

# ELPS Updates

## Sunday July 19, 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 next week's 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

- Earlier today, we prepared and attempted to honor our Class of 2020 graduates with a drive-up event. The weather was uncooperative, and after two one-hour delays, we made the decision to postpone the event to a future date. Details will be sent out from the high school in the next couple days. We'll make this happen seniors!

### 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](https://elps.us/downloads/news_public_notice.pdf)
- The deadline to file is this Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. See the link for details.

### Return to School Information

- Our teams and committees continue to explore multiple models for fall instruction including in-person instruction, hybrid models, and online instruction.

### ELPS Return to School Work Groups

- Last week, our work groups reviewed the Family Survey data that was collected from over 1800 respondents. A summary of the survey data is attached to this email. [ELPS Family Survey Summary.7.19.20.docx](#)
- Our work group participants also discussed and provided feedback on district priorities for plan development. We asked subgroups to rank the following priorities:
  - Family choice
  - Health and safety
  - Simplicity of the structure
  - Teacher/staff choice (whether or not to return in-person or teach online)
  - Supporting economic necessity for parents who need to return to work

- o Different plans and models rise to the top depending on how these important priorities are ranked.

### **Return to School FAQs:**

1. What is the status of our region?

Our region remains in Phase 4 of the [MI Safe Start Plan](#) and remains in the High Risk category of the [MI Safe Start Map](#).

2. What options for fall instruction are currently being considered?

Our teams continue to explore MANY models and structures for fall learning – in-person, hybrid and online learning. We are trying hard to meet the needs of our students, our families, our faculty and staff, and our community. It’s becoming increasingly evident that we will not be able to check every box we’d like to check as this challenge is so complex, and every plan has its pros and cons. As new information and data is released, we evaluate and respond and sometimes change our course. No decisions have been made, but they will be made and communicated soon (see next question).

3. When will staff and families have more information?

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
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