



Agenda of Regular Meeting

The Board of Education Huron Intermediate School District

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Huron Intermediate School District will be held on September 14, 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 August 10, 2026
4. Public Participation
5. Presentation
 - A. WTA Architects - Huron Learning Center Classroom Project
6. Action Items
 - A. Programs/Services and Personnel
 1. Request to employ Part-time LEA Coordinator
 2. Request to approve Emergency Operations Plan (EOP)
 3. Request to approve the Great Start Readiness Program 2026-2027 Student Handbook
 4. Request to approve the contract of Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services
 - B. Bylaws and Policies
 1. Request to amend policy 5301 — Compulsory Attendance, Absenteeism, and Truancy
7. Informational Items
 - A. Report of Assistant Superintendents 2
 - B. Report of Superintendent
8. Approval of Bills
9. Closed Session
 - A. Superintendent Goals
10. 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.



Board of Education Report: September 14, 2026

- **Mental Health Update:**
 - Feedback on Capturing Kids' Hearts training across the county, including the HISD staff, has been very encouraging. We got nearly 200 survey responses across the county, with 99.5% reporting the content to be Excellent or Good, and 96.8% reporting the expected impact of the training to be Excellent or Good.
 - Jackie Callender's SSW team is implementing a new tracking/reporting tool (bhworks) for 31n(6) service. This tool is in use in nearly all ISDs and will provide streamlined reporting for state reports but also allows better tracking of the services students are being provided. Should local districts wish, they can also use bhworks for their threat assessments.
- **Early Childhood Update:**
 - Our team, led by Erinn Mausolf, is busy out in the field with our county PK programs as they welcome students into their classrooms. As students and teachers settle into their routines, the new curriculum (LAP) implementation will become a priority for teachers and our team. A large focus is getting better data to inform continued improvement.
 - Last month I mentioned the 32p grant returning in the school aid fund this year, but with many unanswered questions on what programming will look like. The Help Me Grow Summit is Oct. 19-20 in Mt. Pleasant, and I hope we get more answers at that event. Job postings for any 32p-funded staff are not imminent until more details are learned.
- **Instructional Coaching Update:**
 - **Early Literacy:** The Lit coaching team is still at three members, with a position still unfilled and posted. County principals are in agreement that it is better to be a bit short-handed at this time than it would be to hire a coach that is not a perfect fit.
 - **Early Math:** At the state level, I am part of advocacy and programming efforts to restore/maintain the work done by a statewide Early Math Network for the past several years. At the local level, Jenni Trusock is focused on continuing work with North Huron, responding to requests for support from the county, and planning for her transition out of data work.

- **Professional Learning Update:**

- See below for July/August PD numbers offered at HISD.
- The AI Integration series will have its first of six sessions on Sept. 15. Recall that we are having Sanilac ISD host this year, but I have been involved with planning for the series with our present, Aaron Baughman. The series will focus on developing instructional leaders in local districts that can lead the changes we've spent 3 years working on as a tri-county group.
- Our Secondary ELA Teacher workshop kicks off on Oct. 1 with the first of six sessions. Theresa Hessling will lead this series with support from me, and we'll start the series with a focus on curriculum alignment.
- Pillars of Practice has a Pillars I and Pillars II series this year, and the first sessions on classroom management are scheduled for Oct. 6 and Oct. 8. Pillars I and Pillars II will each have four sessions throughout the year.
- We have Cohort I and Cohort II of our educator mentor training up and running, and Cohort I has their first virtual session of the year scheduled for September 23. This series continues to be supported by the 27h grant.

	Participants	Total Hours
July 2026	255	42
August 2026	205	91
SY26-27 Total	460	133

- **Miscellaneous:**

- Spring 2026 state assessment results have been released and I'm in the process of analyzing results. Quick observations include:
 - Statewide, proficiency declined in 14 of 20 tested grades/subjects, including all ELA (literacy) assessments.
 - Huron County declined in 12 of 20 tested grades/subjects, but showed increases in 3rd grade, 5th, and 7th grade ELA proficiency.
Our 3rd Grade ELA is 6.2% above the state average.
 - Statewide, Math proficiency was pretty flat from last year, with most levels within 1% of last year's results.
 - Huron County had math proficiency increases in three of seven tested grades, with SAT Math proficiency increasing 5.4%.
 - Huron County proficiency levels are about state averages in 10 of 20 tested grades/subjects. Our "glows & grows" are:
 - Glow: 5th Grade Social Studies: +8.1%
 - Grow: 11th Grade Science: -12.6%

HISD Special Services Report September 2026

ParaEducator Training

We continue to provide Paraeducator training for our Huron ISD paraprofessionals and paraprofessionals employed by our local schools. The training model we follow was developed by a subcommittee with the Michigan Association of Administrators of Special Education (MAASE). Our Special Education Teacher Consultant team has been diligent in becoming trainers and providing these training for our staff. By the end of August, collectively there have been 71 paraeducators across Huron County trained in the Level 1 portion of the training, and 30 paraeducators participated in Level 2.

This is an exceptional service for our own staff and for local school staff. Thank you, TC Team!!

Medicaid Audit

Since February 2026, we have been engaged in a Medicaid student claims audit with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services for school based services that we provide and receive Medicaid reimbursement for. Documentation of a sample of student plans and service encounters were reviewed by a MDHHS audit team, alongside service provider logs and school calendars. The audit recently concluded with a positive outcome for our ISD. We have no financial response needed and are only required to complete one corrective action plan.

Kim Siemen, Kelly Booms and Seth Guza provided extensive support in data collection and submission for this audit. We are so thankful for their time and effort throughout this audit. Additionally, overall our special education service providers are doing a nice job with their Medicaid documentation, which also greatly supported this positive outcome.

Personnel/Staffing

We continue to work to fill our vacancies in the special education department. Currently we have the following positions open.

- Speech Language Pathologist – 1 full time

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Student Spotlight!

All Health Science students are required to wear scrubs to class every day from now on. This prepares them for the workforce in this pathway! They look amazing and stand out above others!

Look at how professional they look in their scrubs!



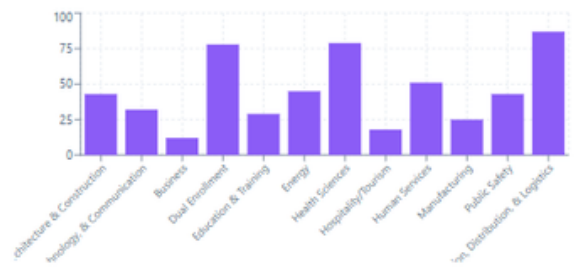
Program Data & Enrollment

Total 542 enrolled.

All students on waitlist were enrolled.

All students got first choice and drop/add period.

Enrollments by Pathway



Campus Highlights

- Electrical & Construction/Building Trades students are working together to build saw horses, learning how to use a tape measure and tool safety.
- 2nd year Electrical students have been working on the tower, learning proper safety for climbing as well as working on electrical projects while in high spaces.
- CAD, Automotive Technology, and Power Technology students are teaming up to get Snap On Prevision Measuring certifications. Mr. Meissner and Mr. Ruth are trained to teach these certifications.



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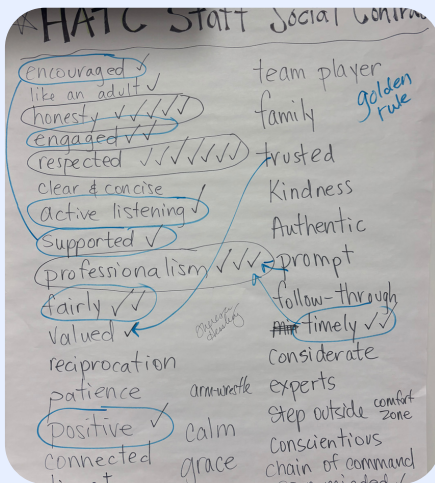
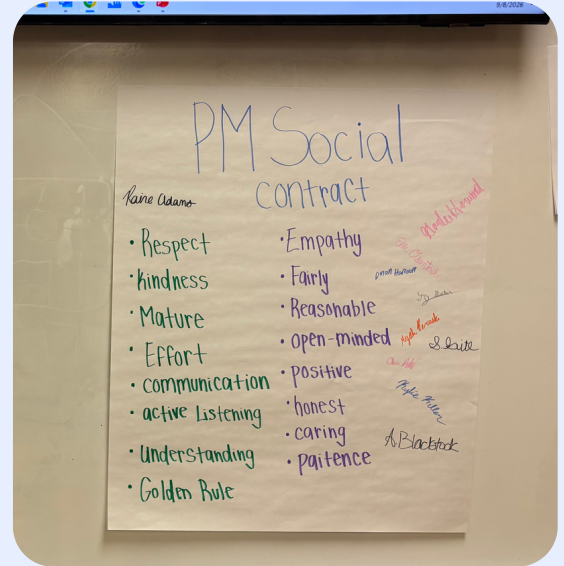
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Early Middle College

The enrollment period for current juniors is October 1st. Sandi and I will be getting into CTE programs next week to discuss opportunities with students do they can enroll if desired.

New flyers for each EMC program have been designed to help educate students and parents.



Staff Spotlight

Our staff was all trained in *Capturing Kids' Hearts* at our back to school professional development.

All of our programs have a social contract hanging in their room. See an example from Marketing to the top and our staff contract to the left.

A social contract is an *agreement of behavior* in that program. Even our staff built a social contract for ourselves so we can hold each other accountable to appropriate behaviors when working with students.

Community Connections

In our CEPD region, we have increased earned credentials by 25.6% in the last year.

+25.6 pts

Credential attainment

Largest three-year gain

97.5%

Post-program placement

Highest 2024-25 outcome

22.4%

Mathematics

Primary improvement priority



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SEPTEMBER 2026

AUGUST WORK

Let's reflect back...

- Grant Applications, Grant Requests, and Final Grant Expenditure Reports (GSRP, Literacy, Early Childhood)
- Opening Week
- Audit Work
- Fingerprint Audit

AUGUST TRAININGS

- MSBO Back to School Workshop
- Strong Beginnings Kick Off Webinar

UPCOMING TRAININGS

- MDE/MSBO Workshop
- Transportation Update

FINANCE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Strong Beginnings Partnership

Implementation of Huron ISD's new Strong Beginnings partnership with NEMSCA is progressing well. Strong Beginnings is a state-funded preschool program designed to expand access to high-quality early childhood education for eligible three-year-old children and help prepare them for future school success.

Erinn Mausolf and I have been participating in webinars and trainings to learn the fiscal and program requirements of this new initiative. We are working closely with NEMSCA to establish program responsibilities and with CCRESA, which serves as the fiscal agent for the program, to ensure all requirements are met.

The initial start-up budget and required documentation were due September 2, 2026, with the operational budget due September 18, 2026. We will continue working collaboratively with NEMSCA and CCRESA as the program moves into implementation.

Annual Audit Preparation and Human Resources Activities

Huron ISD's annual financial audit was conducted this week, with the auditors onsite on September 1, 2026. The audit process went extremely well, and the Finance Office was able to provide the requested documentation and information throughout the review.

Opening week also went smoothly. Employee contracts were distributed, required Vector training courses were assigned, and necessary payroll and personnel updates were completed. This week marks the first payroll for September 1 employees under their new 2026-2027 contracts. The Finance and Human Resources teams will now begin preparing for HIEA open enrollment, which is scheduled for the week of November 2, 2026.

Section 35m Literacy Grant Update

Huron ISD has been awarded \$9,032 in Section 35m funding for the 2026-2027 school year to purchase approved early literacy intervention materials. Section 35m is a state-funded literacy initiative designed to improve student literacy outcomes by providing funding for evidence-based literacy curriculum, intervention materials, assessments, and professional development that have been reviewed and approved by Michigan's Committee for Literacy Achievement.

Funding is provided through a formula that includes both a base award and a per-pupil allocation based on student enrollment. Other eligible local school districts would have also received their own allocations based on this formula and the category of literacy resources selected.

Last year, Huron ISD utilized Section 35m funding to purchase HMH early literacy curriculum and materials totaling \$30,562. This year's \$9,032 award will allow us to continue investing in intervention resources that support early literacy instruction for our students.