



Dear DCS Students, Parents, and Staff,

Hopefully, everyone finds the opportunity to enjoy today's beautiful weather and spend some time outside. Our bus drivers created a [caring video](#) with a message for all of our students. Please take a moment to see the [video](#).

A few quick updates:

- We recognize that the financial situation may have changed recently for many of our families due to the current crisis. If your family finds itself in a different financial situation than previously in the year, please consider filling out a new Free & Reduced Price Meal application on Lunchapp.com. This is a simple process that will quickly walk you through all the steps to submit an application. Please fill it out based on your current situation. Families that are identified as eligible to receive benefits will receive a 30-day carryover into the new school year. You can go directly to Lunchapp.com or go to the link on the [Food & Nutrition](#) page at www.dexterschools.org. If you have questions please email Jennifer Mattison at mattisonj@dexterschools.org.
- During the community webinar last week, we asked several questions that are very beneficial to help us gauge our remote learning plans and review next steps based on community input. We've completed processing the surveys and want to share the links to the reports (please click on the question to see the themes from the survey analysis):
 - [What are some important things for DCS to consider as we review and revise our plan throughout the next two months?](#) In general, participants acknowledged and recognized the efforts made and progress in each of the following categories:
 - **Access To Teachers & Feedback**
 - **Classmate/Peer/Teacher/Social Connectivity**
 - **Clear Expectations/Communication**
 - **Contingency Planning** in preparation if we find ourselves in this position again or in the fall.
 - **End of Year Celebrations/Traditions**
 - **Mental Health & Well Being**
 - **Preparation for Next year** - This is from a perspective of ensuring students are ready for the next grade

- [What has the district done thus far that has been most helpful to you, your family, and/or your child\(ren\)?](#) In general, participants acknowledged and recognized the efforts made and progress in each of the following categories:
 - **Access to Technology**
 - **Communication/Updates**
 - **Meal Provision/Support**
 - **Online Learning**
 - **Response to Pandemic**
 - **Teachers Reaching Out**
 - **Virtual Connections**
- [What is working well and what do you need from DCS in supporting your children?](#)
 - **Access to Teachers/Classmates**
 - **Challenging Work/Consistent Structure/Goals**
 - **Clear Expectations/Communication**
 - **Support for Parents/Students**
 - **Virtual Connectivity Tools/Frequency**
- We will host another community webinar and update sometime in early or mid-May to update everyone on our plans for the remainder of the school year and work on the 2020-2021 school year.

Thank you for your time, continued support, and Go Dreads!

Sincerely,

Christopher Timmis, EdD
Superintendent