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## Superintendent Update November 2020

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Dear DCS Parents, Students, and Staff,

Congratulations to Elise Bruderly, Jennifer Kangas, and Brian Arnold for being elected to the DCS Board of Education! Each seat officially begins in January, 2021 and continues through December 31, 2026. Thank you and all of the candidates for your dedication to the Dexter Community and Dexter kids.

### **Mill Creek and DHS Parent Information Night**

A couple of weeks ago, we were preparing to announce a hybrid return to buildings for Mill Creek and DHS students when the local number of Covid-19 cases dramatically increased. At that time, we hit the pause button on sharing a specific date but continued our work on finalized protocols to protect the safety of our students, staff, and families.

Although **we do not have an official return to building date** for Mill Creek and DHS we feel it is important to meet with parents to review our safety protocols and details for a secondary hybrid schedule. We're inviting all **Mill Creek and DHS parents** to a [webinar](#) to review protocols on **Tuesday, November 10th**. Mill Creek protocols will be reviewed at 6:00 p.m. and DHS protocols will be reviewed at 7:00 p.m.

We ask that you try to join this meeting so that you can be informed of the plans that the district has for secondary reintroduction when the opportunity presents itself. When we do decide to move to the hybrid schedule the turnaround time may be 3-5 days. Previously, we had indicated that we would provide a two-week notice for our return. We believe that we can move more quickly at the secondary level for a variety of reasons and waiting for two weeks is an unnecessary delay. We know the older students can more seamlessly transition to the buildings and do not have the same child care needs. As we watch the data and the data demonstrates the ability to open, we will be prepared to return students to buildings within 3-5 days.

Dexter Community Schools staff is working around the clock to provide the best education for your child while maintaining safety for students, staff, and families in our community. We understand that there is no perfect plan during this pandemic. We know that some students are thriving with remote learning while others are struggling. We are continually revising and adjusting plans as we work to provide the best education we can for your child while keeping everyone safe. To register for the webinar, please visit: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_dCcSwinXTJ--jUUqdpB19w](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_dCcSwinXTJ--jUUqdpB19w)

### **COVID-19 Cases Uptick - We Need Your Help!!!**

The health department is concerned about the county's COVID numbers trending upward. They've asked us to continue to encourage students, families, and staff to follow their guidelines (including really limiting socializing) so that we can keep our numbers down. [This flyer](#) has a great summary of things you can do to help.

### **Updated Parent Calendar**

Due to numerous challenges presented by COVID-19, we have updated the school calendar. The soonest changes that impact families are the following: Nov. 12 & 13 are no longer half days and are full days for students, parent conferences have been moved to March, Nov. 25 is now a no-school day, and December 11 will be a full day of school instead of a half day. Use this link to see the [full updated calendar](#).

### **Winter Sports Update**

As fall winds down, winter sports are ramping up. Please visit our [WINTER SPORTS UPDATE 11/5/2020](#) for more information.

Thank you for your continued support, take care, and Go Dreads!

Sincerely,

Christopher Timmis, EdD  
Superintendent