



ELPS Updates re. School Closure As of Friday, March 13 @ 2:00 p.m

Spring Break

- Currently, our school calendar includes Spring Break from April 3 – 10. The Governor has directed the school closure to begin March 16 and return to school April 6. We are waiting for guidance and clarification on this. Unless directed otherwise, we plan to maintain our scheduled spring break and return Monday, April 13. More information to come.

Building Access

- All buildings will be closed at the end of the day Friday, March 13 (with scheduled Before- and After-care continuing until its normal time). Teachers and staff will have access to the buildings until Sunday, March 15 at 9:00 p.m. when key cards will be deactivated. The purpose of this closure is to reduce the spread of the virus, and we intend to use this time for deep cleaning of our buildings. Please take home everything you will need for this extended closure by Sunday evening.

Classwork/Homework

- There will be no assigned homework or requirements for work completion. We will provide a list of resources for each level for students and parents that has been put together by our teaching staff. We are also sending home book bags with K-5 students today and intend to distribute books to families with our meal distribution throughout the closure. As much as we care about academic growth, our main focus is meeting students' basic needs at this time and providing equitable opportunities for all students.

Meals

- We have a plan in process to distribute meals to students throughout the community during this closure. We will communicate details as soon as possible. This will begin Monday, March 16.

Other support

- A Facebook page titled *EL Neighbors and Communities Help Each Other* has been started. This will help us gather volunteers who are willing to help. Also, feel free to email me directly at dori.leyko@elps.us.
- A list of mental health support resources will also be distributed later today along with a list of academic resources.

How to keep up to date with new information and district plans:

- We will utilize our robocall system and eblast system to communicate important information with our families.
- Our website – www.elps.us
- Facebook – www.facebook.com/EastLansingPS
- Twitter - @ELPSSupt
- We'll also share paper copies of information with families at food distribution locations. Watch for additional information this weekend.

Each building will communicate with families with a near-future day and time for students to come in and pick up belongings if they were not in school Friday. Once again, thank you for your flexibility and support during this time.