



ELPS Updates

Sunday, April 12, 2020

Suspension of Face-to-Face Learning

- Per Executive Order 2020-35, face-to-face learning has been suspended for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year. With this order, all school employees have been categorized as “essential employees” and will be reengaged this week. While the buildings might be closed, learning and connecting will continue! (See below!)

Spring Events

- The remainder of winter sports tournaments, the spring sports season and other spring activities have been canceled.
- Prom is canceled for May. Pending future orders, we will consider a later date.
- No decision has yet been made on commencement – we will await the next Executive Order that addresses gatherings and make a decision in early May at the latest. We will do our best to find ways to acknowledge and celebrate our seniors.

Continuity of Learning Plan

- To comply with Executive Order 2020-35, ELPS is finalizing its *Continuity of Learning Plan*, which will provide learning opportunities, feedback, and a chance to reconnect and redevelop relationships with our students. Pending the approval of our plan by the Ingham Intermediate School District (Ingham ISD), it will be eblasted out to all families and posted on our website. A brief summary and timeline is as follows:
 - o Week 0 – April 13 – 17 – *Planning for Distance Learning*
 - Teacher planning, preparation and collaboration
 - Material and device distribution (details coming soon!)
 - o Week 1 – April 20 – 24 – *Connecting and Establishing Relationships*
 - Students and teachers reconnect
 - Expectations and routines shared
 - Class meetings and activities
 - Become familiar with online instructional platforms and/or seek assistance with these platforms
 - Distribution of learning packets
 - o Week 2 – April 27 – May 1 – *Supplemental Learning & Review*
 - Key concepts reviewed
 - o Week 3 and beyond – May 4 – June 5 – *New Learning*
- You will all received additional communication from your building(s) this week. Please watch your email for this information.

Meals

- Thank you for your patience and offers of support and assistance as we evaluated our meal distribution system last week and made some safety improvements that will begin this Thursday, April 16. All students age 18 & under and young adults with special needs age 26 & under qualify for free breakfast and lunch. **All others should access the Greater Lansing Food Bank for food assistance.**
- **BEGINNING THIS THURSDAY, APRIL 16...**
 - o Meals will be distributed by a pick-up/drive-thru model from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We'll provide three days' worth of meals on Tuesdays and four days' worth of meals on Thursdays.

- To eliminate face-to-face contact between our staff and drivers/passengers, please have your trunk emptied so that we can place food and milk in the trunk. Please place a box or laundry basket in your trunk, if possible.
- You will receive pre-packaged meal boxes that will contain a breakfast and lunch for each day for each student.
- Please stay in your car.

Construction Update

- Construction on Pinecrest and Whitehills Elementary Schools has been suspended per recent Executive Orders. This suspension includes the finishes that were in progress at Donley and Glencairn. At this point, we are still planning to move forward with our plans for these buildings to be ready and opened in fall 2020. We will make a final decision at the end of April once we have more information about whether or not school construction will be allowed to resume in May.

Board of Education Meeting – Monday, April 13, 2020

- The East Lansing Board of Education will hold its regular meeting tomorrow, April 13, 2020, at 7:00. This meeting will be held remotely via WebEx. Here is a link to information on how to join the meeting if you would like to listen and/or provide public comment during that part of the agenda: <https://elps.us/our-district/board-of-education/special-meeting-notice/>

To request support...

- If your family needs support, please contact Nick Hamilton, Director of Special Education, at nick.hamilton@elps.us.

To offer additional support...

- If you'd like to contribute to a fund to provide gift cards and financial assistance to ELPS families in need, you may send a check made out to ELPS (or Meijer gift cards) to: Dori Leyko, Superintendent, 501 Burcham Drive, East Lansing, MI 48823. These contributions will go directly to families who request additional support during this challenging time.

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

- We will utilize our robocall system and eblast system to communicate important information with our families.
- Our website – www.elps.us
- Facebook – www.facebook.com/EastLansingPS
- Twitter - @ELPSSupt

Feel free to email me at dori.leyko@elps.us if you have any additional questions or feedback. Thank you and stay safe!

Dori Leyko, Superintendent
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