



ELPS Superintendent's Report January 22, 2024

Congratulations to our 2024 Mid-Michigan MLK Commission Award Winners

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission of Mid-Michigan held its 39th Annual MLK Day of Celebration last Monday, January 15 at the Lansing Center. One part of this annual celebration is their competitive scholarship program and essay contest that is designed to inspire and empower high school and middle school students from all backgrounds to achieve higher education. Three students from East Lansing Public Schools were honored this year:

- Khaled Taifour – one of two 2024 Mark S. McDaniel Legacy Scholarship award winners
- Elaina Andrews – 2nd place essay contest winner in the 9th-11th grade group
- Gabrielle Ferguson – 3rd place essay contest winner in the 9th-11th grade group

Multiple Board of Education members, district and building administrators, teachers and students were present to recognize and congratulate our students and their families.

ELPS Holds Critical Incident/Active Shooter Response Training

Secure Education Consultants (SEC) conducted active shooter scenario training with our administrative team last Tuesday evening. Previously, staff participated in Critical Incident Response Training (CIRT) but did not engage in the scenario training. Each building staff will participate in scenario training during one of the three remaining professional development Friday afternoons in February, March and April. Our administrative team, along with our District Mental Health Coordinator and our Behavior Systems Specialist, took part in the scenario training ahead of these whole-staff trainings so that we could offer East Lansing feedback and suggestions for these upcoming trainings and be better equipped to offer support to staff members who may be emotionally impacted by this training.

Board of Education Elects Officers for 2024

At the January 8 meeting, the Board of Education elected officers for 2024.

President: Chris Martin
Vice President: Dr. Elizabeth Lyons
Treasurer: Dr. Kath Edsall
Secretary: Tali Faris-Hylen

No Classes February 13, 2024 in Recognition of the One-Year Anniversary of the MSU Campus Shootings

There will be no classes at ELPS in recognition of the anniversary of the MSU shootings to allow our staff, families and students to observe and honor this day in a way that is meaningful to them.

The Office of Resource and Support Coordination at Michigan State University is planning for a student-led day of action and a community remembrance event on Feb. 13, 2024. More information will be coming.

Safety, Security and Accessibility Bond Proposal Update

The Pre-Qualification Application for the proposed bond project has been submitted to the Department of Treasury. Upon approval, the Board of Education will take action to call the May 7, 2024 election. Informational materials are being developed now!

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