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Lansing School District Board of Education approves *Safe Learning Plan*

***Lansing students to return to schools starting March 22, 2021
as hybrid mix of online and in-school model adopted***

(Lansing, MI)— The Lansing School District Board of Education has approved a school administration ***Safe Learning Plan*** that allows Lansing students to begin returning to school buildings for in-class instruction on a hybrid basis **beginning March 22, 2021**.

“This is a good, thoughtful, prudent step forward to returning our Lansing students to in-school classroom instruction,” said Gabrielle Lawrence, president of the Lansing School District Board of Education.

“Administrators, teachers and staff still have thousands of logistical issues to resolve and work out with each one of our school district families before students return to the classroom in a month, but if everyone works together and cooperates, I’m confident we can start to return to classroom education in Lansing in phases by grade bands in March,” said superintendent Sam Sinicropi. “This hybrid plan allows parents who signified in a Family Commitment form sent by the district earlier this year to return in a hybrid model, and they will receive further communication from the district over the next few weeks. Many students can still work online, and return to the classroom in the afternoon four days a week.”

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 is still in 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.

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 on the ***Safe Learning Plan***, go online to Lansingschools.net

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