



# DEXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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Dear DCS Parents,

The sun is out and for the first time in weeks, we're not expecting snow in the forecast!!! Meanwhile, construction throughout Dexter is in full swing and walls are starting to become visible at the New Elementary School. Below are some photos of the progress.

Earlier this week, the board formally approved the bid packages to create the new quad fields at Creekside, the twin turf fields at DHS, a new collaboration space on Shield Road to support our alternative education and other programs, renovations to the Wylie pool chemical/mechanical rooms, an easement for the elementary school natural gas lines, and an easement to move the power lines on Baker Road for the Road Commission's Roundabout project.

Here are some details on a few of the projects:

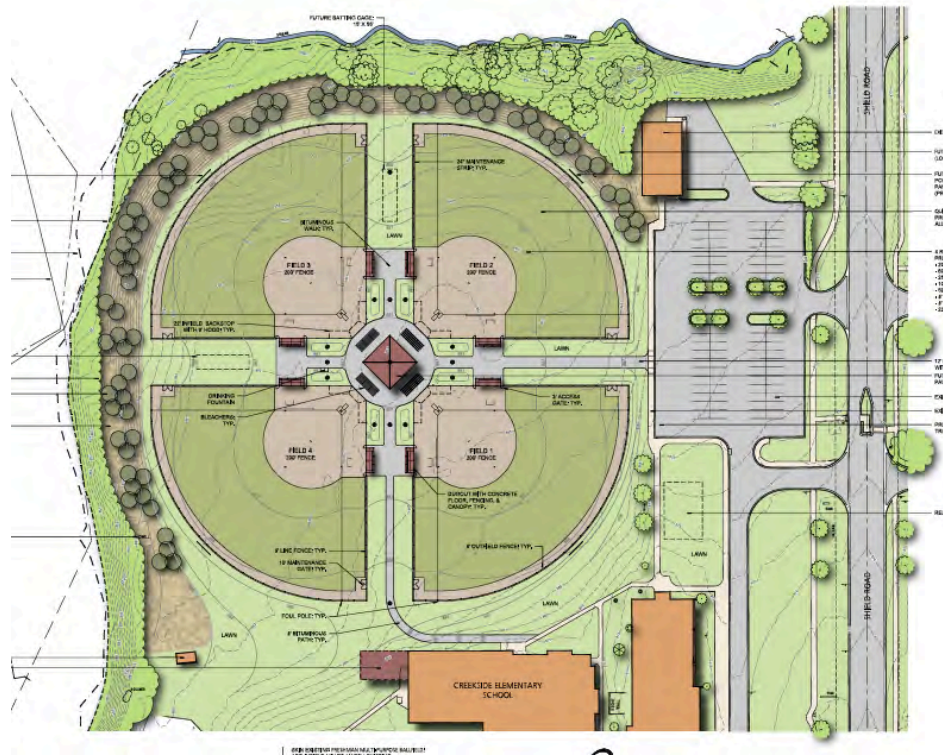
- Quad Fields at Creekside (photos below) – Sometime around July 5th, the dirt piles from the new elementary school construction will be moved to Creekside to raise and level the land somewhere between 3-4 feet higher for the installation of the new quad fields. The fields are scheduled to be playable next spring. Construction will continue into the fall near the start of the school year.
- Twin Turf Fields at DHS (photos below) – In early May, the bulldozers will begin to level the ground to construct twin turf fields for use of our athletic programs and community programs with a completion date near the start of school. One turf field will have full lighting and the facility will be prepped for future lighting on the second field. This allows us to utilize the fields for band practice, field hockey, boys lacrosse, girls lacrosse, football, soccer, softball practice (only base location markings), and baseball practice (only base location markings). The purpose of these fields is to create flexible spaces to support any of our programs that need a turf surface. The lights will help us utilize the field into the evenings and not be bound by seasonal sunset times.
- Collaborative Lab (photos below) – A smaller collaboration lab is being constructed on Shield Road near Al Ritt Stadium to host many of our collaborative groups in the evenings and support our alternative education program. This is an exciting space that will likely take on many forms over the next several decades as education evolves and community/student needs change.

Thank you for your continued support, enjoy the sunshine, and Go Dreads!

Sincerely,

Christopher Timmis, Ed.D.  
Superintendent

Creekside Quad Fields:



DHS Twin Turf Fields:





Collaboration Lab:





New Elementary Photos:













Doorway for New Restroom Accessible from the Playground (Cornerstone will also have a restroom installed for playground access)