



DEXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Dear Dexter Community,

This letter is written in response to public interest regarding the August 26, 2019 Board of Education meeting.

The Board of Education consists of seven elected members but acts as a single governing body. The Board deliberates and acts pursuant to applicable law, including the Open Meetings Act, District policies and bylaws, as well as norms and expectations that have been agreed to and adopted by its members.

The actions of one Board member have undermined these norms and expectations and the Board's ability to deliberate and guide the District effectively. These actions have eroded trust, disrupted the collaborative culture that our District has cultivated over many years, and have challenged the Board's and District's integrity and standing in the eyes of our community.

These actions are not limited to postings on social media, but have included inappropriate comments about and contact with staff, and communication and actions which have undermined the work of the Board and administration. These actions have exposed the Board and District to potential legal liability, have cost the District tens of thousands of dollars in unnecessary legal fees, and have diverted the attention of staff and our ability to serve the children and families of this District.

As a result, the Board has taken the unprecedented action of removing this Board member from its committee assignments. This Board member continues to serve and participate in Board meetings with the power of one vote among seven.

The Board of Education is committed to serving every child and family in the District, and to preserving the collaborative culture and values so important to our community.

Sincerely,

Michael Wendorf, Julie Schumaker, Dick Lundy, Mara Greatorex, Ron Darr and Daryl Kipke
Dexter Community Schools Board of Education Members