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**WINGS**

**Name:** Oumou Barry **Grade:** 12

**School:** Eden Prairie High School

**My Wings:** What inspires me is the future opportunities that have become available for me as a student at EPHS. There are many supportive teachers & counselors who have helped me to discover my passions through camps and activities. I am always looking forward to the future and what is to come next and Eagle Nation has supported me the whole way through.

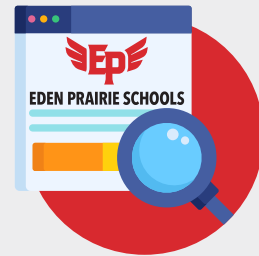
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EDEN PRAIRIE NEWS IN 30 SECONDS



### 01 **Need-To-Know Information**

Visit our website for helpful information, including mental health and wellness resources. Stay informed on the latest news and updates from Eden Prairie Schools at [edenpr.org](https://edenpr.org).



### Meal Distribution 02



All Eden Prairie children 18 and under, including TASSEL students, are eligible to receive meals at no cost through June 29. Visit [edenpr.org/covid-19](https://edenpr.org/covid-19) for details.

# INSPIRING NEWS

EDEN PRAIRIE SCHOOLS  
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See how EP schools thrive through distance learning



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### EP SCHOOLS' RESPONSE, BY THE NUMBERS:

Number of meals distributed (March 16–May 22): **100,000+**

Number of student devices in use: Nearly **9,000** (approx. 5,900 iPads and 3,000 laptops)

Wi-fi hotspots distributed to students: **35+**

EP Schools technology support (March 16–May 15): Parent/guardian phone calls: **1,320**

Staff phone calls: **1,194**

In-person appointments with Technology staff: **463**

Issues documented and resolved, received via email and phone from students/families: **2,012**



DISTANCE LEARNING 2020:

## STUDENTS STILL SUCCEED

Eden Prairie Schools began distance learning on April 7, a successful day with more than 8,800 K-12 students and more than 700 teachers working from home. On that day, every Eden Prairie Schools teacher had assignments posted online for their students. Many had created videos to accompany their lessons, some hosted video conferences and all responded to emails and phone calls from their students and families.

During Minnesota's stay-at-home period that began March 16, hundreds of Eden Prairie Schools staff worked remotely with the exception of child care, child nutrition and transportation to support critical operations. Our building maintenance staff also continue to keep our buildings clean, safe and operating.

Under Governor Tim Walz's executive order, all Minnesota schools are in distance learning for the rest of the school year. Thanks to the support of our community over the years, Eden Prairie Schools continues to be a statewide leader in education, including distance learning. Follow updates and see all of our distance learning plans at [edenpr.org](https://edenpr.org).

## SUPERINTENDENT: OUR SUCCESS DURING THIS TIME IS ONLY POSSIBLE WITH YOU

While our world has been altered dramatically by COVID-19, Eden Prairie Schools was well-prepared for the unanticipated transition to distance learning. Distance learning means that students use laptops and iPads to connect online with their teachers and to complete their school assignments.

Because our community approved the school district's technology levy in 2013, every student has a device they can use for distance learning. Approximately 2,000 iPads were reunited with K-2 students, who typically leave their devices at school. Most students in grades 3-12 have a district-issued

device. You, as a resident of Eden Prairie, should be incredibly proud of our staff and students. They have leaned into this unprecedented situation and as a result, the education of our students continues. Yes, it looks and feels different, and we will continue to refine our practices. The dedication of our staff has not wavered and they continue to work together with families for the benefit of our students.

During this time, everyone at Eden Prairie Schools wishes you and your family continued health and safety. If you need something, please reach out to us at [edenpr.org/inneed](https://edenpr.org/inneed) or call us at 972-975-7000.



## EP SCHOOLS RESPONDS TO COVID-19 WITH CONTINUED SUPPORT TO OUR COMMUNITY

**With so many Minnesotans staying at home to keep our community safe from COVID-19, Eden Prairie Schools has responded in many ways.**

Every K-12 Eden Prairie Schools student has a device to use at home for distance learning. For families that do not have internet service in their home, Eden Prairie Schools provided a wi-fi hotspot to their students. The district's Technology Department has ramped up support to staff and families. Since the governor's announcement March 15 that Minnesota schools would close, Eden Prairie School Technology staff responded to a daily stream of support requests. As a result of our comprehensive support, Eden Prairie Schools is a leader in Minnesota in the quality of distance learning provided to our students. Our swift

transition to distance learning is the direct result of community support for our schools over many years.

Our district's child care program, Eagle Zone, remains open and free for employees who are essential to the statewide response to COVID-19. Children and staff in the program use a variety of activities to stay socially distant, while still creating fun and meaningful connections.

Eden Prairie Schools is providing meals to any child in the city. Meals are prepared in school kitchens and distributed to locations around the city. If your child needs food support, find information at [edenpr.org/covid-19](https://edenpr.org/covid-19) or call 952-975-7000.

## CMS CONSTRUCTION REMAINS ON TRACK



Concept drawings by DeVetter Design Group

On April 13, the School Board unanimously approved a package of bids for additions and renovations at Central Middle School. Construction started April 29. As part of the bond referendum approved by voters last year, 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will move to CMS in fall 2021. To support this plan, the district will construct a classroom wing, an additional gymnasium, expand the lunchroom and add a theater.

About half of the school's existing classrooms will be updated over this year and next. Major construction will occur this summer and next summer. Projects that do not affect the student day will be able to proceed during the school year. District staff have discussed the construction plans extensively with contractors and determined the work at CMS can continue during our response to COVID-19.

Follow Eden Prairie on social media to see construction updates:

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