



DEXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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Re: End of School Year and Return to School in Fall Planning - extremely important to read

Dear DCS Parents, Students, and Staff,

Last night, we were able to celebrate the DHS Class of 2020 at Honors Night. The names of all of our graduates are on the Creekside Sign on Baker Road, a procession through town is taking place on Sunday at 2, and we are planning for a commencement ceremony of July 12th.

Below are several important updates:

- We have been working on packing up student items from classrooms, organizing summer workbooks for K-6 students, and scheduling for pickups and dropoffs of items. We are in need of collecting textbooks, library books, instruments (Creekside only), any uniforms, etc. The following schedule is to help parents plan for drop-offs and pickups of items:
 - **Anchor/Beacon** will be notifying families of a pickup in the next week or so of student items. Technology will need to be turned in at **Anchor Elementary on June 15th from 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.** Technology will need to be turned in at **Beacon Elementary on June 17th from 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.** Library books can also be returned at this time.
 - **Wylie Elementary** will notify families of specific details regarding pickup of student items and process for technology dropoff. Technology will need to be turned in on **June 16th from 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.** Library books can also be returned at this time. Student belongings and summer workbooks can also be picked up at this time.
 - **Creekside Intermediate** will notify families of specific details regarding pickup of student items and process for technology dropoff. Technology will need to be turned in on **June 15th from 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.** Library books and instruments can also be returned at this time. Student belongings and summer workbooks can also be picked up at this time.
 - **Mill Creek** will notify families of specific details regarding pickup of student items and process for technology dropoff. Technology will need to be turned in on **June 15th from 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.** Library books and instruments can also be returned at this time. Student belongings can also be picked up at this time.

- **DHS** will notify families of specific details regarding pickup of any student items. Technology will need to be turned in on **June 12th from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.** Library and Text Books will need to be dropped off at this same time.
- **Planning for Fall 2020:** Our leadership team has been actively planning for the fall of 2020. Currently, we are hearing that guidance is forthcoming from the Governor's office and/or MDE in late June. We plan to have a detailed plan for community input in late July and will share the final plan in early August. That being said, we are not waiting to plan and want to continue dialogue with our families. In early May, we conducted a survey that identified 166 of our students may not attend this fall for health reasons, 820 of our students are looking for online/remote only options, 1181 of our students will require school 5 days per week in a building, and 1603 of our students would be willing to look at a hybrid option. In a follow-up survey, 214 of our students are interested in learning more about our full-online programming for this fall. In order to help us plan, we are conducting two virtual information nights and have one more survey.
- **Transportation Survey:** One of the major considerations we need to work through is how to provide bus transportation while implementing social distancing. In order to help us plan, please take a moment to let us know if your child(ren) needs bus transportation this fall by completing this survey: [Transportation Survey](#)
- **Online Programming Information Session:** We're hosting an information night regarding DCS online options for this fall on Tuesday, June 2nd at 6:00 p.m. To register to attend, go to: [Online Programming Info Session Registration](#)
- **Planning For Fall Update Session:** We're hosting an information night regarding planning for fall information on Tuesday, June 9th at 6:30 p.m. To register to attend, go to: [Planning For Fall Update Session Registration](#)

Information items:

- We all need those moments and tokens to just make us smile. Ms. VanHouten's class traditionally performs their Patriotic Concert to honor veterans, all members of the military, firefighters, police officers, and emergency services. This year's performance was conducted virtually. Please take a few minutes to enjoy the tremendous work of our kids, Mrs. VanHouten, and our families: <https://youtu.be/BCa-RE2QFRc>
- The University of Michigan School of Public Health recently released informational items to help families teach kids about Covid-19. This includes a [video](#), [resources](#), and a [website](#).

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

Sincerely,
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Superintendent