

## **EL Updates January 1, 2023**

### **Happy New Year! School Resumes Tuesday, January 3.**

Staff and students return **TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2023.**

Also, just a heads-up that there is no school Monday, January 16 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

### **Next Board of Education Meeting – Monday, January 9, 2023**

The ELPS Board of Education will hold its next regular meeting Monday, January 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room in East Lansing High School. The meeting will be held in person and will be live streamed. If you have a disability that prevents you from attending the meeting in person and would like to give public comment during that portion of the meeting, please contact Kelly Hocquard at [kelly.hocquard@elps.us](mailto:kelly.hocquard@elps.us) by 3:00 p.m. the day of the meeting.

Here is a link to access the live stream and to view previously recorded meetings: <https://www.nfhsnetwork.com/schools/east-lansing-high-school-east-lansing-mi>

### **Snow Day Decisions and Communication**

As we enter the "Snow Day Season," I'd like to share some information about how the decision of whether or not to cancel school is made and how a school closing will be communicated.

1. Many weather factors are considered when determining whether or not to cancel school:

- Amount of snow (current and predicted)
- Timing of snow
- Temperature and wind chill (sustained wind chills of -20 degrees or lower will result in school closing or delay)
- Road and sidewalk conditions (including conditions for busses and young drivers)
- Other factors such as blowing and drifting, ice or freezing rain, visibility, power outages

I do a road check throughout the district beginning around 4:15 a.m. and communicate with other local superintendents and often the City of EL and/or ELPD.

2. When possible, we will make the call the night before in order to give families as much time as possible to prepare. If a decision to close schools is made the night before, it will be communicated no later than 10:00 p.m.

If the decision to close schools is made in the morning, we do our best to communicate by 5:30 a.m. (and no later than 6:00 a.m.).

3. If a decision is made to close school, the closing is communicated to staff and families via the following methods:

- Robocall to staff and families (make sure your phone number is current in PowerSchool)
- ELPS Facebook Page
- ELPS Website - main page
- Twitter - Follow me to hear it first! @ELPSSupt
- Local news media: WILX, WLNS, Fox 47, WKAR, WFMK

4. Information about other events (practices, games, concerts, etc.) will be made later in the morning and communicated through coaches and advisors and/or the district website.

### **At-Home COVID Tests Still Available**

Each building has at-home COVID-19 tests available - please contact your school office if you'd like to pick some up or have them sent home with your student.