



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK  
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Park, Michigan

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**Cheryl Sanford, President**

**March 18, 2026**

**Famika Roberts, Vice President**

**City Council-Highland Park, Michigan  
12050 Woodward Avenue  
Highland Park, Michigan 48203**

**Cassandra Walker, Treasurer**

Dear Members of the City Council,

**Yolanda Harrison, Secretary**

I am writing in my capacity as Chief Educational Officer of the Highland Park School District to address and clarify statements made during the March 16<sup>th</sup> Council meeting regarding the status of the District.

**Doris Harris, Trustee**

During the meeting, it was suggested that the District has been unable to secure insurance coverage and that Barber Preparatory Academy may be facing closure. I would like to respectfully clarify that both of these assertions are inaccurate.

**Janet Spight-White, Trustee**

The Highland Park School District is fully insured and has successfully completed its most recent insurance renewal process without issue. Additionally, Barber Preparatory Academy remains fully operational and continues to make meaningful progress in delivering quality education to students within the Highland Park community.

**Linda Wheeler, Trustee**

**Isaiah Pettway, Chief Educational  
Officer**

We recognize the importance of accurate information, particularly when it impacts public confidence in our schools and the opportunities available to our students. The District remains steadfast in its commitment to improving and expanding educational offerings for all residents of Highland Park.

**Joseph Urban, Esq., Board  
Attorney**

To ensure transparency and open communication, I would welcome the opportunity to attend a future Council workshop to provide a comprehensive update on the District's current status, ongoing initiatives, and future expansion plans, as well as to address any questions you may have.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your continued partnership in supporting the students and families of Highland Park.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please feel free to contact me at [pettwayi@hipark.org](mailto:pettwayi@hipark.org) or 313-587-0956.

Sincerely,

Isaiah Pettway, M.P.A., B.A.