August 24, 2018

Dear Dexter Families and Staff,

Summer is winding down, fall sports have begun, and DCS is putting the finishing touches on preparations for the 2018-2019 school year. Just a quick reminder that school starts on Tuesday, September 4th and is a half-day for students. A full school year calendar with start/end times is available on our website.

This summer has been filled with construction. Here’s a quick update on construction-related items:

- **The Washtenaw County Road Commission plans to have Baker Road opened prior to the start of the school year.** Paving is in process and the new roundabouts are nearing completion. As part of this project, DCS added a fourth leg to the roundabout at the Dan Hoey/Baker intersection that goes directly into the Creekside parking lot. For any parents of Creekside students, please look at the new drop-off/pick-up plan below prior to the start of the school year. This change will significantly improve traffic flow at Creekside.

- **Naming of the new K-2 construction on Dan Hoey** – On Monday, the Dexter Community Schools Board of Education will be discussing naming of the new construction. As part of their role, the Board is charged with determining names for buildings. After ongoing discussions and research into previous building naming processes along with recognition that the building design is an “addition,” the Board will be considering the entire complex to be named “Cornerstone.” The new construction is scheduled to be completed by December and we are likely going to make a mid-year move of the current Bates students into their new classrooms. Operation of the K-2 program will still require two Principals due to the number of students and staff. It will also require a method for naming the wings of the building. Currently, both Bates and Cornerstone have names for the hallways in order to guide students and families. It is anticipated that the building will name the wings in some manner in order to guide students/families.

- **DHS Faucets and Drinking Fountains** – the work on the Dexter High School faucet replacement is nearing completion and is scheduled to be completed prior to the start of the school year.

- **The Twin Turf fields at DHS** are nearing completion. Lights are installed and the turf installation should take place any day now.

- For a list of open house and orientation dates, please visit our website.

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

Sincerely,

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Superintendent