



October 2026 Board Report

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Welcome Assembly

We were delighted to welcome all of our students back to classes with a whole-school Welcome Assembly. The assembly provided a positive opportunity to reconnect as a school community, welcome new and returning students, and set the tone for the year ahead. Students were reminded of our shared values, expectations, and the importance of working together to create a safe, respectful, and supportive learning environment. Staff also took the opportunity to encourage students to approach the new school year with enthusiasm, curiosity, and a commitment to doing their best. The assembly created a strong sense of belonging and excitement as we began the new school year together. It was wonderful to see students and staff reunited and ready for another year of learning, growth, and achievement.



College and Career Fair

Our College and Career Fair will be held on Tuesday, October 21st, providing students with an opportunity to explore post-secondary education and career options. The event will feature representatives from 46 colleges and 27 career organizations, including training programs and local employers. Students will have the opportunity to learn about educational programs, career pathways, employment opportunities, and the steps needed to pursue their goals after high school. This event supports students in making informed decisions about their future and connecting with resources and professionals who can assist with their next steps.

The poster features a green and blue color scheme with abstract curved shapes. On the right side, there are two yellow diamond-shaped signs: the top one says "College Ahead" and the bottom one says "CAREER PATH AHEAD". The background of the signs shows a blue sky with white clouds. The main text is in a bold, sans-serif font, and the date and time are accompanied by calendar and clock icons. A QR code is located at the bottom right, next to the event location and date.

**IONIA COUNTY
COLLEGE & CAREER FAIR
2026**

Explore Your Future!

CONNECT WITH OVER 40 COLLEGES AND
25+ CAREER PROFESSIONALS TO DISCOVER
EXCITING PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS. DON'T
MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO PLAN YOUR
NEXT STEPS!

 **October 21, 2026**

 **8:30-10:30 AM**

 **Ionia High School Gym**

 **mhill@ioniaisd.org**

ALL STUDENTS MUST BE
PREPARED WITH A
STRIVSCAN BARCODE
PRIOR TO ARRIVAL.

SIGN UP HERE
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STUDENTS](https://app.strivscan.com/students)

10/21/26 - IONIA
COUNTY AT IONIA
EDUCATIONAL CENTER



Program Updates

Our programs are already busy and off to a strong start. Students recently attended the Central Dispatch Open House. Programs are diving into curriculum and completing Safe Schools requirements. Diesel Technology students recently repaired an MRAP vehicle for the Sheriff's Department, and Culinary Arts students completed their ServSafe hands-on testing, giving both programs valuable opportunities to apply their skills in real-world settings.

Congratulations to our Ionia FFA Chapter for being named the Michigan FFA Can-Do Challenge winner for the second year in a row! Our chapter collected over 700 pounds of food to support local communities. We are proud of our students for their hard work, creativity, and commitment to giving back!



Second Year Student Highlights

Our second-year students are continuing to build their skills through hands-on, career-focused experiences. Education Careers and Diesel Technology second-year students are currently participating in their Work-Based Learning placements, giving them the opportunity to apply classroom knowledge in real-world settings and gain valuable experience in their chosen fields. Culinary Arts students recently completed their ServSafe Allergen testing, adding an important industry-related credential to their training and further preparing them for success in the workplace.

Program Donations

We are grateful for the continued support our programs receive from local businesses and community partners. The Plant and Animal Science Program recently received a generous \$5,000 donation from Farm Bureau Insurance, represented by Denise Arnesen. This support will help provide students with valuable resources and hands-on learning opportunities.

The Construction Technology Program also received a generous lumber donation valued at approximately \$4,500 from Dan Vos Construction, providing students with materials to use in hands-on projects. We greatly appreciate the support of our community partners and their investment in our students and programs.

