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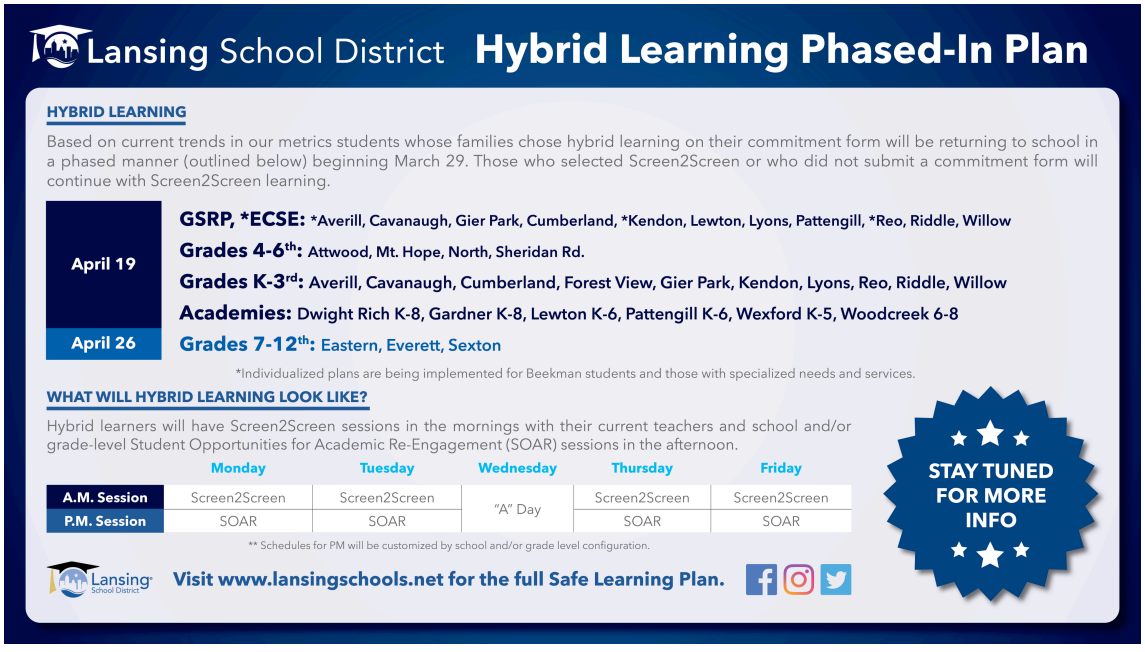
Lansing School District delays student return to school, classes start April 19

Lansing students will begin to return to school starting April 19, 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 return to school buildings for in-class instruction on a hybrid phased-in basis now **beginning April 19, 2021**. Students will be returning one week later than they would normally return after Spring Break.

"After careful review of the COVID minimum infection metrics, the numbers are still too high for returning kids to school after this recent surge in Michigan," said deputy superintendent Delsa Chapman. "The Ingham County Health Department has recommended schools not convene face-to-face learning at this time. The science dictates to us when students can safely return to school. We will keep classes online through mid-April. We will keep providing face-to-face one-on-one services currently offered through the Department of Special Education. Additionally, our Learning Labs will remain open and in operation."

Schools that were scheduled to start in March will now all start on April 19. All other schools that are scheduled to start on April 19 and April 26 are scheduled to open on those dates. Additional communication and information from the district will be sent to families over the next few weeks. Depending on the commitment 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 19.



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 installed $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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