



## Important - Supt. Update 8/12/21

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August 12, 2021

Dear DCS Parents, Students, and Staff,

In schools, we teach our students to be good citizens, listen to different perspectives, and demonstrate empathy and kindness. As adults, we must always model this same behavior and process. On Monday, August 16th at 6:00 p.m. the DCS Board of Education and Dexter Community Schools will be hosting a community forum to discuss COVID-19 Mitigation plans for the 2021-2022 school year. No decisions will be made on Monday, but we are providing an opportunity for our community to share thoughts and concerns for the Board to consider before they make a decision next week in preparation for school starting on September 7th.

Last year, DCS had tremendous success in gathering community feedback and engaging all families using Zoom. On Monday, August 16th at 6:00 p.m., all community members are invited to join a [Zoom meeting](#) - full invite below. The format will be a regular board of education meeting using Zoom to allow for participation from parents and community members. The meeting will start with a few moments of normal business action such as approval of minutes and the agenda. Next, we will present the [proposed mitigation options for fall](#). After the presentation, we will open up to any public questions via zoom. The board will be present to listen to all stakeholder input. Last year, this process took nearly 90 minutes of public comment. After public comment, the board will work through the agenda, which will consist of a few procedural items followed by board discussion on the COVID-19 Mitigation plans for 2021-2022. The full board discussion will be available via Zoom for community members to watch and will be recorded. No decisions will be made on Monday. After board discussion, there will be a second public participation period via Zoom. By using Zoom, the district can allow any interested parents and community members to share their thoughts with the Board and each other.

We have a passionate, engaged community, which has helped guide the Dexter Community Schools to being the exceptional district it is today. We know the conversation on Monday has the potential to bring out strong emotions. While we welcome your passion, we are confident our community will be respectful and courteous to each other. Please remember that our students look to the adults for guidance and will be listening to the conversation on Monday night. As a district, we teach and model for our students to know when it is appropriate to listen, when it is time to speak, and how to respond open-mindedly to different ideas and values. Monday is the opportunity for our families to demonstrate these same principles as we work to have all of our students safely in our buildings, every day, this school year.

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

Sincerely,

Christopher Timmis, EdD  
Superintendent

To join the meeting on Monday, August 16th, please go to:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84039479835?pwd=d2NhQ2VZMVpFK1ZhbWw2bjBsbUJlQT09>

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