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Dear DCS Parents,

February has been a great month at DCS. While receiving accolades for our academic success, we were also able to continue providing opportunities to kids outside the classroom walls. Your continued support and the support of the entire DCS community is integral in this success and expanded opportunities for kids.

**Michigan Department of Education Top-to-Bottom School Rankings** According to the rankings, Wylie Elementary was ranked in the 98<sup>th</sup> percentile of all schools in the state and named a Reward School. Dexter High School was also named a Reward School and ranked in the 97<sup>th</sup> percentile of all schools in Michigan. Creekside Intermediate School is ranked in the 94<sup>th</sup> percentile and Mill Creek in the 88<sup>th</sup>. This is an incredible achievement for our students, our schools, and our staff. Bates and Cornerstone are not ranked on the state list because the data used by MDE doesn't start until 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.

**DHS Named Academic State Champ by Bridge Magazine!** Recently, Bridge Magazine released their list of Academic State Champs and named Dexter High School as one of the high schools that best prepared students for success. This is a reflection of the outstanding work at DHS and throughout the entire school district. Congratulations to everyone! Here's a link to the article: <http://www.bridgemi.com/talent-education/bridge-magazines-2017-academic-state-champs>

**Eastern Explorers at EMU – A Special Thank You to E4DS!** While the state ranks schools according to standardized test scores, we all know there is more to a quality education than ability to take a test. Thanks to the continued support of our community and E4DS, all Creekside 6<sup>th</sup> graders spent last week at EMU as part of the EMU Explorers Camp. As part of the camp, students had the opportunity to study Robotics/Coding, Communications, Computer Assembly, CSI Chemistry, Coding with Python, Galactic Intelligence (Math and creation of models), Entrepreneurship, Drama, Digital Drawing, the Art of Toy Making (design process) and Aviation (at Willow Run Airport). The kids enjoyed the activities all week and were able to have unique learning experiences on the EMU Campus and/or Willow Run. Kids used flight simulators, sat in the actual captain seats in planes, coded games and robots, used digital drawing tools to create some incredible creations, experienced acting, designed toys for cats, and had a once-in-a-lifetime experience. A special thank you goes out to E4DS for raising funds to provide this activity to our kids. Here's a link to an article from mlive on the camp: [http://www.mlive.com/news/ann-arbor/index.ssf/2017/02/dexter\\_students\\_take\\_over\\_emu.html](http://www.mlive.com/news/ann-arbor/index.ssf/2017/02/dexter_students_take_over_emu.html)

**EFD Auction and Strolling Dinner** - The EFD Auction and Strolling Dinner is March 25th at the Polo Fields. Funds raised directly benefit Dexter students. Please consider attending and/or encouraging others to attend. Tickets and information are available at <http://www.efdexter.org/2017auction/>

Thank you for your continued support, have a great week and Go Dreads!

Sincerely,

Christopher Timmis, Ed.D.  
Superintendent