ELPS Updates

Tuesday, August 11, 2020

Dear East Lansing Public Schools Community,

Thank you for your continued flexibility and support as we prepare for the start of the 2020-21 school year.

Last evening, the ELPS Board of Education approved a plan to begin the school year fully online through at least September 30, 2020. District administration will continue to monitor health and safety data and guidance from many sources over the next month as we welcome back thousands of university students to our community and will communicate updates to our staff, students, and families.

Our first day of school is Tuesday, August 25, and details regarding class assignments, schedules, material and device distribution, Orientation Week, and more will be coming out later this week from building administrators and/or the technology department.

The members of the Board of Education and I greatly appreciate the input and feedback we've received through public comment, email communication, and committee participation. While I acknowledge that no plan or schedule will work perfectly for everyone, I'm confident that our team developed a plan that supports a high-quality learning experience for our students while prioritizing the health and well-being of your children and our staff.

If you'd like to view the plan in its entirety, it will be posted on the main page of our website (<u>www.elps.us</u>) by the end of tomorrow. More details will be developed for Phase 5 and our return to in-person instruction, but our main focus right now is to prepare for a great start to this school year... which is only two weeks from today!

Thank you and take care,

Dori Leyko

Superintendent