

ELPS Updates

Sunday August 2, 2020

Board of Education Regular Meeting – August 10, 2020

- The Board of Education will hold its regularly scheduled meeting next Monday, August 10 at 7:00 p.m. I'll include the link to the meeting in next weekend's updates – you can also access the meeting link at www.elps.us on the main page calendar.

Commencement for the Class of 2020

- We finally celebrated the Class of 2020 yesterday at East Lansing High School with a drive-up graduation event! It was wonderful to see our students and families, and we wish all of our graduates the very best!

Elementary Construction Project

- Work is continuing on all six of our elementary buildings this summer!
- Exterior finishes have been completed at Glencairn and are nearly completed at Donley.
- Red Cedar is undergoing Phase 2 renovations that include new flooring, casework and furniture.
- Pinecrest and Whitehills are on schedule to be completed before August 24, after a seven-week construction shutdown in the spring due to COVID-19.
- Marble's foundations are being poured, and you will see block walls going up soon!

District Contacts

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

East Lansing High School

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Nikki Norris – Athletics and Activities Director – nicole.norris@elps.us

MacDonald Middle School

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

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

Donley Elementary School - Tracey Barton, Principal – tracey.barton@elps.us

Glencairn Elementary School – Lorraine Ware, Principal – lorraine.ware@elps.us

Marble @ Old Donley Elementary School - Josh Robertson, Principal – josh.robertson@elps.us

Red Cedar Elementary School – Rinard Pugh, Principal – rinard.pugh@elps.us

Pinecrest Elementary School – Amy Webster, Principal – amy.webster@elps.us

Whitehills Elementary School – Shane Johnson, Principal – shane.johnson@elps.us

Return to School Information

Phase 4 Return to School Recommendation Feedback

- The ELPS Return to School recommendation and PowerPoint presentation that was shared last weekend and presented at last week's Board of Education meeting has been updated just a bit and is posted on the home page of our website. We have received and read many emails over the last week that include feedback, questions, concerns and suggestions. We appreciate all of the feedback we've received and are using it to inform decisions and future plans. Our team has also met with the elementary, middle and high school Return to School Work Groups and is holding building staff meetings to give our staff the opportunity to engage with us about the plan and to ask questions and offer suggestions for plan improvement.
- The full COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan will be available at the end of the week.

ELPS Return to School Work Groups

- Last week, our work groups provided feedback and suggestions for adjusting our Phase 4 Return to School plan for remote learning to provide improved experiences for our students and staff under these conditions.

Return to School FAQs:

1. What is the first day of school?

The first day of school for ELPS students is Tuesday, August 25, 2020. Families will be receiving additional communication from their school building soon!

2. Will online learning be an option after September 30?

Yes, we plan to offer families the option to select online learning at least through Phase 5 of the MI Safe Start Plan. The length of time for offering online learning will depend on future waivers and allowances within the pupil accounting system.

3. When will devices, school materials and supplies be distributed?

We are currently working on developing supply lists for grade bands as well as a list of learning materials students will need to supplement their online work (math journals, writing notebooks,

books, etc.). Building administrators will notify families when these items are available for pickup or delivery.

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