

**EL Updates**  
**December 11, 2022**

**Next Board of Education Meeting – Monday, December 12, 2022**

The ELPS Board of Education will hold its next regular meeting Monday, December 12 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>

**Reminder - No School from December 17 - January 2**

Winter Break is coming up - there will be no classes from Dec. 17 - Jan. 2. Staff and students return **TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2023**.

**Holiday/Winter Break Giving Opportunity to Support ELPS Families**

Thank you for supporting our families - we collected over \$4000 that will be distributed to ELPS families this week!

**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 Available for Winter Break**

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. We recommend that your student is tested prior to returning to school after winter break.