

Hello ELPS families and staff,

With three weeks left of our school year, we continue to hope you are all healthy and safe and that you and your students are finding ways to engage with our distance learning plan. We appreciate the feedback from the surveys and are using that information to inform future decisions.

Feel free to email me at [dori.leyko@elps.us](mailto:dori.leyko@elps.us) if you have any additional questions or feedback. I've also included a chart below to help direct you to the appropriate staff member should you have building-specific or department-specific questions. Thank you and take care!

Dori Leyko, Superintendent

## Senior Events

- Commencement is now scheduled for July 19, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. We have a Plan A, Plan B and Plan C for that day, depending on the restrictions and guidelines for gatherings and social distancing on that date. From the survey, a majority of our seniors expressed their desire for an in-person traditional-style commencement ceremony, if possible.
  - Plan A – one or more graduation ceremonies on the ELHS football field
  - Plan B – a drive-thru graduation event
  - Plan C – a virtual graduation event
- We invite you to participate in the “*Show your Light for the Class of 2020*” campaign. East Lansing families may turn on their porch lights or front window lights at 7:00 p.m. Friday, May 29, the original graduation date and time. Later that evening, the stadium lights and scoreboard will be turned on at 8:20 p.m. to honor our seniors.

## Fall 2020

- At this point, we do not know how instruction will be delivered this fall – in person, from a distance or a hybrid of the two. The Governor just recently announced a *Return to Learn Advisory Council* to establish a process for how students may safely return to school. We will continue to plan for multiple fall scenarios as we await guidance and direction from the state. As we obtain new information, it will be shared with staff, families and students. Read more about the *Return to Learn Advisory Council* here: [https://www.michigan.gov/whitmer/0,9309,7-387-90499\\_90640-529397--,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/whitmer/0,9309,7-387-90499_90640-529397--,00.html)

## Meals

- We continue to provide meals each week! Meal drive-thru is every Tuesday and Thursday from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. at East Lansing High School. Here is an article from last week announcing that the school districts in Ingham County surpassed the distribution of one million meals last week: <https://www.wilx.com/content/news/Ingham-ISD-to-hit-1-million-meals-served-570414201.html>

## Elementary School Construction Project

- Construction on our elementary buildings resumed Thursday, May 7! Pinecrest and Whitehills will be ready for students this fall, while demolition will begin at Marble in the coming weeks, and Phase 2 renovations at Red Cedar will also begin soon. The final panels and entrance canopy work will also be completed at Donley and Glencairn.

## Kindergarten Enrollment for Fall 2020

- We are continuing to enroll kindergarten (and all) students for Fall 2020! If you or someone you know needs to enroll a kindergartener (age 5 by Dec. 1, 2020), please use our online enrollment portal ([www.elps.us](http://www.elps.us)) to begin the process or reach out to your neighborhood elementary school via phone or email. Since many of our employees are working from home as much as possible, email may be best! A list of the building principals and their email addresses is at the bottom of this update.

## How to keep up to date with new information and district plans...

- Our robocall and eblast systems
- Our website – [www.elps.us](http://www.elps.us)
- Facebook – [www.facebook.com/EastLansingPS](https://www.facebook.com/EastLansingPS) or Twitter - @ELPSSupt

## ELPS Contact List for Questions or Assistance

### East Lansing High School

Andy Wells, Principal – [andrew.wells@elps.us](mailto:andrew.wells@elps.us)

Matt Morales, Associate Principal – [matthew.morales@elps.us](mailto:matthew.morales@elps.us)

Ashley Schwarzbek – Associate Principal – [ashley.schwarzbek@elps.us](mailto:ashley.schwarzbek@elps.us)

Nikki Norris – Athletics and Activities Director – [nicole.norris@elps.us](mailto:nicole.norris@elps.us)

### MacDonald Middle School

Amy Martin, Principal – [amy.martin@elps.us](mailto:amy.martin@elps.us)

John Atkinson, Associate Principal – [john.atkinson@elps.us](mailto:john.atkinson@elps.us)

**Donley Elementary School** - Tracey Barton, Principal – [tracey.barton@elps.us](mailto:tracey.barton@elps.us)

**Glencairn Elementary School** – Lorraine Ware, Principal – [lorraine.ware@elps.us](mailto:lorraine.ware@elps.us)

**Marble Elementary School** - Josh Robertson, Principal – [josh.robertson@elps.us](mailto:josh.robertson@elps.us)

**Pinecrest Elementary School** – Amy Webster, Principal – [amy.webster@elps.us](mailto:amy.webster@elps.us)

**Whitehills Elementary School** – Shane Johnson, Principal – [shane.johnson@elps.us](mailto:shane.johnson@elps.us)

### Curriculum & Instruction

1. Your student's teacher
2. Building principal or associate principal
3. Glenn Mitcham, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment – [glenn.mitcham@elps.us](mailto:glenn.mitcham@elps.us)

### Special Education & 504 plans

1. Your student's case manager (IEPs) or school counselor/social worker (504 plans)
2. Building principal
3. Nick Hamilton, Director of Special Education - [nick.hamilton@elps.us](mailto:nick.hamilton@elps.us)

### Meal Distribution

### ELHS Athletics & Activities

<p>1. Dori Leyko, Superintendent – <a href="mailto:dori.leyko@elps.us">dori.leyko@elps.us</a></p>	<p>1. Nikki Norris – <a href="mailto:Nicole.norris@elps.us">Nicole.norris@elps.us</a></p>
<p><b>Student belonging retrieval (Please know that there will be a time for parents to retrieve items once the <i>Stay Home</i> order is lifted.)</b></p> <p>1. Building principal</p>	<p><b>To request a device</b></p> <p>1. Christian Palasty, Director of Technology – <a href="mailto:christian.palasty@elps.us">christian.palasty@elps.us</a></p>
<p><b>To request additional support for food or other needs</b></p> <p>1. Nick Hamilton – <a href="mailto:nick.hamilton@elps.us">nick.hamilton@elps.us</a></p>	<p><b>Technology support/troubleshooting</b></p> <p>1. <a href="mailto:techsupport@elps.us">techsupport@elps.us</a>  2. Or call (517) 333-7436</p>
<p><b>Senior Events</b></p> <p>1. High School administration (see above)</p>	<p><b>Construction</b></p> <p>1. Brian Reeve, Supervisor of Maintenance and Facilities – <a href="mailto:brian.reeve@elps.us">brian.reeve@elps.us</a></p>