



ELPS Superintendent's Report November 27, 2023

*ELPS Updates will be sent every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, following Monday Board of Education meetings.

Holiday/Winter Break Giving Opportunity to Support ELPS Families

Last year, ELPS was able to provide over \$4000 directly to our families through donations from community members. We'd like to offer this support to our ELPS families once again this season. Every dollar collected is redistributed directly to ELPS families.

To make a donation via Venmo - please use the address Dori-Leyko

To make a donation via check - Please write the check to *East Lansing Public Schools* and send to the address below.

Donations will need to be received by the end of the day December 13 so we have time to distribute funds to families before break.

Donations can be mailed to:

ELPS Support c/o Superintendent's Office

501 Burcham Drive

East Lansing, MI 48823

Thank You to the Kiwanis Club of East Lansing!

The Kiwanis Club of East Lansing will be providing its first Book Vending Machine to ELPS after the start of the new year! Historically, the Kiwanis Club has provided dictionaries to all 3rd-grade students and thesauri to middle school students. As students are more likely to use online sources as a replacement for paper dictionaries and thesauri, their support of literacy will shift toward providing Book Vending Machines in our school buildings. These vending machines cost approximately \$7000 each, with the books being an additional cost. This project will be ongoing as funds are raised, and the tokens for books will also support our PBIS initiatives at our buildings. Many thanks to the Kiwanis Club of East Lansing – we will update you when our first machine is placed!

At-Home COVID Tests Available

Each building has at-home COVID-19 tests available - please contact your school office if you'd like to pick some up or have them sent home with your student.

Snow Day Decisions and Communication (repeat of 11/13/23 updates)

As we enter the "Snow Day Season," I'd like to share some information about how the decision of whether or not to cancel school is made and how a school closing will be communicated.

1. Many weather factors are considered when determining whether or not to cancel school:

- Amount of snow (current and predicted)
- Timing of snow
- Temperature and wind chill (sustained wind chills of -20 degrees or lower will result in school closing or delay)
- Road and sidewalk conditions (including conditions for busses and young drivers)
- Other factors such as blowing and drifting, ice or freezing rain, visibility, power outages

I do a road check throughout the district beginning around 4:15 a.m. and communicate with other local superintendents and often the City of EL and/or ELPD.

2. When possible, we will make the call the night before in order to give families as much time as possible to prepare. If a decision to close schools is made the night before, it will be communicated no later than 10:00 p.m.

If the decision to close schools is made in the morning, we do our best to communicate by 5:30 a.m. (and no later than 6:00 a.m.).

3. If a decision is made to close school, the closing is communicated to staff and families via the following methods:

- Robocall to staff and families (make sure your phone number is current in PowerSchool)
- ELPS Facebook Page
- ELPS Website - main page
- Twitter - Follow me to hear it first! @ELPSSupt
- Local news media: WILX, WLNS, Fox 47, WKAR, WFMK

4. Information about other events (practices, games, concerts, etc.) will be made later in the morning and communicated through coaches and advisors and/or the district website.

Next Board of Education Meeting is December 11, 2023

The next meeting of the Board of Education is Monday, December 11, 2023. This will be the only meeting in December.