HUNTLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT 158

















2022 2023

BECOME A HUNTLEY 158 INDUSTRY PARTNER

Huntley 158 invites McHenry County businesses and organizations to consider joining SchooLinks' employment network. As an industry partner, you can:

- Schedule events with schools
- Post internship and scholarship opportunities for students
- Record short videos to answer questions and connect with students

Become a SchooLinks industry partner by creating an account. Scan the QR code below

JOIN OUR ALUMNI NETWORK

Huntley 158 continues to leverage our relationships with successful graduates, and we're looking for YOU to help build our network. If you are a graduate of Huntley 158 schools and are interested in being part of our alumni network, scan the QR code below and share your destination with us. You'll be added to our alumni mailing list for important district updates and opportunities to connect.

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JOIN OUR TEAM

Visit **huntley158.org** to learn more about all of our employment opportunities!

A Message from Our Superintendent



During the 2022-23 school year, we continued to prioritize student academic growth, college and career readiness, and the well-being of both students and staff. The district met 19 of the 21 measurable goals of our strategic plan and received the following accolades:

- *Huntley Community School District 158 was one of six school districts across the country recognized as a Spring 2023 "Lighthouse System" by AASA, The School Superintendents Association, for serving as a model of positive change in public education.*

- *Huntley Community School District 158 was one of two school districts in the state recognized as an Illinois Green Ribbon school district for its continued commitment to sustainability.*

Ensuring productive, safe, and engaging teaching and learning environments in our schools remains a top priority for the district. During the 2022-23 school year, the district conducted listening tours at all schools and facilitated an employee engagement survey to explore culture and climate. We also gathered feedback from middle school staff, students and parents on the topic of bullying. Through our own data collection and the insights and perspectives of our stakeholders, we developed a districtwide framework for managing student behavior to provide clear expectations for our staff and students moving forward.

As the school year came to a close, we launched our second annual Raiders Read Together community event to share our love of reading with students, staff, families and community members. Huntley 158 administrators and community guest readers did weekly chapter read-alouds and discussions of the book "Wonder" by R.J. Palacio at the Huntley Area Public Library throughout the summer. The culminating event occurred in August, when families and the community gathered to watch the movie "Wonder" on the HHS football field during Enjoy Huntley Week.

We have much to be proud of in Huntley 158. It is through a continued collective effort that we are able to provide a quality education, rich with meaningful experiences, for All Students Always. We are thankful for our dedicated staff and students and appreciate the ongoing support of our families and community. Together, we are shaping our students to be productive, compassionate citizens and lifelong learners. Go Huntley!

Jessica Lombard, Ed.S.
Superintendent
Huntley Community School District 158

HUNTLEY 158 STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS 2020-2025

ALL STUDENTS ACHIEVE PERSONAL GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT

ALL STUDENTS ARE PREPARED TO ACHIEVE THEIR LIFELONG GOALS

MISSION: OUR LEARNING COMMUNITY WILL INSPIRE, CHALLENGE AND EMPOWER ALL STUDENTS ALWAYS

ALL STUDENTS LEARN IN ENVIRONMENTS THAT ARE SAFE, SECURE & SUPPORTIVE

THE DISTRICT REMAINS SUSTAINABLE TO MEET THE NEEDS OF STUDENTS & THE COMMUNITY

College & Career Readiness



Huntley 158 graduation rate

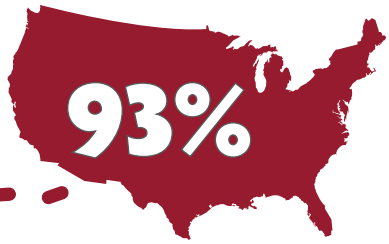
#FindYour Destination 158



number of in-state institutions Class of 2022 graduates will attend



percentage of graduates continuing education at a college, university, trade or vocational school



number of out-of-state institutions Class of 2022 graduates will attend

Huntley 158 Launches New College & Career Platform

During the 2022-23 school year, Huntley 158 launched the online college and career readiness platform SchooLinks for all students in grades 6-12. This digital resource allows students to identify their interests based on individualized assessments and explore a variety of internships and careers through a robust employment network.

Beyond digital tools, the district has aligned middle school courses with high school pathways, enabling students to explore diverse careers earlier in their education. Work-based learning experiences have been integrated, bridging the gap between theoretical learning and real-world applications, helping students develop a knowledge base and skillset for a variety of careers and occupations.

The future success of our students relies on the unwavering support of our dedicated school counselors, teachers and administrators, as well as engaged families and community members. As we move forward, we invite the community to join us in fostering an environment where every student's aspirations are nurtured and guided.

See PAGE 1 for information on how to join our network and become an industry partner!

Hands-On Learning in CTE Through Community Partnerships



In March, students in Huntley High School's Project Lead the Way Aerospace Engineering course toured an American Airlines hangar at Chicago's O'Hare Airport.

Huntley 158 has remained steadfast in its commitment to Career and Technical Education (CTE) and saw remarkable growth during the 2022-23 school year. Interest in CTE programs continues to increase as we work to expand offerings to meet the needs of every student. With four academy programs and nine Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) approved college and career pathways leading to one of five endorsements, students are equipped with a variety of opportunities for success.

Additionally, through a collaboration with EdSystems at Northern Illinois University, Huntley 158 has broadened its Information Technology pathway, aligning course curriculum with evolving industry demands.

At the conclusion of the 2022-23 school year, 13 HHS students earned prestigious career pathway endorsements from the Illinois State Board of Education, a testament to Huntley's dedication and commitment to preparing students for future careers.

As we move forward, Huntley 158 remains dedicated to enhancing CTE offerings, fostering a culture of innovation, and ensuring our students are equipped with the skills and experiences needed to excel in their chosen fields. Together, we are shaping futures and empowering students for success.

Huntley Named AASA Spring 2023 Lighthouse District



Huntley Community School District 158 is one of only six school districts across the country recognized as a Spring 2023 "Lighthouse System" by AASA, The School Superintendents Association, to serve as a model of positive change in public education. Huntley 158, along with the other selected designates, is a member of AASA's Learning 2025 Network, a cadre of more than 120 demonstration school districts representing forward-leaning, urban, suburban and rural school systems engaged in learning, networking and working together to help drive education policy and ultimately improve student learning.

The goal of the network, which was created by the AASA National Commission on Student-Centered, Equity-Focused Education, is to guide Learning 2025 leaders as they chart their progress toward a "Lighthouse" designation in one or more areas of growth. The commission called for identification of exemplary educational systems to serve as beacons of light in key areas of holistic redesign of American education. Huntley 158 was selected based on the district's strategies to develop future-ready learners. In the application submitted to AASA, Huntley 158 outlined its emphasis on personalized learning, which is based upon the belief that supporting 21st century learners and preparing them to become strong contributors to society upon graduation must involve exposure to diverse curriculum, flexibility, and the room for student choice.

Huntley 158 was honored at the Learning 2025 National Summit in Washington, D.C. in June, which offered how-to and networking sessions focused on strengthening culture, instruction and maximizing the use of resources.



Student Achievement

Huntley 158 Middle Schools Top Finishers in IESA Scholastic Bowl



The Marlowe Mustang academic team took first place at the Illinois Elementary School Association Regional Scholastic Bowl championship in Barrington in April. Heineman Middle School followed close behind with a second place finish at the competition.



HHS Sophomore Donates Devices Overseas to Schools In Need

Huntley High School sophomore Ariana Patel partnered with Huntley Community School District 158 and Giving Gadgets, a local non-profit organization, to donate approximately 600 lightly-used laptops to schools and students in need across the world. Giving Gadgets, whose mission is to ensure every child has access to usable technology at school, estimates that the devices will provide more than 15,000 students in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico and Ahmedabad, India an opportunity to further their education with technology over the next five years. For many, it will be the first time they are able to use technology in school. "I want to continue to help bridge the gap and increase equity of technology and other resources by offering computers to all students," said Patel. "Every student in the United States and around the world should be able to have access to educational technology." The chromebooks, which had reached the end of their life cycle in Huntley 158, were earmarked for recycling and made ready for donation by technology staff.

More than 100 HHS Seniors Named Illinois State Scholars

Huntley 158 is proud to announce that 105 students from the high school's graduating class of 2023 were designated as Illinois State Scholars. The Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC), the state's college access and financial aid agency, presents this important recognition of academic achievement to exceptional Illinois high school students annually. This year, more than 17,340 honorees join the other outstanding students who have been honored since the designation was first introduced in 1958.





Engineering Academy Students Earn Top Honors at ISU Technology Day

HHS Engineering academy students were recognized at the December 15, 2022 board meeting for their success at the Illinois State University Technology Day in Peoria, Illinois, on November 4, 2022. The annual competition invites students from across Illinois to compete in various engineering challenges. Six students took first place in their respective categories: GianMarco Milan and Davis Tomlinson - structural technology; Brendan Hollow and Nathaniel Persino - invention/innovation; and Madelyn Glanton and Ashlyn Rankin - engineering design. This year, a total of 11 HHS teams competed against 114 teams from eight other schools and combined to place in all four engineering challenges.



Staff Spotlight



HHS's Renae St. Claire Named McHenry County Educator of the Year

Renae St. Clair, PE teacher at Huntley High School who spearheaded HHS's Medical Academy, won the McHenry County Regional Office of Education's 2023 Educator of the Year award. The annual awards recognize McHenry County's top teachers, administrators and support staff. A dinner was held on Saturday, May 6, 2023, at Hickory Hall in Crystal Lake to celebrate this year's nominees and winners.

Other Huntley 158 staff recognized at the event were Jennifer Golovin (social worker, LIGHT), Laura Jenkins (math teacher, HHS), Rick Rohde (band teacher, HMS), Maggie Hoffman (teacher, Chesak) and Amy Ehmen (teacher, MMS).

Education Foundation Presents Annual Staff Awards

On May 5, 2023, the Huntley 158 Education Foundation recognized 19 staff members at their annual Distinguished Educator and Outstanding Employee of the Year awards banquet. Nominations were submitted by colleagues and reviewed by a foundation committee. Individuals honored include: Maggie Hoffman and Kristen Ebner (Chesak); Megan Lasiowski and Joan Bryczek (Conley); Deb Kent (District Office); Danielle Tiedje and Jeannie Apilan (ECC); Todd Ary and Melissa Freundt (HMS); Laura Jenkins and Mark Loewe (HHS); Jeri Lynn Graunke and Laura Laughlin (Leggee); Abbe Colantonio and Barbara Schwemler (Mackeben); Stacy Gross* and Griselda Alejandro (Martin); and Amy Ehmen and Dan Corapi* (MMS).



*Stacy Gross, Distinguished Educator of the Year

*Dan Corapi, Outstanding Employee of the Year



Huntley 158 Nurses Receive Lina Rogers Award

Two Huntley 158 school nurses, Donna Kunz (HHS) and Dawn Ruffatti (Conley), were awarded the Lina Rogers award by the McHenry County School Nurse Advisory Committee. The Lina Rogers award is presented yearly by the McHenry County Department of Health to those who have demonstrated excellence in school nursing.

Fiscal Responsibility

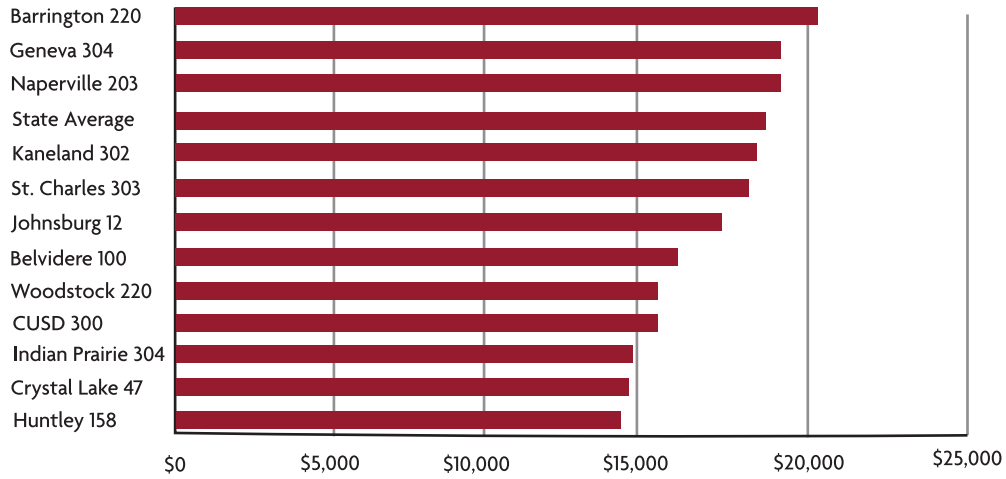
Huntley 158's priority remains to provide our students and community with an excellent educational experience while maintaining fiscal responsibility to our taxpayers. As part of Huntley 158's strategic plan, the District developed a mission to continue to drive operationally efficient practices across our facilities, creating a culture where everyone in the organization is held accountable. Operational efficiency, which has led to impactful and sustainable initiatives that benefit our environment and surrounding community, also continues to improve the District's financial position.

4.48

TAX RATE (per $100)

SOURCE: Frontline Education powered by Forecast 5

Operational Spending per Pupil vs. Benchmark Districts (2022)



$750,000 DEBT ABATEMENT

The District is committed to finding ways to leverage our community's tax dollars and ensure that every dollar saved can be put toward funding in our classrooms. To offset property taxes for the community and reduce the impact of the 5 percent increase in the operating tax extension, Huntley 158's board of education approved a $750,000 debt abatement last spring. As a result, the operating tax extension was reduced to approximately 3.9 percent.

Tax Rate vs. Benchmark Districts

Crystal Lake CCSD 47, CHSD 155	6.18
Woodstock CUSD 200	5.38
Kaneland CUSD 302	5.32
St. Charles CUSD 303	5.16
Geneva CUSD 304	4.99
Naperville CUSD 203	4.95
Indian Prairie CUSD 204	4.90
CUSD 300	4.60
Huntley 158	4.48
Barrington CUSD 220	4.36

2022 TAX LEVY

To meet the educational needs of our students, the Board of Education approved a 5 percent tax levy increase for property taxes paid in 2023 at the December board meeting. Per the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law, taxing districts must limit the increase of property taxes to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) or 5 percent, whichever is lower.

Sustainability Efforts in Huntley 158

Our Vision of Sustainability

The vision of sustainability and environmental awareness that has come to define Huntley Community School District 158 began nearly 15 years ago with a need to enhance the district's financial position and find room for savings wherever possible, most notably through energy cost saving practices. Since 2009, the District has seen a reduction in annual energy costs from $2.4 million to less than $1 million, which equates to approximately $1.5 million in annual savings.

Huntley 158 Receives 2022-23 Illinois Green Ribbon Schools Award

Huntley Community School District 158 is one of just two schools in Illinois to earn a 2022-23 Illinois Green Ribbon Schools Award for its comprehensive approach to environmental education and management. The Green Ribbon Schools program, in partnership with the Illinois Green Alliance, recognizes schools, districts and institutions of higher education that are leading the way to promote sustainability and environmental education. As a 2022-23 award winner, Huntley 158's application was submitted to the U.S Department of Education's Green Ribbon Schools Program for consideration at the national level.



$685,000

IN SOLAR SAVINGS



Solar energy represents an important point of crossover between Huntley 158's goal, as outlined in the District's strategic plan, to remain sustainable to meet the needs of our students and community. Besides having the largest solar array on school district property in Illinois, the District has saved approximately $220,000 per year since the fall of 2020 in energy costs. Over the course of our 20-year agreement with Forefront Power, our partner in solar energy, the District is predicted to accumulate a minimum of $4.4 million in savings. Approximately 80 percent of the District's energy usage comes from solar, and during less active times, the excess energy produced from the panels goes back to the grid. In total, the project has offset some 12.3 million pounds of carbon emissions annually.

As part of Huntley 158's agreement with Forefront Power, the District installed interactive solar kiosks in each building, which allows every student, staff member or community member to digitally interact with the District's solar initiative and learn about its impact.

Connections in the Community



Community Joins "Raiders Read Together" During Enjoy Huntley Week

Huntley 158's second annual community-wide reading initiative, Raiders Read Together, occurred over the summer. Modeled after the popular One Book, One Community initiative, students, families and community members were invited to read and gather to discuss a chapter from the book "Wonder" each week at the Huntley Area Library to enhance literacy skills and keep students engaged in learning over the summer. The event culminated during Enjoy Huntley Week in early August with a watch party of the movie on the HHS football field.

Students Get Involved in Recognizing American Diversity

This year, Recognizing American Diversity (RAD) expanded to include a group of student leaders at HHS who are involved in event planning and promotion of monthly RAD events celebrating diversity in our community. In the spring, RAD recognized Black History Month and Women's History Month by highlighting student work, supporting local black-owned businesses, and hosting a women's empowerment showcase to celebrate the success of female entrepreneurs in the community.





Huntley Chamber Teaches Students Personal Finance Through "Game of Life"

From balancing a budget to buying a car and filing taxes, HHS students gained practical knowledge and real-world financial skills at the inaugural Game of Life event at Huntley High School in March. The event was a joint venture between the high school's CTE program and the Huntley Area Chamber of Commerce. Throughout the event, students navigated through interactive stations staffed by local businesses and community volunteers to learn about budgeting and the cost of living – from food/clothing, cars and housing to childcare, pets, cell phones, retirement and insurance.

District Leadership

ALL STUDENTS ALWAYS

Jessica Lombard, Ed.S.
Superintendent

Mark Altmayer, CPA
Chief Financial Officer

Denise Barr, APR
Director of Communications and Public Engagement

Deanna Gill, Ed.S.
Assistant Superintendent for Special Services

Amy MacCrindle, Ed.D.
Assistant Superintendent for Learning & Innovation

Adam Zehr, Ed.D.
Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources

Board of Education

Andrew Bittman
President
Elected: Spring 2023
Current term expires: Spring 2027

Laura Murray
Vice President
Elected: Spring 2023
Current term expires: Spring 2027

Paul Troy
Secretary
Elected: Spring 2010
Current term expires: Spring 2025

Sean Cratty
Elected: Spring 2021
Current term expires: Spring 2025

Dana Wiley
Appointed: November 2023
Current term ends: Spring 2025
*(Previously **Gina Galligar**)*

Tony Quagliano
Elected: Spring 2007
Current term expires: Spring 2025

Michael Thompson
Elected: Spring 2023
Current term expires: Spring 2025

The board of education is comprised of seven community members who live in Huntley Community School District 158 boundaries. Board members are elected to a four-year term and are not compensated for their service. School board members are primarily tasked with hiring and employing the superintendent and establishing district policy.

Board meetings are typically held twice a month – with a committee of the whole meeting on the first Thursday of the month and a regular meeting on the third Thursday of the month – at the Huntley 158 administrative offices, located at 650 Dr. John Burkey Drive in Algonquin. Meeting notices and links to agendas are posted on the website and through the district's social media channels. A schedule of board meetings can be found on the Huntley 158 website.

Huntley Community School District 158
650 Dr. John Burkey Drive
Algonquin, IL 60102

OUR FACILITIES

SQUARE BARN ROAD CAMPUS

Administration & Transportation
650 Dr. John Burkey Drive
Algonquin, IL 60102
Main Line: (847) 659-6158
Transportation: (847) 659-3000
www.huntley158.org

Conley Elementary School
750 Dr. John Burkey Drive
Algonquin, IL 60102
(847) 659-4300
www.huntley158.org/conley

Heineman Middle School
725 Dr. John Burkey Drive
Algonquin, IL 60102
(847) 659-4300
www.huntley158.org/hms

Mackeben Elementary School
800 Dr. John Burkey Drive
Algonquin, IL 60102
(847) 659-3400
www.huntley158.org/mackeben

REED ROAD CAMPUS

Chesak Elementary School
10910 Reed Road
Lake in the Hills, IL 60156
(847) 659-5700
www.huntley158.org/chesak

Early Childhood Center
10910 Reed Road
Lake in the Hills, IL 60156
(847) 659-5400
www.huntley158.org/ecc

Marlowe Middle School
9625 Haligus Road
Lake in the Hills, IL 60156
(847) 659-4700
www.huntley158.org/mms

HARMONY ROAD CAMPUS

Huntley High School
13719 Harmony Road
Huntley, IL 60142
(847) 659-6600
www.huntley158.org/hhs

Leggee Elementary School
13719 Harmony Road
Huntley, IL 60142
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Martin Elementary School
10920 Reed Road
Lake in the Hills, IL 60156
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NOTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE

AHERA Compliance

In accordance with the requirements of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), we are notifying you that Huntley 158 is in compliance with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA). All Huntley 158 schools and the administrative offices are asbestos free to the best knowledge of all parties involved in the construction of these facilities. To see a copy of the management plan or if you have questions, please contact **Doug Renkosik, Director of Operations and Maintenance** at **(847) 659-6161** or at **drenkosik@district158.org**.

Lawn Care & Pest Control Product Applications

As required by School Code, notification of scheduled application of pesticide , herbicide, and/or fertilizer products must be made to interested community members, parents and staff prior to applications and in the event of a cancellation of a scheduled application. If you would like to receive notice of product applications, please send an email to **superintendent@district158.org** with "*Product Applications*" in the subject line.

VIRTUAL BULLETIN BOARD

As a means to electronically distribute information about activities and programs from non-profit community organizations and governmental agencies to interested families and community members, Huntley 158 offers an email notification for flyers posted to the district's Virtual Bulletin Board.

If you would like to receive notice of these postings and subscribe to the district's Virtual Bulletin Board, please visit *www.huntley158.org/vbb* and click on "Email Signup."

DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

The Stay Up-to-Date in D158 district e-newsletter is published once a month following regular board meetings. Interested in receiving the district's e-newsletter but don't have a student in D158? Email Denise Barr, director of communications and public engagement, at dbarr@district158.org to be added to the district's email distribution list.

STUDENT HELPLINE

Huntley 158's Student Helpline is a communications tool for students and parents to report bullying, mental health concerns and/or unsafe situations in schools. The platform allows for two-way communication between staff and students via text messaging. The resource was created in an effort to enhance students' personal safety and safety in schools.

STAY CONNECTED

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