



Superintendent Letter

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Dear Dexter Families and Community Members,

Homecoming week is always an exciting time in Dexter! The annual parade through town, the younger students watching the high school students pass by in the band, clubs, or teams, and the Dreadnaught gear decorating town is wonderful representation of what makes Dexter such a wonderful place to live.

Earlier this summer, we mailed out a postcard to every household in Dexter asking for your input on the question, "What are the most important skills, knowledge and character traits Dexter Community Schools graduates need to be successful in their futures?". We received 739 thoughts that were ranked by over 17,000 ratings. This is a tremendous response from our community! After working with the information gained from this exchange of thoughts, we've processed the key Profile of a DCS Learner traits to be (in no particular order): Communication, Collaboration, Creative & Critical Thinking, Information Literacy, Content Knowledge, Financial Literacy, Initiative, Kindness & Empathy, and Personal Responsibility & Resilience. On the next page are two graphics showing the processing of your feedback to represent how we've translated over 17,000 ratings into a draft form of the key skills, knowledge and character traits DCS graduates need to be successful. For a full report, please visit the [Profile of a DCS Learner Thought Exchange Report](#). We'll continue to work through this process during the 2019-2020 school year and will keep you informed of our progress as we finalize the work on creating a Profile of a DCS Learner.

We need your thoughts to help us improve our communication: The greatest challenge in any organization is communication. With over 20,000 residents of our school district and almost 3800 children attending our schools, we are always looking to improve our communication. In order to help us improve, we'd like to have your thoughts in a new ThoughtExchange. Please take a moment to answer the question: "What are some of the things you appreciate and what are some of the things we can improve about how we communicate as a district?" by clicking on <https://my.thoughtexchange.com/#862784556> or by texting the 9-digit code 862-784-556 to the phone number 728-55 to get a link to participate in this exchange. You'll be given the opportunity over the next several weeks to continue to add thoughts, see the submissions from others, and rate their thoughts. Your input is instrumental in helping us to continuously improve our communication with our community.

Thank you for your continued support and Go Dreads!

Sincerely,

Christopher Timmis, Ed.D.
Superintendent

Processing of Themes from ThoughtExchange:



Overarching Themes:

RESULTS Profile of DCS Learner

