

ELPS Updates October 17, 2021

Reminder - Half Day for Students this Tuesday and Late Start this Wednesday

Students have a half day of school this Tuesday, October 19 to allow for family-teacher conferences. The half day schedule for each level is as follows:

Elementary: 8:45 a.m. - 12:10 p.m.

Middle School: 8:05 a.m. - 11:20 a.m.

High School: 7:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

This Wednesday, October 20 is the second of four late-start Wednesdays for staff professional learning. School start times and morning bus times are two hours later than usual.

The other two late-start Wednesdays are February 23 and March 16.

Board of Education Meeting – Monday, October 25, 2021

The ELPS Board of Education will be holding its next regular meeting Monday, October 25 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. A link to the live stream will be included in next week's updates.

The link to the October 11 Board of Education video is being replaced by one with better sound quality. We are just waiting for NFHS to upload the new video. Once uploaded, you can access the video at this site by clicking "On Demand" under "Other Events" and locate the October 11 Board of Education meeting: <https://www.nfhsnetwork.com/schools/east-lansing-high-school-east-lansing-mi>

Elementary School Holiday Parties

Last week, ELPS announced its decision to not hold Halloween or Valentine's Day parties at our elementary schools. We are striving to provide inclusive opportunities for all students during their time in school, and from many years of experiences and observations, these two events do not align with that goal. We appreciate the very thoughtful feedback we've received about this decision and will continue to find ways for students to celebrate, socialize and build school community.

The East Lansing community is sponsoring numerous Halloween events for kids - here is a link to those events: <https://www.cityofeastlansing.com/halloween>

ELPS Seeking Paraprofessionals and Other Staff

We still have a few paraprofessional and other positions available. If you or someone you know is interested in helping to support our students, we would love to have you join our team.

Here is a link to apply for our open positions - teaching, coaching and lunch monitor positions are available, too

- <https://www.applitrack.com/IASEC/onlineapp/jobpostings/view.asp?internaltransferform.Url=&hoosedistrict=true&applitrackclient=43651>

COVID-19 Reporting and Communicating

For students who are eligible for the vaccine, know that the state and local guidance allows vaccinated individuals who are identified as close contacts to NOT have to quarantine as long as they remain symptom free. Please let us know if you need assistance in getting your eligible student the COVID-19 vaccine.

Also, it is important to notify the school as early as possible if your student is presenting COVID symptoms, even before you may have COVID-19 test results. This will allow us to contact trace quickly and prevent potential transmission.

Here is a link to the district's COVID-19 dashboard. Positive school-related cases must be posted on this site within 24 hours of the district learning of the case. If we are notified of a case over the weekend, updates will be posted Monday.

<https://elps.us/our-district/district-covid-19-dashboard/>

COVID-19 Guidance from the Ingham County Health Department

The ICHD has updated its COVID-19 guidance documents for schools to align with the new Emergency Orders. You can access these documents with the following link:

<https://hd.ingham.org/Portals/HD/Home/Documents/cd/coronavirus/ICHDSchoolCOVIDHandouts.pdf>