

August 14, 2009

Hillsdale County Community Schools
C/O Superintendent

CC: Guidance/Career Office
School Principals

Dear County Superintendents:

Sheriff Burchardt is pleased to continue a newer program aimed at promoting student who achieve excellence within the classroom. Specifically, we will be launching a ***Sheriff Star*** Student of the Month program for all Hillsdale County schools. This program is designed to allow teachers or school officials to recognize student who have made a difference within the school or who have achieved scholastic excellence during the reporting month. The success of this program depends upon your staff's willingness to recognize students who excel in your district. Student(s) that are chosen as the Star Student of the Month from your district will be awarded a Sheriff Star citation signed by the Sheriff, a bumper sticker and a chance to compete for a \$250 college scholarship with other Student of the Month honorees. Equally, the students will be showcased in the Hillsdale Daily News each month and a press release will be sent to our local media outlets.

I would ask that you please take a few minutes to review the enclosed press release detailing this program to our county along with a copy of the nomination form which will be provided to your school office within the next few weeks. Forms will be made available and will only require the district to mail the forms back to our office. Forms will be due on the 15th of the month. Please consider promoting this program within your staff meetings and with your administrative staff members. I welcome the opportunity to discuss this program with you should you have any comments or concerns. We appreciate the time that you will take to review this program aimed at promoting your students and your school district. We look forward to working with you in our efforts to recognize and reward educational excellence and related achievements.

Sincerely,

Jeremiah J. Hodshire
Undersheriff