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Lansing School District adopts \$263 million budget with investments in students, staff and facilities

(Lansing, MI) – The Lansing School District Board of Education has adopted an initial 2025-2026 school budget totaling \$263,432,937.

“We are thrilled that this budget includes more money for teachers, more money for new playgrounds, and more resources for our families and our students,” said Superintendent Ben Shuldiner. “The budget includes salary increases for all of our employees and bargaining units as well as millions of dollars for new materials, including a just adopted math curriculum, as well as added supports for students and building upgrades.”

“The district won numerous new grants, including money for construction, specifically a new track at Everett High, and upgrades to Sexton and Lansing Tech,” Shuldiner said. “We also won grants for EV buses and chargers totaling over \$20 million of new grant money for the year.”

“This initial budget does show the district purposely dipping into its fund balance in order to upgrade facilities and invest more money into our students,” said Kim Adams, Assistant Superintendent for Budget and Finance. “This initial budget like all previous years is done with very conservative estimates of both our student enrollment and fiscal allotment from the State of Michigan. Like in past years, we will recognize millions of dollars of savings as we progress through the year and estimate our true use of fund balance money to be around \$5 to 6 million when we submit the final 2025-2026 budget in June 2026.”

“The Lansing School District is very proud of this budget,” Superintendent Shuldiner said. “The budget shows a large investment in students and staff while adhering to the highest level of sound fiscal practices. We welcome the community to watch the budget presentation to the board from June 26 available online.”

The mission of the Lansing School District is to provide a high-quality education in a culturally safe and nurturing environment that supports all students to live purposeful and fulfilling lives.

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