: the top one shows a person loading a backpack into a car; the middle one shows two children looking at a backpack; the bottom one shows a person holding a backpack. The text is arranged in a clear, organized manner, listing the event date and time, followed by the locations for Brighton Area Schools, Fowlerville Community Schools, Hartland Consolidated Schools, Howell Public Schools, and Pinckney Community Schools. At the bottom, it states that backpacks contain school supplies and community resource information, limited to one per student, and provides a phone number for questions.

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 maintenance and repairs. The Hartland Consolidated Schools Foundation, which was created by John Robert Crouse Sr., owns the Music Hall and the Cromaine 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 raise needed funds 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, visit the [Hartland Area Project Website](#) and then the RED Donation button in the upper right hand corner. Thank you for your consideration and for spreading the word.



First Day of School

This is a reminder that the first day of school is Wednesday, August 19, 2026. This will be a full day for everyone. Please look for communications from your children's building principal and visit ParentConnection (the portal) the week prior for information on transportation, schedules, etc. We are excited for the 2026-27 school year. Go Eagles!

FREE Breakfast and Lunch for 2026-27

Hartland Consolidated Schools is excited to offer FREE breakfast and lunch to ALL students this school year thanks to the Michigan School Meals Program! All school breakfast and school lunch meals will be FREE to ALL students for the 2026 -2027 school year. Parents/guardians do not need to fill out an application for these free meals. Meals will be FREE to ALL students regardless of application status. These free meals include complete school meals only. Please remind your child that for a meal to be free, they must choose a fruit or vegetable every time. Each student may only have 1 free breakfast and 1 free lunch per school day. All students will continue to pay for ala carte items, second servings and ala carte milk. Students can only get 1 milk free when it is part of a complete meal.

Even though meals will be provided for free, it is important for families to continue to fill out the Education and Nutrition Benefits Application (free or reduced meal application) if they think they may qualify. An approved application may allow families to receive additional assistance. This assistance may include reduced fees for athletics, clubs & community education, local food assistance, holiday meals and support, field trip support, school supplies, utilities support, reduced testing fees, college admission fee waivers and more. This also allows our schools to receive full access to federal and state funding for educational programs that our students are entitled to. Education and Nutrition Benefits Applications can be filled out online. You can login to the online form on the same MiStar login page that you log into ParentConnection, the 3rd option on the login page "apply for free lunch". If you have additional questions, please call our Student Nutrition office at 810626-2868.



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

ROUND ELEMENTARY

- Music Teacher

FARMS INTERMEDIATE

- Special Education Teacher

HARTLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL AT ORE CREEK

- Counselor / with additional certification preferred
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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

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

“If you have to hurt other people in order to feel powerful, you are an extremely weak individual.”
Bobby Mattingly

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.



**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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**ALL STUDENTS EARN A
HARTLAND CONSOLIDATED
SCHOOLS DIPLOMA**