



ELPS Updates

Sunday July 12, 2020

Board of Education Regular Meeting – July 27, 2020

- The Board of Education will hold its regularly scheduled meeting Monday, July 27 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held remotely, and I'll include the link in a future update.

Meal Distribution

- Please know that we are only able to deliver meals if someone is home to accept and bring the meal boxes inside – this is a requirement of the federal program as boxes contain items that must be refrigerated and cannot be left in the heat.
- Meal pick-up continues every **THURSDAYS from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.** at East Lansing High School through Thursday, August 20, 2020.

Commencement for the Class of 2020

- ELHS Class of 2020 commencement will be held July 19, 2020 beginning at 10:00 a.m. Due to the current restrictions on gatherings, the event will be a drive-through format with graduates walking across a stage and opportunities for photos at assigned times. More details to come from ELHS.

Survey Reminder

- If you have not yet completed the ELPS Reopening Survey for Families, **the deadline for completing the survey is this evening at 8:00 p.m.** The survey may be completed once per family. As of Sunday morning, we've received over 1500 responses. Here is the link: <https://forms.gle/h55yCy7iDhVdcygz5>

Request for Masks

- One thing we know for sure is that we will be in need of many masks this fall. Our proposed mask policy for students will be communicated soon, but we are beginning to collect new masks (homemade or store-bought) to provide to students and adults this fall. Students may bring and wear their own masks, and we will have them at each building as well. If you or someone you know sews masks or has new cloth or paper masks to donate to the school, please contact me at dori.leyko@elps.us or your building principal. We will need both adult and child sizes – elastic ear loops are preferred over masks that require tying.

Board of Education Seats Open

- There are three seats available for four-year terms beginning January 2021 and ending December 31, 2024. If you would like information about running

for one of these open seats, please click on this link: https://elps.us/downloads/news/public_notice.pdf

- The deadline to file is July 21, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. See the link for details.

Return to School Information

- Our teams and committees have been exploring multiple models for fall instruction. The data from the family surveys has been extremely helpful in informing our discussions and planning. We sent out a Staff Survey this morning to gain input from our faculty and staff.

ELPS Return to School Work Groups

- Our Return to School Work Groups met last Tuesday and discussed a few “hot topics” – a mask requirement for our elementary students, restricting school visitors, learning options for families, and a closed campus at the high school. These questions were asked on our family survey – results will be shared after the survey closes.

Return to School FAQs:

1. What is the difference between the MI Safe Start Plan and the MI Safe Start Map? And which one aligns with the phases of the Return to School Roadmap?

The [MI Safe Start Plan](#) is a way to show how Michigan’s economy will reopen. These six phases are those with which the Return to School Roadmap are aligned. Our region is currently in Phase 4.

The [MI Safe Start Map](#) shows “risk phases” for coronavirus, which are indications for where regions stand in battling COVID-19.

Here is a link to an article that explains the similarities and differences: <https://www.mlive.com/public-interest/2020/07/why-a-state-sponsored-map-had-people-believing-parts-of-michigan-were-closing-again.html>

2. Will families have the option of electing full-time online learning for this fall?
Yes, a full-time online learning option will be available for any family that elects to not send their child(ren) back to school this fall. The district is working on a plan to provide a device (and hotspot if need) to all students for in-class and at-home learning. More details will be coming!
3. Will in-person instruction be offered?

Yes, in-person instruction will be offered. Details are still being developed and will be communicated soon.

4. When will staff and families have more information?

These updates will be sent weekly to communication new information as decisions are made.

Here is our timeline for development and communication of our ELPS COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan:

- Week of July 6 – district-level planning
- Weeks of July 13 and 20 – building-level planning with committees
- July 27 – Draft Preparedness Plan available and presented at Board of Education meeting
- Week of July 27 – receive feedback on Preparedness Plan and make adjustments
- August 10 – Board of Education to take action on Preparedness Plan

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

- Weekly updates
- Our website – www.elps.us
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