



Superintendent Letter January 2019

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News and Notes from DCS Superintendent Chris Timmis



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Dear Dexter Families and Staff,

Thank you for a wonderful start to 2019. Please remember that DCS is closed on Monday, January 21st in recognition of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday and all students have a half day (high school exams) on Thursday, January 24th and Friday, January 25th. A full school year [calendar](#) with start/end times is available on our website.

As a quick reminder, the second session of our **Adolescent Mental Health Book Study** will be held on **Tuesday, January 15th at 6:00 p.m. in the Mill Creek Cafeteria**. Please join us in this important work to best support our kids.

This school year has been filled with construction. Here's a quick update on construction-related items:

- **The New Elementary School, Beacon Elementary, is almost complete and ready for students.** In just a couple of weeks, the halls will be filled with our current Bates Elementary students and staff. Our plan is to begin students in the buildings on Thursday, January 24th (half-day) and Friday, January 25th (half-day) with the first full day in the classrooms on Monday, January 28th. A photo of a current classroom is included below. Final touches, furniture, and moving are underway. Thank you to the entire Dexter Community for your support.
- **The Dexter Early Education Complex Dedication** will be held on Monday, February 11th at 5:00 p.m. in the commons at Anchor and Beacon Elementary Schools on Dan Hoey Road. The ceremony will officially dedicate the buildings and will provide an opportunity to tour and see the building. In December, the DCS Board of Education approved naming for the complex and both elementary schools. The Cornerstone Anchors will now become Anchor Elementary and the Bates Beacons will become Beacon Elementary as part of the new Dexter Early Education Complex.
- **The new Alternative Education space** is nearing completion on Shield Road (photo below).
- **Drainage at Creekside** - Thanks to the generosity of DCS voters, we were able to replace 60+-year-old drainage at Creekside Intermediate School over the winter break. This work was only possible with the support of the 2017 bond.
- **New Diving Boards** - As part of the bond projects, we are replacing the diving boards at the Wylie Community Pool. The boards are decades old and have reached the end of their usable life.
- **Fields & Fencing** - Continuing through the winter will be completion of the fencing around the new quad fields on Baker Road, around Beacon Elementary, and at the new tennis (and pickleball) courts on Dan Hoey Road.
- **Mill Creek Additions** - Work has begun on the new band room construction, choir room, and flexible learning space addition. The work will continue and is scheduled to be completed this fall.
- **Wylie Office and Secure Entrance** - Work has begun in converting the old (unused) locker room at Wylie Elementary School into a new office and secure entrance that mirrors our other elementary schools. Once completed, the existing office will be converted into classroom space. The work is scheduled to be completed in the fall.

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

Sincerely,

Christopher Timmis
Superintendent, Dexter Community Schools



More Information

At What Cost Book Study

Please join us on **Tuesday, Jan 15th at 6:00 p.m. in the Mill Creek Cafeteria** for a discussion on Adolescent Mental Health.



Beacon Elementary Dedication

Please join us in the dedication of the Dexter Early Elementary Complex (Anchor and Beacon Elementary Schools) on Monday, February 11th at 5:00 p.m.