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Dear DCS Parents and Students,

As the semester winds down, we continue to plan for the future of Dexter Community Schools and how we can continue to provide an outstanding education for our students. Our vision statement is Champion Learning: Develop, Educate, and Inspire! This is what we strive for every day. Thank you for your trust in DCS and your continued support.

Quick and Important Announcements:

- The annual **State of the School District** will be held on **February 1st at 7 p.m. at Mill Creek**. Along with updates from across the district, we will also focus on our 10-year facility planning and needs. We welcome your input and feedback as part of this process.
- Join us at a **Community Forum on the 10-year Facility Plan** will be held on **February 6th at 6:30 p.m. in the Creekside Cafeteria**. As we evaluate our needs for the next 10 years and consider funding options, we are seeking your input.
- Kindergarten Information Night is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 7th: 6:00pm** tours at both K-2 buildings, 6:30pm informational meeting at Cornerstone.

Lastly, the Board of Education has been considering a lease agreement offer to place digital signs on several of our properties. The district was offered \$40,000 per year plus an annual escalator for 10 years, monthly advertising of our events at no cost, and \$30,000 toward pedestrian activated beacons/lights to provide safer crossing points for students across major roads near our schools. DCS has an obligation to consider and discuss any reasonable offer of \$468,000 that could be used to serve students. While this doesn't mean we should automatically accept any offer, we believe it is important to consider the offer while taking into account community input. As part of this discussion process, the board publicly discussed the proposal on the January 9th and January 23rd meetings. At this time, the board will not be discussing the proposal at the next board meeting on February 13th for several reasons. First, we are currently working through and considering community input received thus far and there is no haste necessary on this proposal. In addition, **the February 13th Board of Education meeting will be changed to a single-item agenda and workshop focusing on our 10-year facility planning and next steps.**

Thank you for your continued support and Go Dreadnaughts!

Sincerely,

Christopher Timmis, Ed.D.
Superintendent