



Superintendent Letter

December 17, 2019

Dear DCS Parents and Families,

As the 2019 school year winds down to a close, I want to take a few minutes to thank all of our Dexter Parents, Families, and Educators for all you do to support our kids. The 2019 year was one of tremendous positive change for our school district and our community. I cannot thank you enough for your continued support of Dexter students.

Reflecting upon the past year, it is unbelievable what we were able to achieve and provide for kids. Since January of 2019, we were fortunate to open and utilize many new facilities due to the generosity and support of our community. For example, in January, we moved all of our students from Bates Elementary to the new Beacon Elementary School. Soon after, we expanded preschool programming and community education programming into Bates. Sometime in January or February of 2020, my office and several other central offices currently housed at Copeland will move to Bates and the Encore Theater will be finalizing their purchase of Copeland (while continuing to be home to the Dexter Senior Center).

In addition, through the generosity of the 2017 bond proposal, we were able to open the Louie Ceriani Building for Alternative Education students on Shield Road this fall. We were also able to resurrect the former wrestling room located underneath the Creekside Band Room which creates additional space for all other sports at DHS. We were able to utilize the new twin turf fields at DHS, complete construction of the quad softball/baseball complex at Creekside, recarpet the DHS hallways, open the new Mill Creek Band Room, Orchestra Room, Choir Room, and Flexible Learning Space. The Dreadbots were able to move into their new home after school at Wylie. We were able to install a new secure entrance at Wylie, relocate the offices, create new space for our special education students, and create a flexible learning space. We've also been fortunate to begin piloting flexible furniture throughout the district. By the start of the 2020-2021 school year, we will have provided new flexible furniture in over 70% of all the district's classrooms. Meanwhile, we've also been able to complete much-needed locker room, pool, and mechanical updates throughout the district. On behalf of Dexter Community Schools, I cannot thank you enough for your generosity and support of our kids.

In wrapping up and reflecting upon the school year, the Dexter Guardian will be running two special publications including news stories highlighting Dexter Community Schools in their December 27th and January 3rd editions. As always, **In Case You Missed It**, we capture each week in a **Wakelet**.

Thank you for your continued support, have a great rest of 2019, and Go Dreads!

Sincerely,
Christopher Timmis
Superintendent, Dexter Community Schools