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Dear DCS Community,

Thanksgiving is a wonderful time for reflection and for spending quality time with family and friends. As we work through a short week heading into the holiday, we have much to be thankful for at DCS.

First and foremost, we are thankful to have the opportunity to serve this community and teach the students of Dexter. We have incredible kids! We also have amazing teachers, administrators, bus drivers, paraprofessionals, secretaries, and staff at DCS who provide tremendous opportunities for the students of Dexter. Their daily commitment to our students is a point of pride in this community and continues to give us reasons for celebration. The people of Dexter continue to make this community a great place to raise a family, educate children, and to work.

That being said, we have many reasons to celebrate the success of our students and teachers. For example, just this weekend, our Varsity Girls Swimming and Diving Team won the Division 2 State Championship! Congratulations to a dedicated group of student athletes and Coach Bergen.

Today, the College Board announced that Dexter Community Schools has been named to the 6th Annual Advanced Placement (AP) Honor Roll. Congratulations to all DHS students and staff who made this possible! What makes this honor even more incredible is that DHS offers both Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate Courses. After perusing the list of honored schools, very few offer both programs to students with such success. Our students who took AP exams are among the most accomplished in the country and our students who pursued the IB Diploma last year ALL earned enough points for the Diploma. This level of academic success is unrivaled in Washtenaw County and the State of Michigan.

Sometime in the next several weeks, the Michigan Department of Education will release statewide M-Step results. While the scores are still embargoed by MDE, I can say with confidence that our students are some of the highest performing in the state and we couldn't be prouder of their work.

While we celebrate these milestones, it's important to remember that test scores are simply a snapshot of the level of education our students continue to receive at DCS. Our teachers and administrators continue to expand opportunities for DCS students both within our classrooms and beyond our walls. One great example of a learning opportunity provided to DCS students is scheduled at Creekside Intermediate School in December. Next month, Google Expeditions is heading to Creekside! This is an exciting opportunity for our students. Google Expeditions utilizes technology to take our students on true virtual field trips to locations they are studying throughout history and the world. For a short overview of Google Expeditions, please visit <https://youtu.be/mLYJdZeA9w4>.

We're having a great year at DCS and are thankful to teach Dexter kids everyday. Thank you for your continued support, have a Happy Thanksgiving, and Go Dreads!

Sincerely,

Christopher Timmis, Ed.D.
Superintendent