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## COMMUNITY EDUCATIONAL ALERT

To: All Parents and Students

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The Lansing Police Department has received numerous complaints about juveniles walking and loitering in the roadways. This creates a dangerous situation for both motorists and pedestrians. In response to the drastic increase in complaints, the Department is undertaking an aggressive two-part campaign to reduce illegal activity and increase overall safety of our school aged children. The first component is education. This will be accomplished through this letter, being sent to all the schools within the Village of Lansing, and corresponding media articles. The second phase will be the enforcement of Lansing Village Ordinance 26-34, which states:

*It shall be unlawful for any person to loiter, loaf, wander, stand or remain idle either alone and/or in consort with others in a public place in such a manner as to:*

- a. Obstruct any public street, public highway, public sidewalk or any other public place or building by hindering or impeding or tending to hinder or impede the free and uninterrupted passage of vehicles, traffic or pedestrians.*
- b. Commit in or upon any public street, public highway, public sidewalk or any other public place or building any act or thing which is an obstruction or interference to the free and uninterrupted use of property or with any business lawfully conducted by anyone in or upon or facing or fronting on any such public street, public highway, public sidewalk or any other public place or building, all of which prevents the free and uninterrupted ingress, egress and regress, therein, thereon and thereto.*

Please refrain from walking in any roadway when sidewalks are present. In areas where sidewalks are not present, pedestrians are to use the shoulder or outermost edge of the roadway nearest to the curb. I caution that pedestrians do not have the right of way when they are in the roadway outside of a designated cross-walk area. The practice of walking in the roadway not only increases the odds of being struck by a vehicle and seriously injured, but is also a violation of Village Ordinance and the Illinois Vehicle Code.

Our goal is to properly educate the public so that we may make this a safe environment for both our pedestrian and motoring public.

Respectfully,

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