



MEDIA ADVISORY

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Lansing School District delays the start of school by one week - Technology Distribution scheduled for today also cancelled

(Lansing, MI) – The Lansing School District will delay the first day of classes for one week, along with cancelling the final day of a technology distribution originally scheduled for today. The delay of classes until Tuesday, September 8th after Labor Day will give the Lansing School District time to deep clean many buildings again that will house students at Learning Labs that may have been recently contaminated by a worker that tested positive for COVID-19. Families that have not yet received the proper technology for the start of school can pick up a device at their child’s school office when school begins.

“We are sorry, but the Lansing School District is going to have to delay the beginning of online classes for a week and start school after the Labor Day holiday weekend,” said superintendent Sam Sinicropi. “We had a contract employee delivering supplies to some of our schools test positive for COVID-19, so now we are going to deep clean all the buildings that employee was in, and test many of our own staff for the virus.”

“Lansing has also already had several successful technology distribution days during the past two weeks for parents to pick-up technology devices based on their child’s grade level. It has been a massive logistical effort for a school district with nearly 11,000 students. Friday’s technology distribution was initially scheduled to accommodate device returns or fixes for any troubling technology. We need to cancel distribution at the Don Johnson Fieldhouse today and parents will be notified when devices are available to pick-up at their child’s school.”

A parent, guardian, or emergency contact listed on school record is required to present a photo identification to pick up a device. **MEDIA WILL BE NOTIFIED OF A ZOOM PRESS AVAILABILITY ABOUT THESE DEVELOPMENTS IN LANSING SCHOOLS LATER TODAY.**

The Lansing School District is the largest public-school district in the Mid-Michigan region and is committed to offering a high-quality education to students in a caring, collaborative and excellent learning environment. The Lansing School District tells students to, “Dream Big – We’ll Get You There.” For more information, go online to: *Lansingschools.net*

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