



Nov 24 2020 Superintendent Update

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Dear DCS Parents,

Thank you for your continued support and patience as we collectively navigate this school year. There is hope on the horizon and we're all doing the best we can to support each other. On behalf of DCS, I want to thank you for continuing to support your children and keeping our community safe.

When we announced the two-week pause of in-person instruction, we were not aware of the MDHHS order that was released a few days later. After analyzing data and working internally on options, we feel it is important to provide parents with time to adjust for child care plans for our younger students.

Here's a quick summary of our plans with regard to in-person and remote learning:

- Special Education High Needs Resource Room Students will remain remote until Young 5's - 6th grade returns to in-person instruction.
- The special education department will begin plans for a large compensatory education program this summer for our special education students.
- Preschool-aged students will continue in-person learning at Jenkins and Bates, including ECSE (12/3) and GSRP Y5 - 6: Will return on either December 7th or 10th. The exact date will be determined on December 1st or 2nd pending the data team review and a meeting with the Washtenaw County Health Department. If we are unable to return students to the buildings by December 10th, we will wait to return in-person until January 2021.
- Mill Creek and DHS students - will not return until January 2021.

We ask that everyone use good judgment this weekend. The county is reporting over 200 cases and 7 hospitalizations in the past 24 hours. The number of cases in Dexter continues to rise at a rapid rate. We want to keep everyone safe and really want to return our students to school. This requires shared commitment by all of us.

Thank you for your continued support, Happy Thanksgiving, and Go Dreads!

Sincerely,

Christopher Timmis, EdD
Superintendent
