



Superintendent Letter

June 13, 2019

Dear DCS Parents and Families,

As the 2018-2019 school year comes to a close, I want to thank you for allowing us the opportunity to work with your children. We have incredible kids and incredible educators in Dexter. This combination creates opportunities for a truly amazing educational experience. The 2018-2019 school year was exceptional. As I reflect on the year, it was a great year in terms of student learning, social-emotional development, and overall educational experiences for our kids.

2019-2020 School Calendar - [The 2019-2020 school calendar is complete and on our website.](#)

Planning for the future of our kids - Every home in our district received a post card asking for input on our development of a Profile of a DCS Learner. Specifically, we want to know your thoughts on the question: What are the most important skills, knowledge and character traits Dexter Community Schools graduates need to be successful in their futures? To participate in this interactive discussion/survey, please visit the [ThoughtExchange](#).

Construction Update - A year ago, we were constructing a building, building fields, and all hoping the roundabouts would be open before the first week of school. Now, a year later, Beacon Elementary is opened and has been serving our kids since January, the twin turfs are filled with kids every day, and the roundabouts are allowing traffic to flow in and out of town.

This summer, we plan to complete millions of dollars of improvements in our buildings. Work on the quad softball/baseball complex next to Creekside is wrapping up along with the construction of the new flexible learning spaces and music additions at Mill Creek. Wylie's new secure entrance office is nearly complete and the existing office will be converted into classroom space over the summer.

Meanwhile, we have many projects scheduled this summer. Some examples:

- HVAC work throughout the district
- DHS Hallway carpet replacement
- Entry door work throughout the district
- DHS Locker room renovations
- DHS restroom partition replacements
- DHS tile flooring replacements
- Classroom furniture in each building (not every room)
- Flexible learning space creation at Wylie
- Jenkins renovations
- Wylie Pool Locker room and UV Equipment upgrades
- Leveling of the dirt on Dan Hoey to make a usable field space for practices

Celebrating DCS - We're working on sharing our stories about what makes DCS so special for kids. Here's are several stories sharing examples of the incredible learning opportunities for our kids in our schools.

- [The Sounds of Science - With Wylie Music Teacher, Anthony Koch, Music + Science = FUN](#)
- ["Proud to Be" – Dexter Students Honor Veterans and First Responders with Annual Patriotic Concert](#)
- [Creekside Intermediate Recognized with Michigan School Wellness Award for Promoting Healthy Lifestyles](#)
- [6th Grade/IB World Religions](#)
- [Creekside Wellness Committee Connects Stakeholders Schoolwide to Encourage Healthful Living for Students and Staff](#)

WISD Bond Information - The WISD has a bond proposal on the August 6th Ballot. The proposal is for 0.37 mils for 10 Years to improve High Point School. High Point School is specifically dedicated to meet the specialized needs of students with disabilities from ages 3 through 26 by offering programming for students with severe cognitive and multiple impairments. Students from all 9 public schools across Washtenaw County attend High Point. For more information, please visit the [WISD Website](#).

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

Sincerely,

Christopher Timmis
Superintendent, Dexter Community Schools

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