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Changemakers inaugural inductee Maxine Hankins Cain of Lansing looks at her feature during the grand opening of The Changemakers Center at the Gannon Building at Lansing Community College Feb. 19. The interactive digital storytelling display pays tribute to the legacies of 30 individuals from the Greater Lansing area whose accomplishments have helped carve out change and opportunity within the African American community.

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Data center emissions could equal about 11,000 vehicles

Officials say amount halved by not using grid

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LANSING — The proposed data center project in downtown Lansing could produce 105 million pounds of carbon dioxide each year, equal to the emissions from more than 11,000 vehicles in that same time period, according to one estimate.

However, the data center itself wouldn't produce those emissions. The discharge would instead come from two, 8-megawatt natural gas fuel cells that the Lansing Board of Water & Light would build on site. Deep Green, the United Kingdom-based company seeking city approval for a data center, has said it will pay for the fuel cells.

The land Deep Green wants to buy is currently underused parking lots about two blocks south of Lansing's minor league baseball stadium. Company officials have said the data center and fuel cells will be built on about 2½ acres of land.

It would take the equivalent of 47,773 acres of U.S. forests — more than nine times the size of Michigan State University's 5,200-acre campus — to sequester, or pull from the atmosphere, the carbon dioxide emissions the fuel cell facility could produce each year, according to a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency calculator.

The State Journal provided Deep Green and BWL with the emissions estimate and asked them to respond.

BWL did not provide a different emissions estimate "as the project is still being finalized."

Mark Lee, Deep Green's CEO, said in an email that the on-site power would cut the expected emissions from the data center in half, when compared to using BWL's grid for all the needed power.

BWL, the city and Deep Green have known for months that a significant amount of on-site power would be needed for the proposed data center, but it wasn't until Jan. 26 that specifics about natural-gas powered fuel cells were disclosed publicly. BWL would own and operate the fuel cell facility and is exploring ways to address the

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LCC opens The Changemakers Center

Exhibit celebrates contributions to Black community

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LANSING — Lansing Community College celebrated the opening to its new Changemakers Center, housed on the third floor of the Gannon Building downtown.

The inaugural class of changemakers were celebrated on Feb. 18, recognizing people for their contributions in arts, sports and culture, business, education, faith-based and community organizations, and public service and social justice.

The exhibit recognizes the contributions made by Lansing area residents and their efforts "in advancing equity and opportunity for the African American community," according to a statement from the college.

Thirty people were inducted into the hall Wednesday night. Among them were Earvin "Magic" Johnson, Malcolm X, the late Joel Ferguson, Gregory Eaton,



Scenes from the grand opening of The Changemakers Center at the Gannon Building at Lansing Community College on Feb. 19.

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State superintendent: DOJ probe based on false info

Feds investigating health education guidelines

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Michigan's state superintendent fired back at the U.S. Justice Department on Feb. 19, saying the department's investigations into three districts are based on false information about the state's health education guidelines.

U.S. Assistant Attorney General Harmeet Dhillon sent letters on Wednesday, Feb. 18 to the Detroit Public Schools Community District, Lansing School District and Godfrey-Lee Public Schools saying it had launched Title IX inquiry focused on whether the districts have included "sexual orientation or gender ideology content" in any classroom instruction and if parents were notified of their rights to opt their children out of such instruction. It will also determine if transgender students are allowed to use bathrooms and locker rooms that

align with their gender identity.

The DOJ letters cite the Michigan State Board of Education's 2025 revision of its Michigan Health Education Standards Guidelines, which recommended students be taught about gender identity and sexual orientation. The correspondence to school districts said "health is a required class for graduation in the state of Michigan, with no opportunity for parents to opt their children out of receiving instruction."

But the feds got it wrong, state Superintendent Glenn Maleyko said in a

statement Thursday, calling the premise of the investigations a "mischaracterization" of Michigan policy.

"Local school boards set health curriculum with input from local sex education advisory boards," he said. "Local control remains in place. Parents retain the right to decide whether their children should participate in sex education instruction."

The new state health education guidelines note that under existing state

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