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Dear ELPS families, staff and students,

I hope this message finds all of you healthy and in positive spirits.

As we head into Day 4 of the school closure, I want to start by thanking a few groups of people:

1. The ELPS community... for their donations of books, personal items and over \$12,000 that was converted into Meijer gift cards. With these donations, we are able to provide Meijer gift cards to over 800 families in our greater East Lansing community.
2. Our food service workers from Chartwells... who have worked tirelessly since Sunday to prepare and distribute approximately 5000 meals to kids.
3. Our ELPS teachers and staff... who have assisted with meal distribution and food delivery and for their donations of snacks for families - also for staying connected with our students during this challenging time.
4. And for my administrator colleagues who have been greeting families at meal sites, stuffing snack bags and envelopes and who have been a tremendous support system for me and for one another as we navigate this situation together.

There are still many questions around topics such as Spring Break, the makeup of missed days, state testing, and how we can equitably encourage student learning during this closure. We are awaiting further guidance and direction from the Michigan Department of Education, the U.S. Department of Education, and our legislature. As we receive additional information, I'll continue to pass it on.

Once again, I encourage you to reach out to me directly if you have any needs with which we can assist - you can reach me at Dori.leyko@elps.us.

Please take care of yourselves and your family during this time - I look forward to the day that our ELPS community can come back together again.

Stay safe. Be well. And have a nice evening.

Dori Leyko, Superintendent