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Dexter Community Schools

Dr. Christopher Timmis

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After considerable thought, I have decided to resign from my position as Board of Education Trustee, Dexter Community Schools. I assure you it was not an easy decision to make. I was elected to the Board of Education May 2002.

Perhaps you have heard me mention on several occasions that my original intent was to resign my position in the summer of 2019. As my younger son walked across the stage at the 2019 graduation ceremony, I felt it was time to allow the BoE the opportunity to appoint someone who had children in the District and frequent interaction with the excellent teachers and staff. I feel it is important to have a BoE composed of members with students in the District, working along with those who do not.

As a 1974 graduate of Dexter Community Schools, much has changed in the schools and community. As a High School senior, I assisted with maintenance of the old High School by installing plywood over broken windows. Now, Dexter Community Schools leads the area with state of the art technology, buildings, athletic facilities, and superior services for all of our students. The District has excellent leadership, administration, teaching, and building staff and services.

I have been honored to work under Board of Education presidents Ron Miller, Larry Cobler, Michael Wendorf and Julie Schumaker. All of them provided positive direction to the Board as a whole. I have served with a wide range of Superintendents -- so many I have lost count -- beginning with Bill Spargur and ending with the best of all, Dr. Christopher Timmis.

When my family moved to Dexter in 1972, someone asked me, "What the heck is a Dreadnaught?" To me, a Dreadnaught leads in academics, athletics, and community. A Dreadnaught is held in high regard within our community, county, and state. Realtors can confirm how many families seek out Dexter as a place to settle down and become Dreadnaughts.

I respectfully request the Board of Education to approve my resignation, effective June 30, 2020.

Thank you and DREAD STRONG.

Richard Ronald Darr, Jr.