



Superintendent Letter

April 13, 2019

Dear Dexter Families and Staff,

Below are a few reminders and information items for all families and staff regarding planning for the future for our kids, the next steps in the community book study on mental health, a calendar reminder on a make-up day for students, and a brief construction update.

Strategic Planning Next Steps: Since 2015, DCS has been implementing a strategic plan that continues to guide us toward our vision - Champion Learning: Develop, Educate, and Inspire! As a result of this plan, we've worked to personalize learning for students, created innovative learning spaces, expanded our programming to serve students from birth through post-secondary, engaged the community in supporting our kids and learning with us, innovate on behalf of kids, and continue to improve the educational experiences for all kids in Dexter. The current plan is available on our website at [Strategic Framework](#).

Last winter, we engaged KnowledgeWorks to study our district and to help us work on our next Strategic Plan. On **Monday, April 15th at 6:00 p.m. in Creekside Room 311**, we are running a session with community members to help us analyze their findings from the recent work with families, students, and staff this winter. We need your help! If you can spare 2 hours of your time and provide us with your input on DCS current and future, please let us know [Form for attending Strategic Planning on April 15th](#)

Community Book Study Next Steps: Since December, we've held multiple sessions focused on improving student mental health. Hundreds of community members and families have joined us for one or more of the sessions. The next phase of our work is to begin looking at the technical challenges and the adaptive changes we can make to best support our kids. We plan to meet on Wednesday, April 17th at 6:30 p.m. in the Mill Creek Cafeteria. This will be a working session focused on identifying technical and adaptive changes we can make that can have immediate positive impacts for our kids. Dr. Gleason plans to join us virtually for the session and we've been planning to take the work into the action phases. If you can join us, please let us know: [Form for attending April 17th](#). **If you plan to join us and have a copy of At What Cost, please read (or reread) Chapters 2 and 10) in preparation for this work session.**

Reminder: DCS is closed on Friday, April 19th. Thank you for your continued support, have a great weekend, and Go Dreads!!!

Sincerely,

Christopher Timmis

Superintendent, Dexter Community Schools