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Lansing School District Board of Education selects
Sam Sinicropi as Interim Superintendent while a search for
a permanent Superintendent moves forward

(Lansing, MI) – The Lansing School District Board of Education voted to hire an Interim Superintendent who will begin work on January 1, 2020. Sam Sinicropi is a veteran administrator within the Lansing School District and served as a superintendent in Michigan. A search for a permanent superintendent in Lansing will continue with a target date for hiring of July 1, 2020.

“Sam Sinicropi is the right leader at the right time for the Lansing School District,” said Rachel Willis, president of the Lansing School District Board of Education. “Everyone knows Sam in Lansing. He is a legend in the school district family. Sam is coming out of retirement, once again, to help the Lansing School District until we complete an extensive open search for a new superintendent.”

Sam Sinicropi graduated from Everett High School in 1968, earned an Associates degree (AB) from Lansing Community College and later earned an undergraduate and graduate degree from Michigan State University. Sam began his career with the Lansing School District as a custodian receiving support and encouragement from teachers and principals; he studied elementary education and became a teacher in 1974. After teaching for several years, Sam moved into administration and held numerous executive positions including principal, assistant director of human resources, director of secondary education in charge of all high schools and middle schools, and area director responsible for all aspects of administration for all eastside Lansing schools.

Sam Sinicropi left the Lansing School District to become the Superintendent of Saline Area Schools; a district located about five miles south of Ann Arbor. Superintendent Sinicropi served for four years until his retirement. While Superintendent in Saline, Sinicropi completed several new school improvement and construction efforts following a voter-approved bond campaign. Saline is a district with nearly 5,500 students, about half the size of Lansing. After he retired from Saline, Sam Sinicropi returned to work for six years as an educational consultant for secondary education for the Michigan Department of Education. Sam later returned to the Lansing School District to serve as Assistant Superintendent of Operations and Chief Financial Officer.

“I have three grandchildren currently in the Lansing School District and I am committed to making Lansing schools successful,” Sinicropi said. “We need to refocus our attention and concentrate on student achievement, along with finishing all the construction improvements to our buildings that were supported by the voter-approved bond. We want to keep our great momentum moving forward in the Lansing School District.”

Dr. Delsa Chapman, who has been employed in the Lansing School District for more than 28 years and served as Interim Acting Superintendent during the transition will return to her position as Deputy Superintendent. For more information about the Lansing School District go online to www.Lansingschools.net

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