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Lansing Fire Department Partners with Lansing School District to Launch Cadet Program

(LANSING) – Mayor Andy Schor announced that the City of Lansing Fire Department and the Lansing School District have partnered to launch the Lansing School District Fire Academy, a cadet program for high school students. This program began operation at the beginning of the school year and was recently approved unanimously by the Lansing City Council.

In March of 2019, Mayor Schor announced his intentions to create a cadet program, similar to that of the Lansing Police Department’s Explorer Program, within the Lansing Fire Department to engage with young people in the City of Lansing and show them what a great and honorable profession it is to become a Firefighter, EMT and/or Paramedic.

“The new Lansing School District Fire Academy is a way for the City to train the next generation of firefighters from within our own diverse community,” said Mayor Schor. “My administration, the Lansing Fire Department and the Lansing School District have partnered together to bring this academy to fruition and demonstrate our commitment to remove barriers and create opportunities for our all of our students. I had the opportunity to meet this year’s first class of students and I am beyond impressed by their passion and excitement to be a part of the Fire Academy.”

Lansing School District Fire Academy is a program for high school students to complete their state of Michigan Firefighter Certification while still in school. Participants attend training and classes every day of the week, as a part of their school day to complete a total of 242 hours of lecture and hands-on work, followed by state of Michigan written and practical exams.

“This is really an exciting effort,” Lansing School District superintendent Sam Sinicropi said. “We have a lot of caring, dedicated young men and women in the Lansing School District who want to stay in Lansing and help by serving their community. Firefighters are first responders who are heroes every day.”

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There are currently 10 students enrolled in the program and they are planning to take their state exams at the end of the school year.

“The Lansing Fire Department is thrilled to partner with the Lansing School District to create this opportunity for Lansing’s students,” said Fire Chief Greg Martin. “We are off to a great start and hope to continue the progress in developing these cadets as potential future firefighters here in Lansing.”

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