HANOVER COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION

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Tools for families to ensure online safety

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We are hiring in transportation, nutrition, substitute teaching, and more!



Superintendent's Welcome

Dear Families and Community Members,

As we begin a new school year, I am filled with both pride and excitement. Having served this district as Assistant Superintendent for the past three years, I have had the privilege of watching our students, staff, and community do remarkable things together. Stepping into the role of Superintendent is an honor I do not take lightly, and I am grateful to build upon the outstanding foundation established by Dr. Mary MacAulay over her eight years of dedicated leadership.

This year, our focus remains on what matters most, our students. We are committed to raising academic achievement and ensuring every child has the support they need to grow and thrive. We are also expanding opportunities by launching the Indiana College Core and extending our STEM programming into the middle school, giving students earlier access to the skills that will shape their futures. At the same time, safe and welcoming schools remain a cornerstone of everything we do, because we know that students learn best when they feel secure and supported.

None of this happens without the partnership of our families, staff, and community. I look forward to working alongside all of you as we continue to make this district a place where every student has the opportunity to reach their full potential. It is going to be a wonderful year. Welcome back!

With gratitude and anticipation,
Phil Misecko, Superintendent

Ready, Set, GO!

2026-2027 School Year Information

Returning Students

Online registration for returning students will begin on Monday, July 20, 2026 and continue through Friday, July 24, 2026. All returning students need to re-register for the coming school year.

Parents and guardians will sign in to https://hcsc.powerschool.com/public using their parent account and click on the Returning Student Enrollment link found in the Navigation menu. Please review the data for accuracy and make the necessary changes. Anyone who has moved and remains in our district is required to meet with the registrar for residency verification.

Residency must be verified even if a student moves within the district.

New Students

Online registration for new students will begin on Monday, July 20, 2026 and continue through Friday, July 24, 2026. Before enrolling your student in our district, residency must be verified. Residency verification is completed through the pre-registration process. This can be found at www.hanover.k12.in.us/enrollment.

Residency Official, Holly Jones: 219-374-3506 or hjones@hanover.k12.in.us

Before & After School Care

Grand Tots offers care for these schools:

- Jane Ball Elementary School
- Lincoln Elementary School
- Red Cedars Elementary School

Before-school care begins at 6:30 am and runs until the start of school. They will be present for all school delays.

After-school care begins at 3:00 pm and is available until 6:00 pm. They will be present for all early release days.

Call Grand Tots with any questions at 219-374-6025 or email at grandtotsdaycenter@gmail.com.





Safety First: We've Got You Covered

Safety and security remain the highest priorities of Hanover Community School Corporation. The district continues to take a proactive, layered approach to school safety by combining physical security measures, trained personnel, emergency preparedness, and strong community partnerships.

Hanover Community School Corporation maintains more than 800 security cameras throughout its campuses and school buses to assist with monitoring and maintaining a safe learning environment and safe transportation to and from school. In addition, every school building has a uniformed, armed law enforcement officer or security officer present throughout the school day. These officers are familiar with students and staff and interact with them daily, helping to build positive relationships while providing an immediate security presence.

The STOPit platform continues to provide a safe and confidential method for individuals to report concerns that they may not feel comfortable discussing in person. Reports can be submitted anonymously and are reviewed by school administrators for investigation and follow-up. The platform also provides 24/7 access to mental health resources, allowing students and families to connect with counselors or social workers when support is needed.

To further enhance emergency preparedness, Hanover Community School Corporation implemented the A.L.I.C.E. (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) protocol during the previous school year and will continue to expand the program. Building security officers have shared their A.L.I.C.E. training and knowledge with staff members throughout the district. A.L.I.C.E. training equips individuals with practical response options during violent critical incidents and emphasizes situational decision-making rather than relying solely on a rigid response model.

The district continues to pursue additional safety enhancements through grant opportunities. Director of Safety and Security Michael O'Donnell is actively seeking funding to upgrade access control systems across the corporation, enhancing security and providing first responders with more efficient emergency access. Proposed grant funding would also support the acquisition of upgraded communication equipment, allowing administrators and officers to access security camera systems remotely during incidents.

As part of the district's commitment to continuous improvement, comprehensive

threat assessments were conducted at all district facilities. Security personnel evaluated each building to identify potential vulnerabilities and areas for improvement. Utilizing multiple officers during the assessment process provided diverse perspectives and increased the likelihood of identifying issues that may otherwise go unnoticed. Identified concerns are being addressed to further strengthen building security.

All schools within Hanover Community School Corporation follow the Standard Response Protocol (SRP), which includes Hold, Secure, Lockdown, Evacuate, and Shelter procedures. These protocols are regularly taught and practiced with students and staff to ensure readiness during emergencies. The district's Emergency Response Plan addresses additional situations beyond those covered by the SRP and serves as a comprehensive guide for emergency management. Posters outlining both resources are displayed throughout district facilities and are available on the corporation website.

The Director of Safety and Security coordinates regular meetings with community partners, first responders, school emergency response teams, and district leadership to ensure coordinated planning and response efforts. The district also remains compliant with all state requirements for safety drills by conducting regular fire, tornado, bomb threat, earthquake, and armed intruder exercises throughout the school year.

Parents and community members are encouraged to review the district's Emergency Preparedness Plan and other safety resources available on the corporation website. School safety is a shared responsibility, and the district encourages everyone to remain vigilant and report concerns. If you see something, say something. Information can be shared with any trusted adult, submitted through the STOPit reporting platform, or reported anonymously through the district tip line at 219-374-3500, extension 8477 (TIPS).

Our Director of Safety and Security, Michael O'Donnell, can be reached at modonnell@hanover.k12.in.us or 219-374-3882.







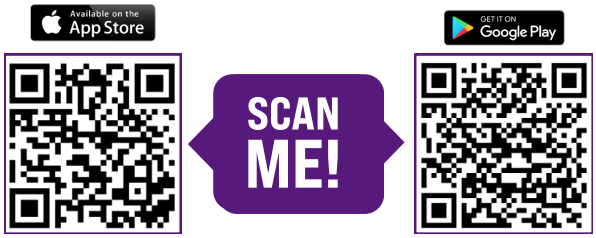
Tech Tools for Success

STOPit SOLUTIONS™

Beginning the 2025-2026 school year, we announced our partnership with STOPit Solutions, a nationally recognized leader in school safety and wellness. Everyone in our school community has access to the STOPit anonymous reporting app – a powerful tool designed to deter and promptly address instances of bullying, school violence, self-harm, and inappropriate behaviors.

With the STOPit app, users are able to:

- Submit anonymous tips
- Attach photo or video evidence
- Privately message school leaders
- Anonymously message counselors through the Crisis Text Line



Qustodio

Hanover Community School Corporation has partnered with Qustodio, the world's leading provider of online safety solutions. We are granting every parent a free Qustodio Parental App account. Qustodio will give you important insights into your child's online activity on their school device. You can use it to review and manage activities on other devices in your home, too.

With Qustodio, you'll be able to:

- Manage your child's screen time
- Supervise your child's online activity

Parents will be notified on how to set up their free Qustodio Parental App account once school begins.

ParentSquare™

Beginning the 2025-2026 school year, we adopted a new form of school-to-home communication at Hanover called ParentSquare. This unified communications platform is designed to keep parents and guardians informed and encourage greater engagement and connection with Hanover.

With ParentSquare, you'll be able to:

- Receive alerts for school delays & closings
- Communicate directly with staff
- Sign up as a volunteer
- Send and receive school & class information



Good Nutrition, Great Learning

We have some reminders regarding the National School Lunch Program at Hanover. Statements for student meal accounts are sent weekly. Please check your email, including your spam or junk folder.

If you have a student who graduated or is leaving the corporation, please review their meal account balance. You may be entitled to a refund of any remaining funds. Families may also request to transfer funds to another student account or donate the balance to the Lunches of Love account. The appropriate form can be found on the Hanover website under **Departments > Nutrition Department.**

For families currently receiving meal assistance benefits, please note that benefits from the previous school year will expire on **September 23, 2026.** To continue receiving benefits, you must submit a new meal assistance application for the 2026–2027 school year. Failure to submit a new application by September 23, 2026, may result in the loss of benefits, and you will be responsible for all meal charges incurred until a new application is approved. Please allow up to 10 days for processing.

Meal assistance applications will be available after **July 15, 2026,** on our website and at all school offices. Applications may be submitted at any time. Only one application is required per household. It is the family's responsibility to ensure all members are listed on the application and approval letter.

Important Meal Account Reminder
District policy allows student meal accounts to carry a negative balance for reimbursable meal purchases only. We encourage families to regularly monitor account balances and make timely payments to prevent accounts from becoming significantly delinquent. Please be aware that unpaid negative balances may be subject to additional collection efforts, including referral to a collection agency.

Our Director of Nutrition, Michelle Philipp, can be reached at mphilipp@hanover.k12.in.us or 219-374-3921.

The Nurse's Office

Please have the following forms completed and turned into your school nurse for the 2026-2027 school year as soon as possible or before August 28th, 2026.

- Updated Immunization Records or a completed Immunization Objection Form.
- Medication Forms for both OTC and prescription medications, if either will be needed during school hours.
- Medical Forms for Anaphylaxis and Food Allergy, Asthma, Diabetes, and Seizures.

If you're new to the district, the following medical information is needed for your student to attend.

- Immunization Records or a completed Immunization Objection Form.
- School Physical. An IHSAA Sports Physical is needed for Athletics only.
- Medication Forms for both OTC and prescription medications.
- Medical Forms for Anaphylaxis and Food Allergy, Asthma, Diabetes, and Seizures.

View our Health Services website

Please call your school nurse or the Director of Health Services at 219-374-3533 OR kdonaghue@hanover.k12.in.us if you have any questions.

Hanover Schools Education Foundation (HSEF)

The Hanover Schools Education Foundation's mission is to enhance the high quality education of the Hanover Township K-12 public schools by funding innovative educational programs that foster excellence and have a lasting impact on students. Our efforts are achieved through fundraising, donations, and grant writing opportunities.

The Hanover Schools Education Foundation (HSEF) was created to aid our exemplary schools by providing teacher grants that offer unique opportunities to students in our classrooms that may not be covered through the school budget processes. We also provide scholarships to graduating seniors who are pursuing college or career opportunities.

Follow us on Facebook at HSEF-Hanover Schools Education Foundation.

Scan this QR code to donate to HSEF

Board of Trustees

Regular meetings of the Hanover Community School Corporation Board of Trustees are held in public for the purpose of conducting the School Corporation's business and are not to be considered public community meetings. At times, the School Board may decide to hold open community forums in which the public is given a chance to speak about a specific topic. However, there will be no action taken at these forums. Members of the public are encouraged to attend all public meetings.



From LEFT to RIGHT: Scott Burdan (Vice President), Aaron Kuzma (Secretary), Tara Beilke (Member), Tracy Haskell (President),& Eric Valiska (Member)

We are HIRING!

Hanover Community School Corporation is hiring part-time and full-time positions in athletics, custodial, cafeteria, and more.

Scan this QR Code to see all of our available job postings.



New Leaders Ahead



New Superintendent, Mr. Phil Misecko

Mr. Phil Misecko is stepping into his new role as Superintendent after four years at Hanover Schools. Most recently, he served as Assistant Superintendent for three years, and before that, led Jane Ball Elementary as principal. His career in education spans roles as a teacher, assistant principal, and principal at Portage Township schools. He shared, "The most rewarding aspect of my job remains the relationships I build daily with students, staff, and the community. Hanover is a special place, filled with responsible, engaged, and supportive people who genuinely care about one another and about the success of our schools. Knowing that the work we do together gives every child the best possible opportunity for success drives me and reminds me why I chose this profession and why it is a blessing and an honor to work at Hanover."



New Assistant Superintendent, Dr. John Zack

Dr. John Zack brings nearly 30 years of educational experience to Hanover. He served as a special education teacher at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. He was also a Career and Technical Education instructor, department chair, and a principal at both the elementary and high school levels. Most recently, he served as the principal at Highland High School. He holds a doctorate in educational leadership. John is a relationship builder who believes that when staff feel supported, students thrive. Dr. Zack shared, "I am so very excited to be coming on board at HCSC, to help keep the solid tradition of educational excellence alive. Supporting our teachers, students, and building leaders in this endeavor is exciting just to think about."



New Middle School Principal, Mr. Tony Curatolo

Tony Curatolo brings over a decade of experience to his role as Hanover Central Middle School's new Principal. With five years in the classroom teaching Social Studies, Math, ELA, and Science, followed by six years in leadership roles as Dean of Students and Assistant Principal/Athletic Director, he combines a teacher's heart with an administrator's vision. Mr. Curatolo's vision for Hanover Central is built on three pillars: strong relationships, student success, and an inclusive community. He believes every student deserves to feel valued, challenged, and inspired to grow. As he puts it: "I look forward to partnering with students, staff, families, and the community to continue our tradition of excellence and build an environment where every Wildcat can thrive."

Hanover Community School Corporation

2026-2027 District Calendar

August

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31				

September

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October

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November

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December

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February

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May

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June

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- School not in session
- Half day
- eLearning day
- Teacher work day
- Start of 9 weeks
- End of 9 weeks
- First & last student day
- HS Graduation

August
11: First Teacher Day
12: First Student Day

September
7: Labor Day, No School
23: K-12 eLearning Day

October
9: End of first 9 weeks
12-16: Fall Break, No School
19: Beginning of second 9 weeks
22 & 23: K-8 Early Release

November
25-27: Thanksgiving Break, No School

December
9: K-12 eLearning Day
17 & 18: High School Early Release
18: End of second 9 weeks
21-Jan 1: Winter Break, No School

January
4: Records Day, No School
5: Beginning of third 9 weeks
18: Martin Luther King Day, No School
27: K-12 eLearning day

February
15: President's Day, No School

March
12: End of third 9 weeks
15: Beginning of fourth 9 weeks
26: Good Friday, No School
29-Apr 2: Spring Break, No School

May
27: 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony
27 & 28: High School Early Release
28: Last Day of School
31: Memorial Day, No School

June
1: Records Day, No School
2: High School Graduation @ 6 PM

Board approved on 5/12/2026

Follow us on social media!

Hanover website

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HCSC

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IMPORTANT DATES

Jul 20th - 24th: New & Returning Student Registration

Aug 6th: 6th Grade Orientation 9-11 am

HCMS New Student Orientation 1-2 pm

Freshman Orientation (A-L 8-11 am & M-Z 12-3 pm)

Aug 7th: HCMS Locker Loading 8 am - 2 pm

Aug 10th: Red Cedars Back to School Night 5:30-7 pm

Aug 11th: Hanover Learning Academy Back to School Night 3-5 pm

Jane Ball Back to School Night 5:30-7 pm

Lincoln Back to School Night 5:30-7 pm

Aug 12th: First Day of School!

Sep 3rd: HCMS Back to School Night 5:30-7 pm

Sep 7th: No School, Labor Day

Sep 10th: HCHS Back to School Night 5:30-7 pm

Sep 23rd: K-12 eLearning Day

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