



## ELPS Superintendent's Report September 9, 2024

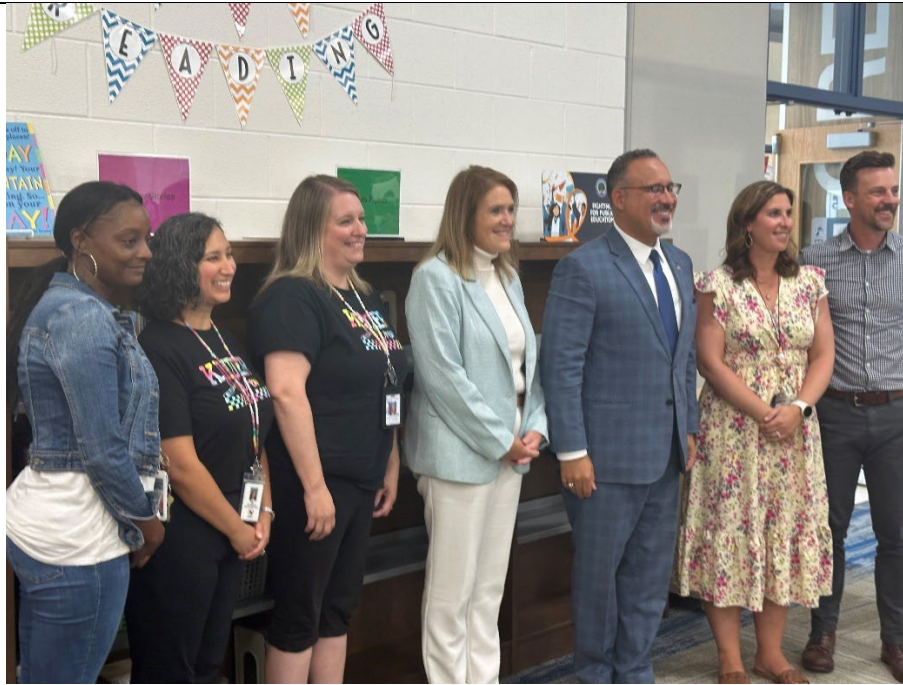
### U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona Visits Glencairn Elementary School!

As part of his Back to School Bus Tour, U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona made a stop at Glencairn Elementary School last Thursday. This year's tour began last Tuesday in Wisconsin... made its way through Illinois and Indiana... made three stops in Michigan... and completed the tour Friday in Pennsylvania.

Secretary Cardona visited Mrs. Fortner's and Ms. Al-Kabour's kindergarten class where he taught them how to do a "micro-wave." He spent a majority of the visit in conversation with five staff members and me about the Talent Together Teacher Apprenticeship Program and its potential impact on the teacher shortage. Secretary Cardona spoke with last year's first mentor teacher, Jamie Harbin, and ELPS's first teacher apprentice, Calvin Smothers, who is now a teacher at Donley Elementary School! The conversation also included current mentor teacher Jennifer Fortner and her apprentice, Sarah Al-Kabour, as well as future apprentice teacher, Teia Johnson, who currently serves as a building paraprofessional at Red Cedar Elementary School. Their stories and input were invaluable as dozens of legislators, Talent Together leaders, education organization leaders, our State Superintendent Dr. Rice, and other invitees listened to the conversation. Finally, Secretary Cardona spent some time talking with four of our Glencairn students about their school experiences and advice they'd give to other students about "what to do in school" and "what not to do in school."

We are appreciative of this opportunity and thankful for the Glencairn staff and everyone else who pitched in to make this a successful and productive visit!







## **Homecoming Week & Football Game Spectator Guidelines**

This week is homecoming week at ELHS and other buildings that are joining in on the celebration! Spirit week, the parade, the football game vs. Grand Ledge and the homecoming dance are just some of the ways homecoming is recognized this week. Friday's parade will depart ELHS down Old Hickory at 5:30 p.m., and the football game begins at 7:00 p.m.

Here are ELPS Football Game Spectator Rules:

[ELPS Spectator Expectations - Google Docs](#)

## **School-Based Health Clinic Update**

Due to a budget deficit, the Ingham County Health Department is no longer able to partner with ELPS to staff the School-Based Health Clinic. However, the construction funding is still being held for our project, and we are meeting with one or two potential new partners – one of them being UM – Sparrow, who runs the Grand Ledge High School Health Clinic. We are still in conversations to determine the feasibility of continuing the project and will be following up with the ELHS Community Advisory Council to gain their input as well before making a decision on how to move forward. I'll be scheduling a visit to the Grand Ledge clinic and discussing the project with their Superintendent later this week.

## **Next Board Meeting**

- September 23, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the ELHS Board of Education room