

ELPS Updates

Sunday August 16, 2020

First Day of School

- The first day of school for ELPS students is **Tuesday, August 25, 2020**. The first week of school will be an Orientation Week – schedules and activities will be communicated through building administrators and teachers.

Board of Education Regular Meeting – August 24, 2020

- The Board of Education will hold its regularly scheduled meeting Monday, August 24 at 7:00 p.m. I'll include the link in next weekend's updates. It can also be found at www.elps.us.

Enrolling in ELPS for Fall 2020

- Our building administrative assistants are back to work and ready to enroll your new kindergarten students and other new students to ELPS. Here is the link to begin the online enrollment process: <https://elps.us/our-district/prospective-families/online-enrollment/>. You may also call or email the school.

Summer Meal Distribution Ending this Week – New Process Coming

- The last day of our summer meal distribution will be this Thursday, August 20 from 12:00 – 1:00 at East Lansing High School.
- Meal distribution will continue next week when remote learning begins. The eligibility and distribution requirements during remote learning are different from the summer program guidelines. We will confirm these details and communicate with families in the next few days.

Building Contacts

- Our building administrators and administrative assistants are back to work and are working from home and from the school office at times (where possible and as needed). When possible, please use email to communicate with them in order to receive the quickest reply. Here is a list of building administrators, administrative assistants, and their email addresses:

East Lansing High School

Andy Wells, Principal – andrew.wells@elps.us

Matt Morales, Associate Principal – matthew.morales@elps.us

Ashley Schwarzbek – Associate Principal – ashley.schwarzbek@elps.us

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Mary Fata – Administrative Assistant – mary.fata@elps.us

Nikie Tabor – Administrative Assistant – nikie.tabor@elps.us

MacDonald Middle School

Amy Martin, Principal – amy.martin@elps.us

John Atkinson, Associate Principal – john.atkinson@elps.us

Karen VanDorn, Administrative Assistant – karen.vandorn@elps.us

Kathy O'Meara, Administrative Assistant – kathy.omeara@elps.us

Donley Elementary School –

Tracey Barton, Principal – tracey.barton@elps.us

Connie Cannon, Administrative Assistant – connie.cannon@elps.us

Glencairn Elementary School –

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Cassie Fromson, Administrative Assistant – cassandra.fromson@elps.us

Marble @ Old Donley Elementary School –

Josh Robertson, Principal – josh.robertson@elps.us

Carolyn Baird, Administrative Assistant – carolyn.baird@elps.us

Red Cedar Elementary School –

Rinard Pugh, Principal – rinard.pugh@elps.us

Rebecca McAndrews, Administrative Assistant – rebecca.mcandrews@elps.us

Pinecrest Elementary School –

Amy Webster, Principal – amy.webster@elps.us

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Whitehills Elementary School –

Shane Johnson, Principal – shane.johnson@elps.us

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Return to School Information

Board-Approved ELPS COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan

- The Board of Education approved the district's COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan at last Monday's meeting. Here is a link to the entire plan: <https://elps.us/downloads/news/elps.preparedness.and.response.plan.final.8.10.20.pdf>
- Building communication was released Friday, so please check your emails. Additional communication from principals and teachers is forthcoming.

Fall Athletics and Activities

- Friday afternoon, ELPS announced the decision to postpone all fall athletic activities and in-person extra-curricular activities. Our primary goal right now is to do everything we can to create conditions that reduce exposure and risk so that we can get kids back in the classrooms sooner rather than later. We don't believe that we can ensure the safety of all of our student-athletes, marching band students, coaches, advisors, spectators, and the families of these individuals, under current conditions, and this is the primary reason we elected to cancel all fall sports and in-person activities. While concerns around equity were discussed and considered as we evaluated whether or not some sports and activities should continue, the decision to postpone everything is primarily based on health and safety concerns and the responsibility we have to prevent people from getting sick. We fully recognize that not everyone agrees with this decision, but we are choosing to err on the side of caution as there are still many unknowns about this virus and the potential long-term effects it may have on children and adults. Our hope is that all of our fall student-athletes and marching band members will have the opportunity to participate in a shortened spring season and that some of our extra-curricular activities will be able to continue remotely for now or be postponed until we return to in-person learning. We will continue to monitor updates from the Governor's office, Ingham County Health Department, MHSAA and other CAAC districts and adapt as appropriate.

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

- Weekly updates
- Our website – www.elps.us
- Facebook – www.facebook.com/EastLansingPS or Twitter - @ELPSSupt