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Hastings Public Schools

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200
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Joint Powers Meeting

Date: June 11, 2026

Time: 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Location: Conference Room A, District Office

Attendees:

Dr. Wehrkamp Herman, Carrie Tate, Melissa Millner, Phillip Biermaier, Jen Seubert, LynDee Humble

Purpose

Discuss strategies to strengthen communication, collaboration, and partnership between the District and the cities and townships it serves.

Background

Joint Powers Meetings with the City of Hastings have been occurring

- Continue discussing options for improvement and growth

Roundtable Discussions with Townships and Surrounding Communities will be new

Dr. Wehrkamp Herman sent an introductory email on April 24 to city and township leadership to introduce the concept and begin coordinating quarterly meetings. LynDee sent follow up email **May 15, 2026** as well as making direct phone calls

Townships responding with interest

- Douglas Township
- Nininger Township
- Ravenna Township
- Vermillion Township

Cities interested in meeting

- Hastings

Proposed Representation

District

- Three (3) School Board Members
- Superintendent
- Director of Finance
- Administrative Assistant

Cities and Townships (Recommended; Participation Optional)

- Mayor (if applicable)
- One Council or Board Member
- One Staff Representative (if applicable)

Proposed Discussion Topics

Introductions

- Who you are, your role and representation

Community and Infrastructure

- Road construction and infrastructure projects (e.g., sewer, utilities)
- Transportation and school bussing coordination (focusing on road construction plans)
 - Making sure everyone has updated information on Hastings Bus Company's new primary contact now that Terry has retired

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- Housing development plans
 - What are economic development plans to welcome new families and businesses
 - Demographic and population trends

Financial and Tax Matters

- Tax updates, including anticipated increases
- Levy information and opportunities for community presentations

Community Engagement and Planning

- Community priorities, concerns, and key initiatives
- Election cycles and timing

Public Services and Partnerships

- Opportunities for local sourcing and partnerships (e.g., food service)

Meeting Logistics

Frequency: Quarterly

Location: 1st meeting to be held at the District 200 office with date options within the 1st 2 weeks of August

Next Steps

- Confirm interest and participation from city and township representatives with date options
- Finalize meeting schedule and rotation of host locations.
- Establish an initial agenda framework for quarterly meetings.
- Identify and familiarize key contacts within each participating community.

Next Committee Meeting

August 26, 2026 from 5-6:00 pm Conference Room A in the District Office