

ELPS Updates
September 26, 2021

Board of Education Meeting – Monday, September 27, 2021

The ELPS Board of Education will be holding its regular meeting Monday, September 27 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.

Here is a link to the

agenda: <https://meetings.boardbook.org/Public/Agenda/1629?meeting=497406>

Robert L. Green Dedication Event

Wow! We had a beautiful morning and an outstanding turnout for Friday's Dedication of Robert L. Green Elementary School. The student performances were amazing, and we were honored to host special guests Robert L. Green, his wife and family, Ernest Green of The Little Rock Nine, Martin Luther King Jr. III and many other notable guests. It was a special day!

ELHS Homecoming Events

What a great turnout for Friday evening's Homecoming Parade and Community Pep Rally! Thanks to everyone who played a role in making adjustments to the evening on short notice and pulling together a great evening for our students, families and community!

Ongoing COVID Testing for Students and Staff

We were able to bring weekly COVID testing at five of our buildings last week (missed Wednesday schools due to Late Start) and will continue with this week with the schedule below. Testing will occur in the morning. Last week, we typically received results within about 48 hours.

If you signed up for staff or student ongoing COVID testing but have not electronically signed consent forms, please search your email (and clutter) for an email from support@testedandprotected.org titled "**Midwest Coordination Center Invitation.**" This email includes a code for creating your account so that you can electronically sign the consent and HIPAA forms and access your child's test results.

If you need support in creating an account on their site, please use this email to request assistance: info@testedandprotected.org.

If you signed up to participate in testing and have not received a registration email, please send a message to kelly.hocquard@elps.us.

In order to participate in this week's testing, consent and HIPAA forms must be completed no later than 4:00 p.m. today. This is so we can prepare our testing lists for the week. The lists for this week will be updated after 4:00 p.m. today.

If you register and sign the forms after 4:00 p.m. today, we will add your child's name to the list to be tested beginning Monday, October 4.

Testing schedule for each building is as follows:

Mondays: Glencairn and Marble

Tuesdays: Robert L. Green and Whitehills

Wednesdays: MacDonald Middle School, Donley and Red Cedar

Thursdays: East Lansing High School

This program and process is new to us, and we are one of the first and few districts in the midwest participating in weekly COVID testing as part of this USDHHS program. Please bear with us as we navigate the unknowns and establish a process that works for everyone.

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 morning.

<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>