



# DEXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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Dear Dexter Families and Staff,

This week is Teacher Appreciation Week. On behalf of Dexter Community Schools, I want to take this moment to thank all of our teachers for the work they do on behalf of kids. Our teachers truly demonstrate how to make the world a better place, one child at a time. As a Superintendent, I could not be prouder to work alongside such an amazing group of educators. As a parent, I feel blessed to have our DCS teachers in my child's life. Please take a moment to thank our teachers for all they do.

**As we wrap up the 2018-2019 school year, we have a few important pieces of information to share:**

- The legislature passed a bill last week that changed the snow day forgiveness for this school year. As a result, we are going to revert back to our original school calendar. May 24<sup>th</sup> will revert back to a **no school for students** day so we can have our required teacher training day. School will still end on June 14<sup>th</sup>, as originally planned.
- On Monday, the Dexter Community Schools Board of Education approved the naming of our new building being constructed on Shield Road. The building will be named after a wonderful Dexter community member and an individual who has dedicated so much of his life to DCS, Mr. Louie Ceriani. The new **Louie Ceriani Building** will be the home of our Alternative Education Program this fall. For more information about Louie, here's a story from [WeLoveDexter](#).
- Now that the Bates Elementary students are officially moved in to Beacon Elementary, we are working on the future of the Bates Building. This June, our Community Education offices will move to Bates and we'll run Camp Dexter out of Bates all summer. In the fall, Bates will be home to our After Care programs. **This will allow us enough space to serve any family looking for aftercare.** In addition, our Jenkins programming needs have outgrown the space. As a result, we will be moving half-day three-year-old and four-year-old programs to Bates this fall. In the future, we will continue to expand and potentially move other programs and/or offices to Bates. It is a wonderful building and has many years left of serving DCS kids. We are so thankful for the generosity of DCS voters in providing us the opportunity to expand programming for our families through the bond and to provide the space we need to adequately serve all of our kids from 6-weeks old through graduation.
- **Creekside Intermediate School was just awarded the Michigan School Wellness Award!** The award will formally be recognized on Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> in Lansing. We are so proud of our schools and this is a wonderful recognition of their tremendous work.

Thank you for your continued support and Go Dreads!

Sincerely,

Christopher Timmis, Ed.D.  
Superintendent

