

ELPS Updates February 26, 2023

A Message to our ELPS School Community

Good morning East Lansing staff, students and families, After two weeks that included multiple days out of session due to safety, professional learning, a holiday and an ice storm, we are looking forward to gaining back some consistency and routine this week with a full week of school (although we are keeping a close eye on the freezing rain forecasted for Monday).

To support the healing process of our students, staff and community members, we will continue to include opportunities for support in these updates. Our school counselors, social workers and facility dogs are available to support our students, and the City of

East Lansing will have counseling services available this week as follows:

- Hannah Community Center (819 Abbot Rd.): this week Monday (2/27), Tuesday (2/28) and Thursday (3/2) from 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.
- East Lansing Public Library (950 Abbot Rd.): this week Monday (2/27), Wednesday (3/1) and Friday (3/3) from 12:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Visit this site for more

details: <https://www.cityofeastlansing.com/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=1849>. These crisis support services are available to anyone in the community.

MSU has published a webpage with additional information about crisis support services being offered on campus and virtually: <https://caps.msu.edu/emergency/feb2023crisisresponse/index.html>.

Please reach out to your student's teacher(s), counselor, social worker, administrator or other trusted adult if additional support or resources are needed. We are here for you. Thank you and take care - Dori Leyko, Superintendent

Kindergarten Information Night Rescheduled for this Thursday, March 2, 2023

Due to last week's ice storm, Kindergarten Information Night was postponed. Kindergarten Information Night will be held **Thursday, March 2 from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. at MacDonald Middle School (1601 Burcham Drive)**. This is an informational event for all families of prospective kindergarten and Young Fives students, including families who plan to apply for Schools of Choice this June. An additional Kindergarten Roundup event for our incoming students will be held at each building later this spring.

Here is a flyer for the event: https://elps.us/downloads/district_-_kindergartenyoung_5s/kindergarten_information_night_flier_2023.pdf

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Next Board of Education Meeting – Monday, February 27, 2023

The ELPS Board of Education will hold its next meeting Monday, February 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium 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 by 3:00 p.m. the day of the meeting.

Note: ELHS will be hosting a triple-header of basketball games vs. Okemos Monday with start times of 4:00 p.m. and approximately 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Just a heads up that our campus and parking lot will be busy.

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>

Here is a link to the meeting agenda: <https://meetings.boardbook.org/Public/Agenda/1629?meeting=571291>

Board of Education Vacancy - update

The Board of Education received nine applicants for the vacant Board of Education seat that became available due to the resignation of Trustee Debbie Walton on February 13, 2023. These candidates will be interviewed publicly during Monday night's Board of Education meeting. The Board has 30 days from the resignation date to appoint a new member.

ELHS Safety Enhancement Plan Updates & Stakeholder Survey Data

Here is a link to the DRAFT Safety Enhancement Plan presentation that will be shared and discussed at tomorrow night's Board of Education meeting: https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1HL_uOUfyyQ2iuxcncq5lyFrHVShFEk_hx3ZerpKjtQpM/edit?usp=sharing

Watch for an Email to Opt in to ELPS Text Message Eblasts

Currently, ELPS utilizes email and robocalls to communicate urgent information. Please watch your email this week for a message that will allow you to opt in to also receive district notices via text message. (UPDATE - still to come!)

New Accessibility Feature of ELPS Updates

Our system allows for communication to be provided in the language families have designated in PowerSchool as their primary language. We have turned on this feature so these updates are more accessible to our families. We welcome any feedback you may have regarding your experience.