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Applications to Vote at Home are going out for the May 3rd Lansing School District Bond Election

Lansing – For the May 3rd Lansing School District Election, the City Clerk's Office has started sending out requests to voters to vote at home using the absentee process. Voters within the Lansing School District can take advantage of this constitutional right by going online to <u>Michigan.gov/vote</u> or by submitting a signed request. Online submissions are quicker and cheaper than using the postal process.

Citizens voting at home may also drop off their ballots and absentee ballot applications with no postage at one of our 15 secure drop boxes, which locations can be found on our website at <u>lansingvotes.com</u>. For a ballot to be counted it must be returned by 8 pm on Election Day to the City Clerk's Office, which includes any of the secure drop boxes.

More information about the Bond Proposal can be reviewed at the Lansing School District Website at <u>https://www.lansingschools.net/</u> or contacting the School District at 517-755-1000.

"I encourage the public to submit their application to vote at home sooner rather than later," said Lansing City Clerk Chris Swope "so that voters will have more options to return their ballot."

Given that the Lansing School District boundaries extend beyond the Lansing City limits, to include parts of Lansing Township, East Lansing, Delhi Township, Watertown Township, Windsor Township, Delta Township, and DeWitt Township, eligible voters should submit requests for a ballot to their local clerk or online.

Clerk Chris Swope will open two locations for early voting which is 40 days before the election on on Thursday, March 24. Ballots completed early will be locked and stored in

a secure location until they are opened on Election Day as part of the absentee ballot process.

Located at 2500 S. Washington, the Election Unit offers free parking, a 24-hour secure drop box, and is conveniently located on CATA Route #2. Voting will be available at the Election Unit Monday thru Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. by following the "Vote Here" directional signs to the back of the building.

In addition, the Clerk's Office has the following evening and weekend hours available, only at the South Washington Election Unit, to provide additional convenience to voters:

Late Wednesdays March 30, April 6, 13, 20, 27	8 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Saturday, April 30th	10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Sunday, May 1 st	Noon – 4 p.m.

Early voting is also available at the Clerk's City Hall Office, located on the 9th floor of City Hall at 124 W. Michigan Avenue, but has more limited days compared to South Washington Election Unit. The Clerk's City Hall Office is Open 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. without an appointment. Voters should also be prepared to go through security. A 24-hour secure drop box is located just outside the main entrance to City Hall.

There are two exceptions in Michigan's Election Law which restrict early voting. On the day before Election Day, no ballots can be provided after 4 p.m., except in an emergency situation. Also on Election Day, absentee ballots can only be issued to people registering to vote.

Any questions or for more details, please visit <u>http://www.lansingvotes.com</u> website or contact the Lansing City Clerk's Office either by email at <u>city.clerk@lansingmi.gov</u> or call 517-483-4131.

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