



# DEXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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Dear DCS Parents and Community,

Last week, a community budget forum was held to share with the community our current budget forecast and to generate ideas for possible reductions or enhancements to the district. Preparing the annual budget is generally quite complex and we continue to protect programming for our students. This year's preparation is slightly different than recent years because of the potential implications from a Special Education millage request the Washtenaw Intermediate School District placed on the May 3<sup>rd</sup> ballot.

DCS provides special education programming for students from birth through age 26. These programs are required by law and are only partially-funded from the state and federal governments. The remainder of the funds are generated from the WISD special education millage and general education DCS funds. This year, DCS reallocates approximately \$1.7 million in funding provided for general education student programming to fund special education. The millage the WISD is requesting would nearly fully-fund our special education program for students from birth to age 26. Approximately 1 out of 7 DCS students receive special education services.

A link to the full budget presentation is available on the DCS website or [here](#). For more information on the May 3<sup>rd</sup> WISD Special Education millage, please visit the WISD website <http://washtenawisd.org> or click [here](#).

Thank you for your continued support of Dexter Community Schools and Go Dreadnaughts!

Sincerely,

Christopher Timmis, Ed.D.  
Superintendent