

*ELPS Updates*  
*May 15, 2022*

**Next Board of Education Meeting – Monday, May 23, 2022**

The ELPS Board of Education will be holding its next regular meeting Monday, May 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room in East Lansing High School. The meeting will be held in person and will be live streamed.

Here is a link to access the live stream and to view previously recorded meetings: <https://www.nfhsnetwork.com/schools/east-lansing-high-school-east-lansing-mi>

**ELPS Mask Mandate Back in Effect Monday, May 16**

**Per Board action, the universal mask requirement for all individuals will be reinstated Monday, May 16 while inside all ELPS buildings and on ELPS-provided transportation.**

At the April 11, 2022 meeting, the Board of Education approved a motion that made masks optional beginning April 18, 2022. The approved motion included language that the mask mandate would be reinstated if the CDC risk level for Ingham County increased to the Medium or High level. Yesterday, the CDC identified Ingham County to be in the Medium Risk Level.

The CDC Risk Levels are updated every Thursday, and we will continue to monitor this data and communicate with you should Ingham County decrease to a Low level, when masks will become optional again.

Here is a link to CDC Risk Levels by County: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html>

Each building will have masks on hand – all staff and students (with exceptions for those with Medical Mask Exemption forms approved by ELPS) will be expected to wear a well-fitting mask beginning Monday morning. Please help us communicate this expectation with your student(s). We hope this safety measure will help slow the increase of positive cases and spread within our school buildings and community.

**COVID Take-Home Test Kits Available**

We received a batch of Take-Home COVID test kits last week - each box contains two tests. These test kits are available upon request from each school office, and we will send them home with every student in a class if an outbreak (3+ positive cases) of cases is identified. The boxes are different and much smaller than the kits sent home prior to spring break.

### **Save the Date!**

We will be hosting a Community Open House to celebrate the retirement of long-time ELPS staff member and current East Lansing High School Principal Andrew Wells on May 20 from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. in the ELHS Student Union. Light refreshments and entertainment by the EL Singers and the ELHS Jazz Band will be provided. All are welcome!

### **Minor Calendar Change for 2022-23 and 2023-24**

We recently released the calendars for the next three school years. Since their release, one change has been made that we want to make you aware of.

For the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years, the February Professional Development Day for staff has been moved back one week to the Friday prior to Presidents Day. This way, students and families will have a four-day weekend in February instead of two consecutive three-day weekends. The updated calendars can be found on our website: <https://elps.us/our-district/district-calendar/>