

ELPS Updates
March 20, 2022

Next Board of Education Meeting – Monday, April 11, 2022

The ELPS Board of Education will be holding its next regular meeting Monday, April 11 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. Note: The March 28 scheduled meeting has been canceled due to the meeting falling during spring break.

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>

Spring Break Begins this Friday, March 25

There will be no school Friday, March 25 - Friday, April 1 for Spring Break. We will resume classes Monday, April 4.

Mask Requirement Update

We are continuing to monitor school, local, county and state COVID data as we evaluate our mask requirement. While the state daily COVID reporting requirement has been rescinded and isolation and quarantine notification process updated, ELPS will maintain our current identification and communication processes and continue to update our COVID reporting page daily, at least through the week of April 4. The Board and I will review all information at that time, and we are anticipating Board action on this topic at the April 11 Board of Education meeting.

Enrolling Kindergarteners for Fall 2022 Now!

We are currently enrolling all resident incoming kindergarteners for fall 2022 - this includes Young Fives. Here is a link to the Kindergarten Information Night Presentation: https://elps.us/downloads/district_-_miscellaneous_documents/kindergarten_parent_information_night_2022.pptx.pdf

Please begin the registration process using our online registration process: <https://elps.us/our-district/prospective-families/online-enrollment/>

Please register your incoming kindergartener as soon as possible.

Schools of Choice applicants may apply during the first two weeks of June. Please see this link for more information about our Schools of Choice timeline and application process and to request more information as it becomes available: <https://elps.us/our-district/prospective-families/schools-of-choice/>

Resources for Talking with Your Students About Ukraine

Here are links to resources (one new resource added) about talking to your student about the situation in Ukraine and other difficult topics.

<https://fal.cn/3my4L?fbclid=IwAR3BbogWF8jpskpDqMh7yJ6xeddIWZd0eOIHeY4CJ68rdChvfub58CSqFa8>

[Associated Press: Honesty, reassurance: How to talk to kids about Ukraine](#)

[NY Times: How to Talk to Kids About Ukraine](#)

[CBS Boston: How to Teach Children about Russian Invasion of Ukraine](#)

https://www.pbssocal.org/education/how-to-talk-to-kids-about-the-ukraine-invasion?fbclid=IwAR1ibWuLP458GIhvnnu9pbyA7xvXZjb_4VfKM9Xaj5CuFN4n2miJkr3viI

https://www.sdcoe.net/about-sdcoe/news/post/~board/news/post/resources-for-educators-families-to-discuss-the-invasion-of-ukraine-with-students?fbclid=IwAR0BCgeX06tBZW4_Q-p4I5wuuodzseV2QgjH7xuxf-RPpivBf3xstZIDLsg

https://theconversation.com/how-to-talk-to-children-about-the-invasion-of-ukraine-and-why-those-conversations-are-important-177983?fbclid=IwAR3iJoopZ8156lOHWHBGMDewocpdjb9vxLL3tXLVMnC-caUvm_Lzo339iFQ

New: [Talking to Children about War | The National Child Traumatic Stress Network \(nctsn.org\)](#)

ELPS Hygiene Drive - Update

We appreciate all of the donations we received - we have a stock of items we can distribute for students and families. We are concluding the drive for now but can still use any new trial size items that families may bring back from hotel stays. Please feel free to drop off these trial size items at your student's school after Spring Break.

COVID-19 Reporting and Communicating

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 on the next school day in session.

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

If you have any questions, please reach out to your building administrator.

