



# DEXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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Dear DCS Students, Parents, and Staff,

For the past 7 days, the DCS Leadership Team has been working on plans for Engagement and Enrichment opportunities for DCS Students after April 7<sup>th</sup>. This is the first of several upcoming communications regarding those plans:

- **Upcoming communications from teachers and buildings:** The DCS Leadership Team has worked to create specific plans for students at each DCS Building for students in Young 5's through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. The plans are not a replacement for full instruction. This week, individual buildings will send a communication to families regarding their specific building's plans. Teachers will also be in communication with families (if they haven't already) of students at Anchor, Beacon, Wylie, and Creekside. Mill Creek and DHS teachers will be (if they haven't already) in communication with students via school email or other normal communication methods. Exact plans for engagement and enrichment activities will be shared on April 7<sup>th</sup>.
- **Technology Survey Results and Next Steps:** Thank you for responding so quickly to our survey last week. We received over a 90% response rate and the information has been instrumental in our planning. The results show that close to all of our students have access to some type of device. However, there are still some students who do not. **We are planning to pass out temporary devices for the students who do not otherwise have access to their device.** We cannot manage and pass out 3700 devices during this type of shutdown and the feedback from the survey shows the need is really closer to 100 students needing access to a device. Our technology department has prepared some temporary devices for the families who identified in the survey that their student does not have access to any other devices. **We will have them available for pickup on Thursday between 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Creekside (in the parking lot).** *We ask that only those parents who do not have another device available for their students pick them up at this time.* We are planning for distribution of these devices only for the shutdown that is currently scheduled through April 14<sup>th</sup>. All devices will need to be returned when we return to school. The specific pickup process is outlined on the next page.
- **Internet Access:** The survey results and our other data points show a significant void in high-speed internet access. They also show that the number of households with no internet access is around 4%. We are working to find a solution for students in these households. If you were one of the 80 families who have no access, please call and leave us contact information at 734-424-4114. In addition, Comcast/Xfinity and Charter/Spectrum announced they will provide up to two months of free service for internet access to households with K-12 and college students and/or low-income households. More information is available at Comcast <https://www.internetessentials.com/covid19> or for [Charter/Spectrum](#).

Sincerely,

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## Device Pickup Instructions:

During the device pick-up process, we want to make sure that you and our staff are utilizing safe procedures in accordance with CDC and public health guidelines. In order to make sure that we are practicing social distancing and minimizing the risk of illness transmission, we are implementing the following process:

1. Ahead of time prepare a sheet of paper and write in BIG print the name of your child, the building they attend and their Date of Birth. NOTE: if it is for multiple students, just hold up one sheet at a time and will make note of it.
2. When you pull into the Creekside Parking Lot (entrance at the roundabout), you will stop at the designated spot and display the name and birthdate of your child.
3. An DCS Staff member will be standing 6 feet from the car and will record the name, building, and birthdate of your child.
4. You will then be directed to pull forward to a table to pick up a device (devices have been cleaned and placed in plastic bags). You can roll down your window, take the bag and proceed on your way. PLEASE DO NOT EXIT YOUR VEHICLE.