



Update - April 9, 2021

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Dear DCS Students, Parents, and Staff,

This morning, Governor Whitmer and MDHHS held a press conference and highly recommended all high schools to move to remote for two weeks and youth sports to a 2-week pause.

The week before spring break, DCS had 45 total Covid-19 positive students all school year. On Sunday morning, April 4th, we had one positive student. At the time of this letter, we currently have 20 positive students, 34 students in quarantine, and four staff members in quarantine. The 20 positive students are not a result of the athletic testing. The athletic testing results only found a minimal number of positive Covid-19 cases but helped avert spread within families and teams. The county data currently shows 300 children ages 0-17 who have Covid-19. In 48130, our county data showed 35 cases (any age) two weeks ago and now data in 48130 shows 76 cases.

Starting Monday, April 12th, Dexter Community Schools will be doing the following:

- **Athletics and extracurricular activities:** After discussions with MHSAA, county schools, and other schools in our athletic conferences, we will continue athletics as planned with a couple of exceptions. Middle school track will be paused for one week. We have upwards of 150 middle school students in track and need a little time to work out some logistics. All other high school athletics will continue to run with limited spectators. Contact sports (Girls Soccer, Boys & Girls Lacrosse) will test Sunday evening and Wednesday before school. Water polo will continue to test before every contest. Drama Club and other extracurricular activities that have implemented testing protocols can continue.
- **Dexter High School students** will move to full remote for Monday, April 12th and Friday, April 16th. The SAT/PSAT/MSTEP testing schedule will take place on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday as initially planned. [DHS Statewide Assessment Week Schedule - April 12-16](#) High Needs Resource Room students will continue to attend; families will be contacted individually.
- **Mill Creek students** will continue on the current hybrid model. 8th Grade PSAT testing will take place on the following dates:
 - B-day students - PSAT will take place on Tuesday, 4/13
 - A-day students - PSAT will take place on Thursday 4/15
 - HomeBASED students opting in - PSAT will take place on Tuesday, 4/13 from 8:30-11:45
- **Creekside students** will continue on the current hybrid schedule. Additional remote Wednesday instruction will be set up and communicated from teachers after our staff is given time to meet. More details will be forthcoming. M-Step testing for 5th graders will still take place.
- **Anchor/Beacon/Wylie** students will continue to attend daily, as scheduled.
- **ECSE** will continue as scheduled.
- **All Community Education** youth sports, enrichment programs, and building and facilities rentals will be paused for next week (we have logistics and our priority on our time/resources is keeping kids in our buildings).
- **Jenkins Full-Day and Half-Day programs** will continue as scheduled.

Thank you for your continued patience and support. We know this is difficult for all of our students, families, and staff. Our role is to protect the health and safety of our students and our staff. Based on local case rates, recommendations from MDHHS, and the Governor's recommendations, it seems prudent to make these changes while maintaining as much in-person learning as possible.

Take care and Go Dreads!

Sincerely,

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Superintendent