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Dear DCS Parents,

Thank you for an incredible school year! You have wonderful children and, on behalf of the school district, we thank you for entrusting Dexter Community Schools with your child(ren)'s education. Your continued support of your children, our staff, and the entire community are what makes DCS an incredible place for kids.

Over the past two years, our staff has been working tirelessly to continue increasing ways we can serve students in the Dexter community. As a result, many exciting initiatives have been launched to increased opportunities for students. We plan to continue the momentum as we move into the 2015-2016 school year. Here are some quick highlights from the past two years:

- In the Spring of 2014, the former Generations Together facility was generously donated to DCS. This donation allowed for the opening of the Jenkins Early Childhood Learning Center in the Fall of 2014. During its first year of operation (2014-2015), Jenkins ECLC served roughly 200 children from 6-weeks old to age 5.
- This school year, the district utilized a \$385,000 Technology Grant plus other State TRIG grant funds to provide iPads for all students and staff at both Bates and Cornerstone Elementary Schools. Starting in the fall, we will expand the 1:1 technology to Wylie Elementary for all 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students while increasing access to technology throughout the remainder of the district.
- Over the past two years, we've successfully transitioned to a new mathematics curriculum and reading curriculum in grades K-6. Internal data indicators show tremendous growth in our students.
- Recently, we finalized Sister School Partnerships with three schools in China. These partnerships increase opportunities for our students and staff. For example, as part of the partnership, we will be able to send groups of students and staff for 2 week cultural visits to China for the cost of the airfare with all other expenses covered through the partnership.

There is tremendous momentum at DCS and we thank you for your continued support. In preparation for next school year, I've attached a parent-friendly calendar for 2015-2016. We apologize for the delay in the calendar and plan to work on completing the calendar sooner next year.

Have a great summer and Go Dreads!

Sincerely,

Christopher Timmis, Ed.D.  
Superintendent

**Parent 2015-16 Calendar**  
**Dexter Community Schools**

**September**

September 7      Labor Day Holiday  
September 8      First Student Day – Half Day

**November**

November 9 & 10      Half Day for Students - Parent Teacher Conferences  
November 25      No School for Students - Teacher Professional Development Day  
November 26 & 27      No School for Students - Thanksgiving Holiday

**December**

December 21-31      No School for Students - Winter Break

**January**

January 1      No School for Students - Winter Break  
January 18      No School for Students – MLK Day  
January 28      Half Day for Students - High School Exams  
January 29      No School for Students –Records Day

**February**

February 12      No School for Students - Teacher Professional Development Day  
February 15      No School for Students – President’s Day

**March**

March 24      No School for Students – Teacher Professional Development Day  
March 25      No School for Students - Good Friday

**April**

April 4-8      No School for Students - Spring Break

**May**

May 30      No School for Students – Memorial Day  
May 31      No School for Students – Teacher Professional Development Day

**June**

June 8-10      High School Exams  
June 10      Last Student Day – Half Day