



## Agenda of Regular Meeting

### The Board of Education Huron Intermediate School District

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A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Huron Intermediate School District will be held on May 11, 2026, beginning at 4:00 PM at the Huron Intermediate School District's Administration Building at 1299 S. Thomas Road, Suite 1, Bad Axe, MI 48413.

The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the order shown on this meeting notice.

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Minutes of April 13, 2026
4. Public Participation
5. Presentation
  - A. DECA International Career Development Conference - Amber Blackstock
6. Action Items
  - A. Programs/Services and Personnel
    1. Resignation/Retirement of Teacher Consultant Science
    2. Request for Out-of-State Travel
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    4. Ratification of Huron Intermediate Support Staff Association (HISSA) Contract
7. Informational Items
  - A. Report of Directors
  - B. Report of Superintendent
8. Approval of Bills
9. Adjournment

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the school district's business. There is time for public participation during the meeting as indicated on the agenda.



## Huron ISD General Education Report: May 2026

### General Ed News from Last Month

- With your support, the Gen Ed team is looking to add a full-time Early Math Coach to our team next year. This new coach would work alongside Jenni Trusock, building a math-dedicated team that can help support both the systems inside elementary schools as well as individual teachers in their classrooms. Our plan would allow the existing Early Literacy Coaches to focus solely on literacy, which would strengthen our efforts and impact in that area as well.
- Katie Strand has accepted an offer from Brown City Community Schools to be their elementary principal next year. Katie has been a great addition to HISD and we're grateful to have learned from her these past two years. Once her Brown City hiring is official, we'll have a letter of resignation and we'll post her position.
  - If our new Early Math Coach position is filled internally by a current Lit/Math Coach (strong possibility), this will create the need to hire two Early Literacy Coaches this summer.
- On April 9, HISD hosted teams from all local districts to focus on K-12 Multi-Tiered Systems of Support, with the Michigan Dyslexia Law (PA 146) providing the impetus for reviewing and enhancing this work. We have asked local district teams to finish the work they began on April 9 before summer break arrives. This gives local teams great guidance on their school improvement goals heading into next fall, and it gives HISD rich feedback to help support our supporting services.

### Coming Events

- On May 13, I will attend the Future of Learning Council's Annual Summit, along with several HISD colleagues, in Lansing.
- I was invited to join the Early Math Task Force Leadership Retreat in Ann Arbor on May 19-20, where I will share how HISD is learning to have our early mathematics and early literacy coaching teams coexist in support of our local educators/students.
- The 6<sup>th</sup> session of our AI Integration Workshop will be held on Wednesday, May 27 @ HISD.

### Director's Professional Learning Summary

Since our last meeting, I've participated in the following professional learning opportunities:

- Beyond Cell Phone Policy: Leading the Cultural Shift from Distraction to Engagement w/ Tom Lietz of MASSP: April 15 (HISD)
- Monthly GELN Meeting: April 16 (Virtual)
- BTAM Training w/ Tim Woelkers: April 24 (HISD)
- AI Integration Workshop Series: April 29 (HISD)

### Current Professional Development Summary

We held 14 PD events in April, which makes for a busy month. With that many events we don't yet have our running totals updated, so look for an April/May update in our June meeting.

# HISD Special Services Report May 2026

## Huron Learning Center Update

Please see attached.

## Project SEARCH

Huron ISD is exploring implementation of Project SEARCH, an international transition-to-work program that partners schools with local businesses to provide immersive, real-world internship experiences for students with disabilities while building a pipeline to employment.

Students spend their time embedded in a host business for the school year and complete multiple internships across different departments. These experiences allow students to develop technical skills, workplace habits, and professional confidence in authentic work environments. Project SEARCH has strong outcomes in Michigan, with 95% of interns completing the program and 73-88% of interns obtaining competitive, integrated employment.

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Huron ISD has been coordinating with the statewide Project SEARCH program directors regarding implementation requirements, partnership development, and long-term sustainability considerations. As part of this exploration, a team of ISD and local school staff will visit two established Project SEARCH programs in Genesee County on May 14 to observe the model in practice and gather information to inform our next steps.

Additional opportunities to learn more about Project SEARCH implementation are being explored, including potential attendance at the national Project SEARCH conference this summer, with support available from the Project SEARCH network to offset attendance costs for a district representative to attend.

Project SEARCH in Michigan is supported through Section 99a of the School Aid Fund.



## Special Needs Kids Event at the Huron Community Fair



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### Personnel/Staffing

We continue to work to fill our vacancies in the special education department.

Currently we have the following positions open.

- Special Education Paraprofessionals – 2 full time
- Orientation and Mobility Specialist – Very Part-Time

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## Current Events

- On April 10 and 24 Huron Learning Center students participated in bowling at Longshot Lanes in Bad Axe.

# Embracing the Journey of Learning

## Professional Development

- On April 9, Rebecca Schumacher attended the MTSS Task Force Training.
- Jeff Guza attended the MASSP Cell Phone Legislation Training at the HISD.
- On April 24, Jeff Guza and Rebecca Schumacher attend a BTAM Training at the HISD.



## Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports

- On April 9, Huron Learning Center students participated in the monthly PBIS assembly, in which they learned about behavioral expectations in the classroom.
- The PBIS paw ticket winners for the month were selected at the assembly.



# HURON AREA TECHNICAL CENTER



**SkillsUSA MICHIGAN** **SKILLSUSA STATE WINNERS!** Champions at Work.

<p><b>HFS</b> FOOD SCULPTURE MOST PORTRAYS SKILLSUSA MI THEME</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ella Gilliam</li> <li>Linka Park</li> <li>Lindsey Peruski</li> </ul>	<p><b>COS</b> NAIL CARE GOLD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jalie McIntosh – Competitor</li> <li>Ally-Lynn Connolly – Model</li> </ul>	<p><b>COS</b> COSMETOLOGY MANNEQUIN SILVER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ava Donnellon</li> </ul>
<p><b>ELECTRICAL</b> INDUSTRIAL MOTOR CONTROL GOLD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>William Moreno</li> </ul>	<p><b>POWER TECH</b> HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR BRONZE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Graham Nicol</li> </ul>	<p><b>CBT – TEAMWORKS</b> TEAMWORKS SILVER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Luke Bischer – Carpenter</li> <li>Logan Iseler – Electrician</li> <li>Elizabeth Powell – Plumber</li> <li>Kayle Talaski – Mason</li> </ul>

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## ENROLLMENT HAS SURPASSED 541 Students!

THANK YOU TO OUR STUDENTS, FAMILIES, SCHOOL PARTNERS, AND COMMUNITY FOR MAKING THIS MILESTONE POSSIBLE!

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LOOKING AHEAD TO **26-27**  
*The Future is Ours to Build!*

REAL SKILLS. REAL WORLD.  
HANDS-ON TRAINING.  
BRIGHT FUTURES. ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES.

NEW YEAR. NEW OPPORTUNITIES. SAME COMMITMENT TO YOU.

SCHOOL YEAR 2026-2027

*Your Passion. Our Programs. Your Future.* #HATCstrong

**Congratulations TO ALL OF OUR SKILLSUSA STATE WINNERS!** Your hard work, dedication and technical skills make us proud! #SkillsUSA



Huron Area Technical Center students demonstrated strong performance at the SKILLS State competition, earning multiple top honors across several program areas. In Hospitality & Food Services, Ella Gilliam, Linka Park, and Lindsey Peruski were recognized for their Food Sculpture entry, which best portrayed the SkillsUSA Michigan theme. In Cosmetology, Jalie McIntosh earned a Gold medal in Nail Care with model Ally-Lynn Connolly, while Ava Donnellon received Silver in Cosmetology Mannequin. Electrical student William Moreno achieved Gold in Industrial Motor Control, and in Power Technology, Graham Nicol earned Bronze in Heavy Equipment Operation. Additionally, the Construction/Building Trades Teamworks group earned Silver, with Luke Bischer (Carpentry), Logan Iseler (Electrical), Elizabeth Powell (Plumbing), and Kayle Talaski (Masonry) demonstrating outstanding collaboration and technical skill. Our HOSA, competed at the State Level with Sadi Heleski competing in Sports Medicine and Sarah Steinman competing in Nurse Assisting. (placed 6<sup>th</sup>) These results highlight the continued excellence and career readiness of our students across multiple skilled trades programs.

**CTE: FINISHING STRONG!**  
SKILLS BUILT. FUTURES READY.

REAL SKILLS. REAL CAREERS. REAL IMPACT.

LEARN: HANDS-ON LEARNING THAT BUILDS CONFIDENCE.  
APPLY: PUT YOUR SKILLS TO WORK IN REAL WORLD EXPERIENCES.  
GROW: DEVELOP YOUR PASSIONS AND BUILD YOUR FUTURE.  
PREPARE: GAIN EXPERIENCE, GAIN CONFIDENCE, BE CAREER READY.  
SUCCEED: YOU HAVE THE SKILLS, WE HELP YOU GO FAR.

TODAY'S TRAINING. TOMORROW'S FUTURE. FINISH THE YEAR STRONG. YOUR FUTURE IS IN YOUR HANDS. WE'RE HERE TO HELP YOU BUILD IT.

CTE CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION WORKFORCE READY FUTURE READY

### Message from the Principal

As we approach the close of the school year, I would like to recognize what an exceptional senior class we have had the privilege to work with. This group has consistently demonstrated leadership, resilience, and a strong sense of community, leaving a lasting positive impact on our school. Their final days are quickly approaching, with the first group of seniors celebrating their last day on May 1st—an exciting milestone that marks both an ending and a beginning. While we will certainly miss their presence in our halls, we are confident that they are well-prepared for the future.



This is a group that will go on to do big things, and we look forward to seeing the many ways they will contribute to their communities and beyond.

*J. Hill*



# HURON AREA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT

UNITED TODAY, BETTER TOGETHER, STRONGER TOMORROW  
MAY 2026

## APRIL WORK

Let's reflect back...

- Grant Applications, Grant Requests, and Final Grant Expenditure Reports (12e School Infrastructure Grant/REAP Grant)
- Open Enrollment

## APRIL TRAININGS

- MSBO ISD/HR/Finance Committee Meetings
- TRSBO Meeting
- Huron County Business Manager Meeting
- Skyward Demo – Finance
- MSBO Annual Conference
- Filter First Webinar
- Insurance Renewal Meetings

## FINANCE DEPARTMENT REPORT

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### Maintenance of Effort Reporting

The annual IDEA Part B Maintenance of Effort (MOE) review for the 2024–25 school year has been completed, and Huron ISD met the requirement at the ISD-wide (aggregate) level, which includes all local districts. MOE is a federal requirement ensuring that IDEA Part B funds are not used to reduce the level of local expenditures for educating students with disabilities below the prior year. The Michigan Department of Education confirmed that Huron ISD maintained the required level of funding and remains in compliance with federal requirements.

### Open Enrollment Update

The annual Open Enrollment period for employee benefits is scheduled for May 11–15, 2026, for Administrators, Non-Union Support, and HISSA staff. This year marks our first Open Enrollment collaboration with our new Agent of Record, Brown & Brown. While this is a transition, we do not anticipate any issues, and all current insurance carriers and plan offerings remain unchanged. As part of the process, representatives from American Fidelity will be on-site to meet with employees and assist with enrollment and required benefit certifications.

### Purchasing Card Update

Huron ISD has utilized BMO for its purchasing card program for many years; however, through the MSBO Michigan Purchasing Card Consortium, a new provider has been selected following a competitive review process. As a result, we will be transitioning to U.S. Bank, with an anticipated implementation date of September 1, 2026, to take advantage of enhanced tools, improved functionality, and a competitive rebate structure. As part of this transition, all staff issued purchasing cards will be required to complete Vector training and sign a new cardholder service agreement prior to implementation. We do not anticipate any disruption to operations and will work to ensure a smooth transition for all users.

### Budget Update

The Michigan Legislature recently released initial School Aid budget proposals for 2026–27, with both the House and Senate including a 2.5% increase to the foundation allowance, bringing it to \$10,300 per pupil. While the Senate proposal aligns more closely with the Governor's recommendations, including weighted funding formulas, the House version does not include these provisions. The budget process is moving forward with the goal of final approval by the end of June. Additional updates will be provided as negotiations continue and final decisions are made.



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STATE SUPERINTENDENT

**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** March 17, 2026  
**TO:** Huron ISD Superintendents, Directors of Special Education, Business Officials  
**FROM:** Sean E. McLaughlin, Supervisor, Program Finance, SEM  
Office of Special Education  
**SUBJECT:** Initial Review of Maintenance of Effort for Fiscal Year 2024-25

The Federal law implementing the *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act* (IDEA) at 20 USCS §1413 requires that all intermediate school districts (ISDs), as subrecipients, including local education agencies (LEAs) and public school academies (PSAs), as member districts, in the aggregate, comply with "maintenance of effort" (MOE) provisions. These provisions state that IDEA, Part B funds may not be used to reduce the level of local expenditures for the education of children with disabilities below the level of those expenditures for the preceding fiscal year.

Michigan Department of Education Office of Special Education (MDE OSE) has completed the MOE Compliance review for Huron ISD, in the aggregate, including all LEAs and PSAs receiving a Part B allocation from the fiscal year 2024-25 grant. The OSE has determined that **MOE has been MET** for fiscal year 2024-25.

**Related Information**

All MOE Compliance Test information can be found in Catamaran. ISD superintendents will receive a copy of this memo via email. ISD Special Education Directors and Business Officials will receive this memo via email and the aggregate MOE Compliance Test report for the ISD in Catamaran. For assistance with logging into or navigating Catamaran, please contact the Catamaran Help Desk at [help@catamaran.partners](mailto:help@catamaran.partners) or 877-474-9023 (Toll Free).

If you have further questions regarding MOE, please contact the MDE OSE Program Finance Unit at 517-241-1235.

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