



NEWS RELEASE

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Lansing School District delays student return to school, classes start mid-April

Lansing students now will begin returning to schools starting April 12, all other phased-in mix of online and in-school classes remains on schedule

(Lansing, MI)— The Lansing School District has updated the return to school **Safe Learning Plan** that allows Lansing students to begin returning to school buildings for in-class instruction on a hybrid phased-in basis now **beginning April 12, 2021**. The delay will affect students in grades 4-6th in schools that were scheduled to return Monday, March 29. The students are scheduled to return to school after what would be the normal spring break in Lansing.

“The bottom-line here is that the COVID minimum infection metrics we set for returning kids to school are simply still too high,” said superintendent Sam Sinicropi. “The State of Michigan has seen an uptick in infection rates. The science dictates to us when students can safely return to school, and the numbers are too high at this moment.”

Lansing School District Hybrid Learning Phased-In Plan

HYBRID LEARNING

Based on current trends in our metrics students whose families chose hybrid learning on their commitment form will be returning to school in a phased manner (outlined below) beginning March 29. Those who selected Screen2Screen or who did not submit a commitment form will continue with Screen2Screen learning.

April 12

GSRP, *ECSE: *Averill, Cavanaugh, Gier Park, Cumberland, *Kendon, Lewton, Lyons, Pattengill, *Reo, Riddle, Willow
Grades 4-6th: Attwood, Mt. Hope, North, Sheridan Rd.

April 19

Grades K-3rd: Averill, Cavanaugh, Cumberland, Forest View, Gier Park, Kendon, Lyons, Reo, Riddle, Willow

April 26

Grades 7-12th: Eastern, Everett, Sexton

*Individualized plans are being implemented for Beekman students and those with specialized needs and services.

WHAT WILL HYBRID LEARNING LOOK LIKE?

Hybrid learners will have Screen2Screen sessions in the mornings with their current teachers and school and/or grade-level Student Opportunities for Academic Re-Engagement (SOAR) sessions in the afternoon.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
A.M. Session	Screen2Screen	Screen2Screen	"A" Day	Screen2Screen	Screen2Screen
P.M. Session	SOAR	SOAR		SOAR	SOAR

** Schedules for PM will be customized by school and/or grade level configuration.



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Schools that were scheduled to start on March 22, 29 and April 12 will now all start on April 12. All other schools that are scheduled to start on April 19 and April 28 are scheduled to open on those dates. Classes will continue in the Lansing School District online for now, and the return to school is planned to begin on-schedule after the normal Lansing spring break. Additional communication and information from the district will be sent to families over the next few weeks. Depending on the commitment that parents made, some students will continue to work online and some will return to the classroom in the afternoon four days a week beginning on April 12.

The ***Safe Learning Plan*** is designed to have students work online with screen-to-screen instruction in the mornings on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and have the option to attend classroom instruction in schools on those afternoons. Wednesday will be designated for online asynchronous learning with students at home or in community center learning labs. The district will use Wednesdays as a building “deep cleaning day.”

The Lansing School District has nearly completed the process of installing \$1.5 million in high-tech air cleaning units in classrooms and UV germ killing equipment in several school buildings. Teachers in Lansing are in the process of receiving COVID vaccinations. More information on the ***Safe Learning Plan*** is online at Lansingschools.net

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